



MFA FORUM

4TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL CONVENING

2-DAY CONVENING AGENDA

**LONDON
2ND & 3RD NOVEMBER 2009
THE BLOOMSBURY HOTEL
16-22 GREAT RUSSELL STREET, LONDON WC1B 3NN**



WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Welcome to this year's Annual International Convening of the MFA Forum—the fourth year we come together to progress our collective goals and face challenges and opportunities to build on responsible competitiveness in this industry.

This year is an especially important year. When the MFA Forum was first created as a response to end of the Multi-Fibre Agreement, many of us believed that 2005 would bring about the kinds of cataclysmic shifts to the industry that only now are we beginning to see. Through a combination of factors, notably; the ending of safeguards against China; the massive industry shake-up from the global recession; and the ever-increasing changing demands of making a systemic change in the very way that we do business within supply chains, we find ourselves on a new and uncharted path, as we reach what can only be described as an unprecedented turning point in the industry.

For those of us working within and alongside the industry, we know that when the upturn arrives, it will not bring with it a 'business as usual' approach for the industry but rather a rapidly changing configuration of supply chains and a smaller set of sourcing countries. Therefore, in some respects, the post-recession impacts and industry reconfigurations will be the post-MFA impacts that never quite happened.

In order to specifically address both the short term recession-related problems within the industry, such as trade finance and social protection, as well as the longer term question of what the sector will look like in the years to come (since we know that planning for the immediate needs also need to plan for the future), the MFA Forum has launched a secondary initiative out of the Responsible Transitions work, the Sustainable Apparel and Footwear Initiative (SAFI), drawing in the International Finance Corporation (IFC) and other significant players to this work stream.

The MFA Forum offers a unique platform for assessing and guiding the activities of its participants active within the industry, and in addition the activities that many of its participants pursue beyond the industry, within other contexts. Its unique platform of players have harnessed the best of the industry to look at policy, corporate strategy, labor standards and more to debate and understand across international and key countries in this industry that has served to bring millions out of poverty.

Whilst each MFA Forum International Convening serves as an important compass and touchstone through which to progress aspects of the industry, this particular convening will also act as a turning point for the MFA Forum itself. With the changing dynamics of the industry, we too as a Forum must think about our role, our value and how to progress during this critical time in the industry's life, whilst also seeking to plan for a future that will integrate more deliberately, responsibility with competitiveness. As Neil Kearney, General Secretary of the ITGLWF and MFA Forum Executive Committee member has said; let's not let a good crisis go to waste.

We look forward to seeing you at the convening!

Sasha Radovich
Senior Manager



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**DAY 0: SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER
Executive Committee Dinner Meeting**

Evening Session (AM)

Venue: *Bertorelli Ristorante*

6.30pm ExCo Meeting & Dinner (*for Executive Committee members only*)

**DAY 1: MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER
MFA Forum 4th Annual International Convening:**

Morning Session (AM)

Venue: *The George V Room, The Bloomsbury Hotel*

08.30 - 09.00	Registration ----- <i>The Queen Mary Hall</i>
09.00 - 09.30	Welcome, introduction and outline of agenda
09.30 - 11.00	Multi-stakeholder Panel Discussion: The impact of the economic crisis on the textile and garment industry - the short and long term implications <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Facilitator: Sasha Radovich, MFA Forum Secretariat• Panelists: Neil Kearney, ITGLWF; Dr. Carsten Schmitz-Hoffman, GTZ; Lakshmi Bhatia, Gap Inc.; Cathy Dix, Gap Inc.; and Lynda Yanz, MSN
11.00 - 12.30	Strategic overview and options followed by open discussion presented by Sasha Radovich, MFA Forum Senior Manager
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch ----- <i>The Queen Mary Hall</i>

Afternoon Session (PM)

Venue: *The George V Room, The Bloomsbury Hotel*

13.30- 15.00	Breakout: Discussion of options followed by feedback and discussion
15.00 - 16.30	Breakout: Discussion of core options followed by feedback and discussion
16.30 - 17.00	Summary and close
17.00 - 18.00	Corporate Contributors Meeting (<i>by invitation only</i>) ---- <i>George V Room</i>
18.30	MFA Forum Welcome Dinner (<i>please see Logistics Sheet for details</i>)



DAY 2: TUESDAY 3RD NOVEMBER
Working Group Meetings/Strategy and Planning Meeting

Morning Session (AM)

Venue: *The George V Room, The Bloomsbury Hotel*

- 09.00 - 09.20 Presentation on SAFI goals, update on the three pillars of SAFI work, and goals for the day, presented by Caitlin Morris, Nike Inc. and Chair of the Responsible Transitions Working Group and updated website tools by Daniela Nordmeyer, MFA Forum Secretariat

- 09.20 - 10.00 Panel Presentation and discussion on future scenarios of supply chains with particular emphasis on this industry
 - Chair: Caitlin Morris, Nike Inc.
 - Speaker: Steve Wilson, Capgemini UK

- 10.00 - 11.00 Breakout Sessions (parallel sessions)

- 11.00- 11.30 Report-back

- 11.30 - 12.00 Next Steps and Close

- 12.00 - 13.00 Lunch ----- *The Queen Mary Hall*

Afternoon Session (PM)

Venue: *The Bloomsbury Hotel*

- 13.00 - 14.30 Bangladesh Buyers Group ----- *The George V Room*
 Morocco Working Group Meeting ----- *The Chapel*

- 14.30 - 16.00 Bangladesh Working Group Meeting ----- *The George V Room*
 Lesotho Working Group Meeting ----- *The Chapel*

- 16.00 - 17.00 Purchasing Practices Panel Presentation and Discussion
 - Chair: Dan Rees, ETI
 - Panelists: Fiona Gooch, Traidcraft; Michael Kobori, Levi Strauss & Co.; and Maggie Burns, Women Working Worldwide

- 17.00 - 17.30 Closing Session ----- *The George V Room*

An informal drinks reception will directly follow the meeting in the Queen Mary Hall, located on the 2nd floor.

The Bloomsbury Hotel - Meeting Room Locations	
The George V Room -----	Located on the Ground Floor
The Queen Mary Hall -----	Located on the 2 nd Floor
The Chapel -----	Located on the 1 st Floor