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**Discussion 4 2021 Guide**

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**NOTE:**

✓ Since this is a discussion, we encourage you to **prepare** or at least think about the questions prior to joining.

✓ **This guide** lays out the background to the questions, presents the questions and provides resources if you should wish to read further on the issue.

- **Details for joining this discussion are below.** To participate in this discussion you will need to have signed up in advance at: [www.saicmknowledge.org/community](http://www.saicmknowledge.org/community)
- For **technical assistance** on the day of the discussion go to the CiP CoP WhatsApp group: [https://chat.whatsapp.com/DVwGix7x04d1Q9b5usaJcr](https://chat.whatsapp.com/DVwGix7x04d1Q9b5usaJcr)
- **Connect** with laptops/PCs rather than phones since the discussion is about typing.
- Should you **NOT be able to join the discussion** but still wish to contribute please **click the link below** and fill out the Form with your **contributions**: [https://forms.office.com/r/BxCd7Zkeku](https://forms.office.com/r/BxCd7Zkeku)
Ahmad Ansari is currently working on a portfolio of ZDHC’s Partnerships Director with role and responsibility to advance ZDHC’s global stakeholder engagement and business development strategies via new partnerships for driving the common goals of sustainable chemistry in the textile, garment, and footwear industry.

In his previous career, Ahmad has worked for globally known professional service organizations as European Business Manager (BDM) at SGS and as Senior Business Manager at KPMG for sustainability & supply chain solutions. Educationally, Ahmad has achieved doctorate degree in environmental geochemistry from Erlangen-Nuremberg University in Germany.

Ahmad has 19-year experience within the corporate responsibility (environment, social and supply chain) covering the geographical scope of 75 countries in Europe, Asia and America. Through his professional career, he has been supporting global MNCs to understand their impact on environment and society, to assess and mitigate risk and implement business orientated strategies and actions of engagement and business performance. His professional expertise is focusing on sustainability and related business operation such as corporate responsibility strategies, environmental & social compliance performance measurement & impact, product environmental assessment, supply chain risk assessment & monitoring, business development and stakeholder engagement.

Traceability in the textile values chain refers to the ability to trace a product’s lifecycle from beginning to end (e.g. from raw material to the consumer level). Traceability is an important concept when considering the source of a chemicals as well as the potential impact this chemical may have on the environment and people along its journey through the value chain. Achieving full traceability is another step toward ensuring sound chemicals management but this is often not an easy task given the complexity of the value chain and the number of stakeholders involved at each step.

Today’s discussion will be presented by Dr Ahamad Ansari from the ZDHC and will explore “Traceability in the textile value chain”.

The discussion will focus on three key areas:

1. The mindset and theory of change adopted by the ZDHC.
2. Supply chain mapping and traceability.
3. The role of the individual facility in traceability as the source of the data.
**QUESTION 1 – (14h05 GMT+2)**

**Question 1:** What experience do you have with traceability in the textiles industry in your country, if any? If there is currently no traceability in the textile industry, what do you think your country needs to implement this?

We encourage you to think about the poll questions before the discussion so you can contribute your responses:

**Poll questions:**
Poll 1: What does chemical traceability mean to you? Please state your country/organisation in your response?
Poll 2: Would a global framework for traceability in the textile industry be useful for your country?
    - Yes
    - No
    - I don’t know

**QUESTION 2 – (14h30 GMT+2)**

**Question 2:** What kind of supply chain mapping and traceability system do you have in your country? If your country does not have any supply chain management, what kind of system do you think would work for traceability?

We encourage you to think about the poll questions before the discussion so you can contribute your responses:

**Poll questions:**
Poll 1: Are you familiar with the ZDHC supply chain management and traceability system?
    - Yes
    - No
    - I don’t know
Poll 2: Are you aware of any other supply chain management initiatives and traceability systems in textiles, or any other sector?

**QUESTION 3 – (15h00 GMT+2)**

**Question 3:** How do you think traceability will help to achieve holistic sustainable chemicals management in your country?

We encourage you to think about the poll questions before the discussion so you can contribute your responses:

**Poll questions:**
Poll 1: What kind of tools do you think are needed to implement and improve traceability in your country?

Poll 2: What is your opinion on sustainable chemicals management leading to overall environmental sustainability performance in the supply chain?

**Instructions for joining this discussion on the set date:**

This discussion will be held in *Cisco WebEx*.

- Please register for this discussion by clicking on the following link: [https://unep.webex.com/unep/j.php%3FRGID=rf8b485c66efa41cbeb9fa19ff6e3e9ca](https://unep.webex.com/unep/j.php%3FRGID=rf8b485c66efa41cbeb9fa19ff6e3e9ca)
  a. Once you have clicked on the link, you will be asked to provide some details for registration purposes.
  b. Fill out your details and click “Register”.

- You will receive an email in the inbox of the email address you provided during registration with a calendar invite and a link to this discussion with the meeting ID and passcode.

- On the day of the discussion, click on the link in this email or on the button that says “Join now”.

- You will be redirected to the discussion.

If you have not received any communications for this discussion, make sure you are signed up for the Chemicals in Products Community of Practice or send an email to: [uctcops@outlook.com](mailto:uctcops@outlook.com)

**Format of how the discussion will operate:**

- To participate in this discussion, sign up at: [www.saicmknowledge.org/community](http://www.saicmknowledge.org/community)

- Should you require assistance or have questions, contact: [uctcops@outlook.com](mailto:uctcops@outlook.com)

- This live discussion will be run WebEx in the chat section on the set day. Members will introduce themselves upon arrival into the chat room.

- The discussion presenter will briefly present a verbal introduction.

- Three questions will be posted during the 1½ hour discussion for 25 minutes discussion. The presenter/s will address comments in the chat section of WebEx and all are encouraged to engage.

- All are welcome to join the discussion which will be held in English. Feel free to write in another language if you are struggling with English and members will assist where possible.
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