

Textiles: The Future of Fashion is Circular

The fashion industry is one of the largest generators of waste worldwide, from unsold inventory and short-lived garments to microfibres that pollute our oceans. Fast fashion has accelerated linear consumption patterns, while recycling and recovery rates remain extremely low. A circular transformation of textiles, extending product lifespans, scaling reuse models, and designing for recyclability, is urgently needed.

This session will feature pioneers driving the shift towards a circular fashion approach. From innovators building repair and resale ecosystems to companies rethinking material design and supply chains, the panel will explore how to scale solutions that transform the industry's foot print while responding to consumer demand for more sustainable choices.

This session will ask:

- What business models are proving effective in reducing textile waste and extending garment life?
- How can repair, reuse, and resale become mainstream in global fashion markets?
- What role does innovation in materials play in building a truly circular textile industry?
- How can policymakers, brands, and consumers work together to end the era of disposable fashion?

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