

Asian Dialogues on Sustainability in the Textile and Garment Industry

Online Seminar Series - "Moving the needle: Creating the future together"

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Online Seminar 3:

Safer garment factories: How to tackle gender based violence and harassment in Asia?

Thursday, 09 December 2021 at 9am Berlin / 3pm Bangkok / 4pm Beijing (90 minutes)

Gender based violence and harassment (GVBH) is a widely discussed topic in the garment and textile sector. Many actors are determined to fight for safer factories and a healthy environment for workers. Raising awareness and sharing tools and approaches is one of many ways in which stakeholders come together in their efforts.

Today we want to look at the specific roles of industry stakeholders and how each of them is creating an enabling environment in preventing and remediating GVBH, with reference to new tools developed to support a healthy sector. The objective of the event is to show that tackling gender-based violence and harassment is a collective responsibility across the supply chain – one that demands collaboration from manufacturers, brands, workers, and policymakers alike.

Opening Speech: Angelika Fleddermann, Country Director GIZ Bangladesh

Speakers



Lesley Abraham, CARE

Lesley Abraham leads CARE's Made by Women strategy focused on the economic empowerment of women garment workers. She has been working in the international development sector for nearly 20 years, with extensive experience with both non-profit and government organizations. Being based in Asia for the past eight years, she is working primarily on issues related to women's economic justice and gender equality.



Sara Park, Better Factories Cambodia

Sara Park, Better Factories Programme Manager, brings to her role over 20 years of experience from Finland, Indonesia and ILO HQ in Geneva. Since joining the ILO in 2011, she has worked with different projects on programme management, as well as diverse technical topics such as gender, disability, and health and safety in supply chains.



Natasha Zervudachi, World Benchmark Alliance

Natasha Zervudachi is research lead on the Social Transformation at World Benchmarking Alliance (WBA), drawing from her experience in the private sector. She has been working on the Gender Benchmark, assessing the 35 most influential apparel companies on how they are promoting gender equality and women's empowerment across their entire value chain. Prior to her role at WBA, Natasha worked for the Fung Group, driving human & labor rights compliance and remediation in international supply chains.



Ingrid Porss, Lindex

As an experienced Sustainability Manager Ingrid Porss is the strategic lead for women economic empowerment at Lindex. With both expertise in the private sector and on female economic empowerment she spend over 10 years as a Social Sustainability Manager collaborating with development partners and NGOs on WE Women project.



Louise Goldman, Solidarity Center

Based in Cambodia, Louise Goldman serves with the international worker rights organization Solidarity Center since 2019. Her focus is on developing and implementing programs promoting equality and inclusion and access to social protection. Prior to this, Louise has an extensive background working across worker health and safety programs in both prevention and compensation on issues including worker commuting safety, psychological injury prevention, and health and disability services for injured workers.