



Summary of Side Event

Partnerships to Advance Circular Fashion Panel

31 January 2023, 2:00pm EST - 3:00pm EST

Background on the event

Aligned with the 2023 ECOSOC Partnership Forum, the United Nations Conscious Fashion and Lifestyle Network, a joint initiative of the United Nations Office for Partnerships and the Fashion Impact Fund in collaboration with the Division for Sustainable Development Goals - United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs, hosted a hybrid panel discussion reviewing innovative partnerships driving circular fashion. Speakers Dana Davis, Vice President of Sustainability, Product and Business Strategy, Mara Hoffman; Anyango Mpinga, Founder, Free As A Human Foundation and ANYANGO MPINGA; and Ann Runnel, Founder and CEO, Reverse Resources discussed how sector partnerships are mobilizing expertise, technology, and resources to transition to a circular fashion ecosystem, with the Sustainable Development Goals as a guiding framework in this conversation moderated by Lucie Brigham, Chief of Office, United Nations Office for Partnerships.

Key Issues discussed

- Innovative partnerships driven by the fashion industry to advance the SDGs
- Sustainability in the fashion industry and supply chains
- The key trends in the current fashion ecosystem – focus on circularity
- Leveraging technology for transformative change for impact within the fashion industry

Key recommendations for action

- To continue enabling the fashion industry's engagement in and collaboration on the Sustainable Development Goals
- To enable and deepen additional fashion sector's partnerships that mobilize expertise, technology, and resources to transition to a circular fashion ecosystem
- To continue spotlighting innovative partnerships within the fashion industry to transition to a circular fashion ecosystem
- To further grow the impartial platform for industry stakeholders, media, Governments, and UN system entities via the United Nations Conscious Fashion and Lifestyle Network that showcases and enables collaborations that accelerate the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals