



Decent Work in Garment Supply Chains Asia

Agenda

End of Project Workshop: Decent Work in Garment Supply Chains Asia - Experience and Knowledge Sharing from the ILO-Sida project (2019-2022)

Bangkok, 22-23 November 2022

Background

The Sida-funded [Decent Work in Garment Supply Chains Asia](#) (DWGSC) project is a 4-year ILO regional initiative aimed at strengthening knowledge and insight into “what works” in driving Decent Work in the garment sector, and leveraging this for enhanced regional coordination, action and impact across the supply chain in Asia. It has three thematic priorities¹: gender equality, productivity and competitiveness, and environmental sustainability, together with a fourth crosscutting component on regional knowledge sharing and exchange. Initially designed as a 3-year initiative, the project was recently extended for an additional 12 months, until 31 December 2022.

The project works in 4 main countries: Cambodia, Bangladesh, Vietnam and Indonesia, with additional activities also in Pakistan. Other Asian countries are covered by the project’s regional research and knowledge sharing activities.

As project comes to a close, and in light of drastically curtailed opportunities for physical events since 2020, the project plans to organize its first and only face-to-face regional event in Bangkok, to bring stakeholders together, reflect on progress, and explore ways forward in supporting garment supply chains in the region.

Objectives

The main objectives of the [workshop](#) are as follows:

1. To bring together key project stakeholders and beneficiaries for reflections on project results and impact, and perspectives on the way forward
2. To showcase project outputs, good practices and lessons learned ahead of project closure in December 2022
3. To reinvigorate and strengthen stakeholder relationships and networks developed/supported under the project
4. To pinpoint areas for further collaboration and provide inputs to inform future ILO work and a possible (DWGSC) Phase II design

The event will also support the successful conclusion of the DWGSC project by (further) institutionalising knowledge and networks built during its tenure, whilst also providing an opportunity for stakeholders to inform future ILO strategies and action in garment supply chains.

¹ Originally designed with 4 thematic priorities, the project’s Industrial Relations and Social Dialogue pillar (Outcome 1) was discontinued in 2021 under a project extension and restructuring process. Social dialogue remains a mainstreamed concern across all remaining project pillars.

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Day 1: 22 Nov 2022

Time	Session
Morning Sessions 09:00-12:20	09:00-09:30 Opening Remarks (Host: Jost Wagner) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panudda Boonpala, Deputy Regional Director, ILO Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific • Asa Heijne, Counsellor (Sida), Embassy of Sweden in Thailand • Raza Mia, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Bangladesh • Majyd Aziz, Former President, Employers Federation of Pakistan • Paraduan Pakpahan, Federation of Garment and Textile Union, Sumatra Indonesia
	09:30-09:45 Decent Work in Garment Supply Chains Asia: Overview & Highlights (2019-2022) <i>David Williams</i> , Project Manager, ILO-Sida Decent Work in Garment Supply Chains Asia (DWGSC)
	09:45-10:00 Outlook and introductions (interactive session) (Moderator: Jost Wagner)
	10:00-11:00 Stakeholder Panel Discussion: emerging issues and new challenges in Asia's garment sector (Moderator: Jost Wagner) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christian Viegelahn, Regional Economist, ILO ROAP • Sara Park, Programme Manager, ILO-IFC Better Factories Cambodia • Santosh Kumar Dutta, Deputy Secretary General, BEF (Bangladesh) • Doung Vutha, Project Coordinator, Cambodian Labour Federation (CLC)
	11:00-11:30 Networking coffee break
	11:30-12:15 World Café (tbc)
	12:15-12:20 Teaser: Virtual Reality Learning for Gender Equality
12:20-13:30 Lunch	

Time	Session
Afternoon Sessions 13:30-17:00	13:30-13:35 Introducing Knowledge and Results Sharing from the DWGSC Project (thematic sessions x 4)
	13:35-14:50 Session 1: Rethinking enterprise productivity: Results from the Factory Improvement Toolset <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charles Bodwell, (Fmr) Enterprise Specialist, ILO Decent Work Team, Bangkok • Simona Lepri, Technical Consultant, ILO Roundtable <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderator: Jost Wagner • Speakers: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Ahmad Ullah Qazi, Project Officer, ILO Pakistan ○ Dr Rajesh Bheda, Principal and CEO, Rajesh Bheda Consulting ○ Andrew Tey, Director, Cambodian Garment Training Institute
	14:50-15:10 Break
	15:10-16:25 Session 2: Planning for a Just Transition: lessons for climate action in the industry <p>(a) Introductions and Key Lessons on Just Transition for the Industry in Asia (15 mins)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Cristina Martinez, Sr Environment Specialist, ILO Decent Work, Bangkok • Dr Samantha Sharpe, Research Director, Institute for Sustainable Futures <p>(b) Panel discussion on Just Transition in the garment sector (40 mins) Mr Eric Roeder, facilitator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dr Khondaker Golam Moazzem, Research Director, Center for Policy Dialogue, Bangladesh. • Andrew Tey, Director, Cambodia Garment Training Institute • <i>Members of the Textile Eco-Innovation Research Network (TERN)</i> <p>(c) Q&A (20 mins)</p>
	16:25-16:45 Wrap up & close

Day 2: 23 Nov 2022

Time	Session
Morning Sessions 09:00-12:30	09:00-09:10 Recap of Day 1
	Knowledge and Results Sharing from the DWGSC Project (thematic sessions continued)

Time	Session
	<p>09:10-10:10 Session 3: Moving the Needle on Gender Equality in the Asian Garment Sector</p>
	<p>10:10-10:50</p> <p>Session 4: Strengthening knowledge infrastructure: driving decent work through regional platforms, exchange and learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • David Williams, Project Manager, ILO-Sida Decent Work in Garment Supply Chains Asia (DWGSC) • Constantia Chirnside, Advisor, GIZ FABRIC
	<p>10:50-11:10 Coffee Break</p>
	<p>11:10-12:10</p> <p>The Future for garment supply chains in Asia Interactive audience consultation on priorities and recommendations for ILO support</p>
	<p>12:10-12:25</p> <p>Event Closing (ILO & tripartite representatives)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Panudda Boonpala, Deputy Regional Director, ILO • Ken Loo, Garment Manufacturers' Association of Cambodia • Azhar Iqbal Malik, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Overseas Pakistanis & Human Resource Development, Pakistan • Sumon Miah, Secretary, JSL Bangladesh
	<p>12:25-12:30</p> <p>Event Evaluation (Online survey - 5 mins)</p>
<p>Closed door Sessions (by invite only) 13:30-15:30</p>	<p>Final meetings of DWGSC project taskforces:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Project Advisory Committee (PAC) Meeting Gender Taskforce Meeting TERN Meeting (Textile and Eco-Innovation Research Network)

Information & Resources



- For more information about this workshop, please visit our **Event Page** ([click here](#))
- For project publications, tools and resources from the DWGSC project, please visit our **Project Website** ([click here](#))
- Resources from the DWGSC project and leading industry organizations can also be found at the [Asia Garment Hub](#) – a joint initiative of ILO and GIZ.