About the Webinar
The COVID-19 crisis is both a wake-up call and an opportunity to build a better future for people and planet. This webinar brings together experts from the Textile and Garment Research Network in Asia to discuss environmental regulatory systems and strategies to contribute to a healthy, gender sensitive, and resilient future for the garment sector in Asia.

In this webinar we present a comparative analysis of environmental regulatory systems for the textile and garment sector in four countries – Viet Nam, Indonesia, Cambodia and Bangladesh. This includes analysis of the composition of regulatory frameworks, key actors’ roles and responsibilities, and enforcement actions; and identifies how supply chain characteristics in each country manifest in different environmental impacts and challenges for their regulatory systems. We highlight similarities and differences where knowledge products, capacity building and knowledge sharing activities across the sector in the Asia region can contribute to enhanced regulation and improved environmental sustainability.

The technical webinar will bring together experts in the field to discuss preliminary findings and emerging themes. The webinar is a consultation dialogue with the taskforce members of the Textile Eco-innovation Research Network (TERN) of the Decent Work in the Garment Sector Supply Chains in Asia project (ILO-Sida).

AGENDA
Facilitator: Dr Cristina Martinez, Senior Specialist on Environment and Decent Work at the ILO Regional office for Asia-Pacific in Bangkok

- 11:00 Welcome and opening
- 11:05 Presentation by Dr Samantha Sharpe, Research Director, Institute for Sustainable Futures (ISF), University of Technology Sydney, Australia and Dr Monique Retamal, ISF
- 11:30 Kick-off discussion by TERN members
- 11:45: Open floor - Q&A
- 11:55: Closing remarks by Mr. Tuomo Poutiainen, ILO Country Director, Bangladesh
Dr Samantha Sharpe is a Research Director at the Institute for Sustainable Futures. She is a highly experienced social scientist and policy analyst. Her research focuses on the intersect of the 'world of work' and climate change. This includes research understanding the process of business and industrial transition to sustainability, at the firm, sector, and labour market levels, as well as industrial and occupational change associated with the green economy.

Dr Monique Retamal is a Research Principal at the Institute for Sustainable Futures, specialising in sustainable consumption and production (SCP) and the circular economy in the Asia-Pacific region. Monique has qualifications in environmental engineering, water resources and the social sciences, and 15 years’ experience in urban sustainability research and consulting. Her recent research has focused on the sustainability of packaging and plastics; the clothing industry; metals and e-waste; and policies for a circular economy.

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