

# The MFA Forum



## Positive Buying: Confronting the Challenge between Buying Practices and Workers Rights 19<sup>th</sup> September 2007

Venue: One Great George Street, Westminster, London SW1P 3AA

### 16.15 Registration

### 16.30 Welcomes (Simon Zadek and Dan Rees)

Chair and Moderator: Dan Rees, Executive Director, Ethical Trading Initiative

Key discussion points:

- Welcome
- The MFA Forum
- ETI's work on purchasing practices
- Overview of key issues on purchasing practices for the industry - what the speakers will be elaborating on.

**16.45 1. Overview of the Challenges and Solutions:** 3 presentations (max 10 min, 15 min for Q&A each)

Jeremy Hobbs, Executive Director, Oxfam International

Neil Kearney, General Secretary, International Textile, Garment and  
Leather Workers' Federation

Presentations will cover:

- How purchasing practices can contribute to worsening labour conditions
- Core areas of Challenge
- Core areas for improvement

“Contextual issues” on relationships, management, value of ethical sourcing - what does this refer to?

**17.30 2. Putting it into Practice:** Company and Supplier perspectives (10 min each, 15 min for Q&A)

Dan Henkle, GAP, Inc.

Jackie Belchambers, NEW LOOK

Osama Taseer, Tiffany's Wear Limited

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Presentations will cover:

- Supply Chain and critical path
- The importance of 'champions' internally
- Scorecards
- Critical areas for suppliers including challenges and work taking place

**18.15 3. Facing the Challenge:** Moderated discussion by Chair with the panelists  
Questions and Answers by the audience.

**18.45 4. Final Comments:** Chair, Dan Rees

**19.00 Meeting Closes**  
**Reception**