

# COTTON ROUND TABLE TERMS OF REFERENCE

## About the Cotton Round Table

### Cotton Round Table Summary

The Cotton Round Table is a collaborative, pre-competitive community for people to connect, share knowledge, and drive collection action with a focus on cotton. The Cotton Round Table aims to leverage industry expertise by bringing representatives from the field to finished products working together to drive beneficial climate and nature impacts in the cotton production portion of the fashion, textile, and apparel sector.

Participation in the Cotton Round Table is voluntary. Discussions are confidential within the group, but we ask for regular attendance and contribution to meetings, as well as a willingness to engage in collaborative action.

## Vision and Methods

### Vision

The vision for the Cotton Round Table is to bring diverse cotton communities together that are united in fostering resilient agricultural systems that uplift farmers, and bring measurable positive impacts for climate, soil health, water, and biodiversity.

### Purpose

The purpose of the Cotton Round Table is to support Textile Exchange's sustainability vision with a focus on cotton. We aim to bring together the cotton community to be inspired, mobilized, and equipped to expand the production of cotton which will help us meet our Climate+ strategy and the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals. The Cotton Round Table will achieve this by creating the network, tools, and business case on which the international cotton textile industry has the knowledge, confidence and supply chain connections to collectively move from conventional to preferred.

### Objectives

The objective of our work is to:

- Drive accelerated uptake and availability of cotton from production systems that align with the Textile Exchange definition of preferred, in driving Climate+ outcomes.
- Enhance impact measurement.
- Create collaborative spaces for shared learning and knowledge exchange.
- Catalyze collective action, including cross-sector and cross-regional partnerships, particularly with organizations working on the ground.

### Scope

The scope of our work is defined as:

The cotton supply chain from farm to finished textile product, with an emphasis on reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from agriculture and improving soil health, water management, and biodiversity by accelerating the transition to preferred production systems.

**How We Add Value**

The Cotton Round Table adds value to the international cotton textile industry by:

- Providing an inclusive space for all cotton stakeholders to come together at a pre-competitive level.
- Creating alignment on goals and action with commitment.
- Building on a community approach to address key barriers to growth by sharing experiences.
- Operating through a number of activities including The Hub, meetings, summits and working groups.
- Access to a central library of resources including virtual Round Table recordings, reports and industry guides.

**Round Table Terms of Engagement**

Convener	Textile Exchange
Eligibility	Participation in the Round Table is voluntary
Composition, Representation	Representatives from Textile Exchange and the global textile industry: Suppliers, Brands, NGO's, standards owners, farm initiatives, and other industry professionals
Member Requests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regular attendance of and contribution to meetings</li><li>• Non-disclosure and confidentiality of shared information within the group</li><li>• Support the Round Table development and collectively create solutions to address Climate+ and supply barriers and uptake challenges in the global textile industry</li></ul>
Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Organization: The Round Table Textile Exchange Lead will chair meetings and design them to facilitate discussion and action.</li><li>• Determination: The Round Table will identify opportunities for the global textile industry to drive beneficial impact in their sector.</li><li>• Action: The Round Table is committed to addressing and increasing positive impacts in the global textile industry.</li></ul>
Meeting Frequency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Quarterly virtual meetings and an annual summit. Additional meetings may be called as required.</li></ul>