

Scope - Brands will focus on improving code compliance within their current supply base in Morocco through brand collaboration and will engage with key stakeholders within the industry through the MFAF engagement especially with the Bi-Partite Committee.

Initial Timeline for the Buyers Group

The purpose of the group will evolve overtime therefore the initial timeline for the group was decided to be 1 year after which the group will review its purpose, work plan and ways of working.

Membership

Currently the group consists of Inditex, Next, M&S, Levi Strauss & Co, Nike and Mango. Efforts will be made to reach out to other brands who meet the criteria below.

Objectives for 1 year

- To engage with the Bi-Partite Committee on the gap analysis of Fibre Citoyenne and buyers codes
- To participate in and engage with the Bi-Partite Committee on the outcome of the Impact Assessment on AMITH's code of conduct to identify a areas of work to improve social compliance on the basis of continuous improvement.
- To be a proactive group that engages with local stakeholders in the Moroccan garment industry especially the Bi-Partite Committee particularly with regard to training.
- To be clear what international brands are looking for in terms of compliance in Morocco and explore how these maybe achieved.
- To explore brand collaboration to enable improved factory compliance performance through unified messages and communication from brands; reduce resources and duplication by brands on monitoring and follow-up; reduce resource load on factory management by reducing monitoring and follow up duplication; and reduce duplication and improve focus of factory training and capacity building programmes.
- To share learning from MFA Forum work in other countries eg Bangaldesh, the Americas and Lesotho with colleagues in Morocco and vice versa.

How the group will organise itself?

The group will be an international brands group who sometimes meet locally at appropriate times - maybe when the Bi-Partite Committee is meeting - to allow for local engagement.

It was agreed that the group would have a rotating chair on a six monthly basis.

Criteria for brands to participate in Morocco Buyers Group

- Have a programme of code implementation in place, and open to developing on the basis of continuous improvement
- Commit to regular attendance at meetings
- Be prepared to share the workload
- Be prepared to be transparent and to share information and experience