



**Sustainable
Apparel Coalition**

CURRENT MEMBERS:

Brands and Retailers

adidas®
GROUP

ANN INC.
ANN TAYLOR | LOFT

asics®

BESTSELLER®

BROOKS®

BURBERRY

C&A

CWS | boco

The Coca-Cola Company

Columbia
Sportswear Company®

Dezigual

ECCO®

EILEEN
FISHER

ESPRIT

FENIX
OUTDOOR INC.

GAP

H&M

Hanes

IC COMPANY'S
HOME OF FASHION BRANDS

IKEA

jcp

INDITEX

KEEN

KERING

KOHL'S

L.L.Bean

LANDS' END®

Levi's

Loomstate

MEC

macy's

ADITYA BIRLA
MADURA F&L

Malwee

new balance.

Nike

NORDSTROM

otto group

patagonia®

PVH

Pentland

PUMA

REI
www.rei.com

rb

HEALTH ▸ HYGIENE ▸ HOME

Target

vf

Walmart*

WILLIAMS-SONOMA

CURRENT MEMBERS: Manufacturers



CURRENT MEMBERS: Industry Affiliates



CURRENT MEMBERS:

Non-Profit, Government, & Academic



DanishFashionInstitute



An apparel and footwear industry that produces no unnecessary environmental harm and has a positive impact on the people and communities associated with its activities.

Our Vision.



SUSTAINABLE APPAREL COALITION:

Key Milestones

2010

Exploratory meeting held with initial 12 members leading to an agreement to develop a sustainability Index for the industry. SAC is officially established in April work begins on Index prototype.

2011

SAC publicly releases the Higg Index in July. It is quickly downloaded over 1000 times SAC is honored as a C.K Prahlad Award recipient for leadership in sustainability. Membership doubles from 2011.

2012

Members approve the pilot version of the Higg Index 1.0 SAC incorporates as a 501c6 organization and hires its first Executive Director.

2013

SAC releases Higg Index 2.0 in November to members and unveils the web tool platform SAC is awarded the EU Product Environmental Footprinting pilot for non-leather shoes. SAC grows to more than 100 members.

2014

Membership expands to include home textiles soft goods SAC to open global offices in Amsterdam and Hong Kong.



Higg Index



Key Concepts

1

Holistic self-assessment

2

Measures environmental and social impacts

3

Starting place for engagement and understanding

4

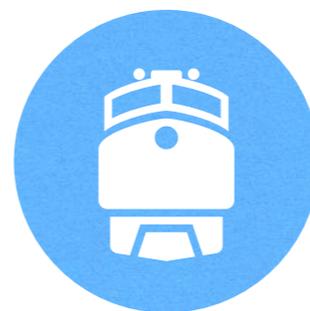
Targets a spectrum of performance that identifies opportunities to improve

HIGG INDEX:

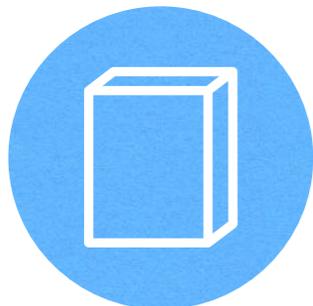
Where do the impacts occur?



MATERIALS



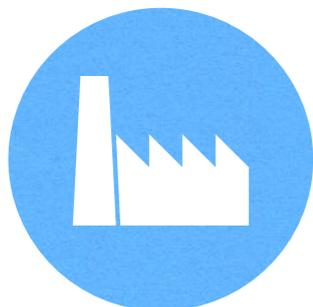
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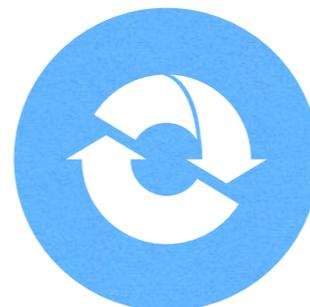
PACKAGING



USE & SERVICE



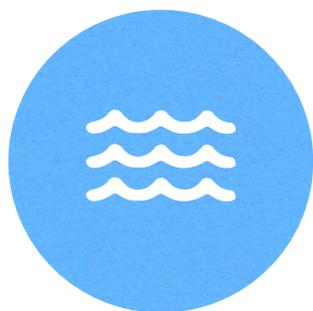
MANUFACTURING



END OF LIFE

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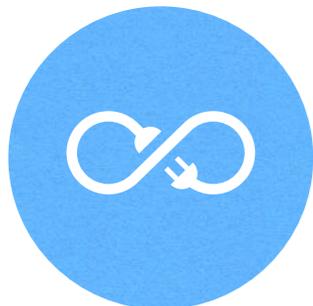
What impacts are being addressed?



WATER



BIODIVERSITY



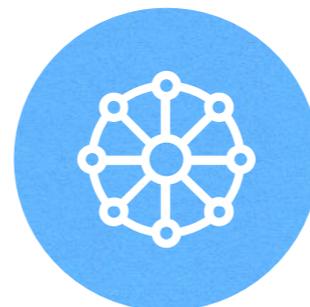
ENERGY



LAND USE



WASTE



SOCIAL



Social / Labor Best Practice Tools
(e.g., SAI Social Fingerprint, FLA, SCI etc.)



European Outdoor Group
Outdoor Industry Association (OIA)
Eco Index



Materials Sustainability Index (MSI)



Global Social Compliance Program
(GSCP) reference tool



BRAND

FACILITY

PRODUCT

HIGG INDEX 2.0:

Use

TOOLS	USER	CONTENT / USE
Facility	Manufacturers / Facilities sourcing, sharing with Brands and Retailers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete once per facility• Considers facility-level practices not specific to a particular product / garment
Brand	Brands / Retailers, Sourcing, Sustainability, share with Facilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete once per brand• Assess brand-level sustainability for all of its apparel / footwear products.
Product	Brands / Retailers, Designers, Developers, Sourcing, Sustainability	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete once per garment / shoe• Quick screening assessment of product• Understand MSI data and scoring

FAIL



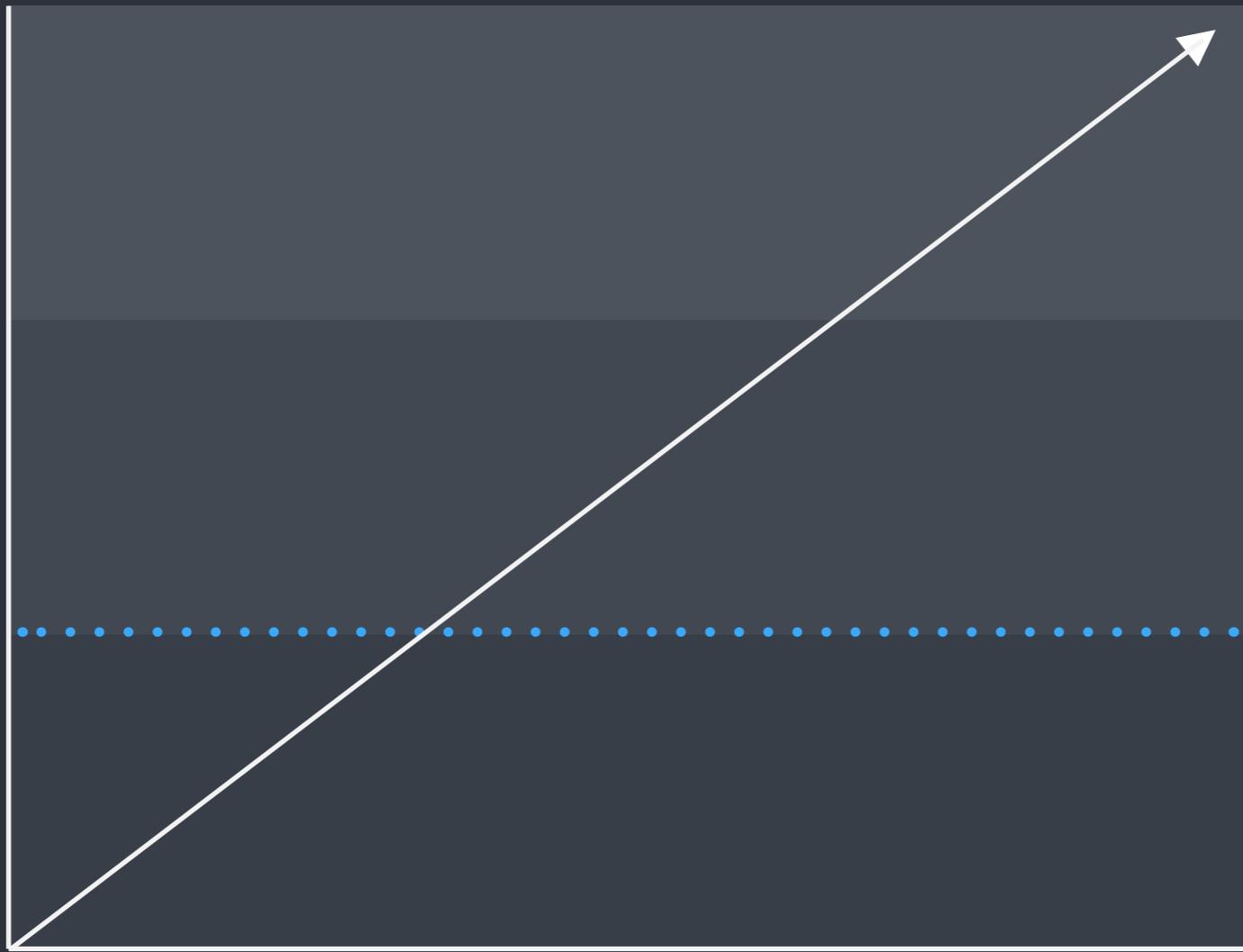
PASS



LEVEL **03**

LEVEL **02**

LEVEL **01**



INNOVATION AND
SYSTEM CHANGE

COMPLIANCE

01

50

100



AVERAGE

LEADERS

HIGG INDEX:

Hig Index Progression

HIGG INDEX 1.0 (RELEASED JULY 2012)	HIGG INDEX 2.0 (CURRENTLY IN USE)
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Higg Index Excel based• Qualitative questions• Focuses on apparel• Focuses on environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Web based and Excel files• Social/Labor - Beta (Brand and Facility Modules)• Environmental footwear brand content• Enhanced chemicals content• Enhanced guidance• Validation guidelines for Environmental Facility Module• Rapid Design Module - Beta• Additional materials in MSI

APTION

TRANSPARENCY

SCALABILITY

SUSTAINABLE APPAREL COALITION:

Introducing Hong Kong in partnership with CITA



Commencing April 2014.

Sustainable Apparel Coalition's Asia Hub.

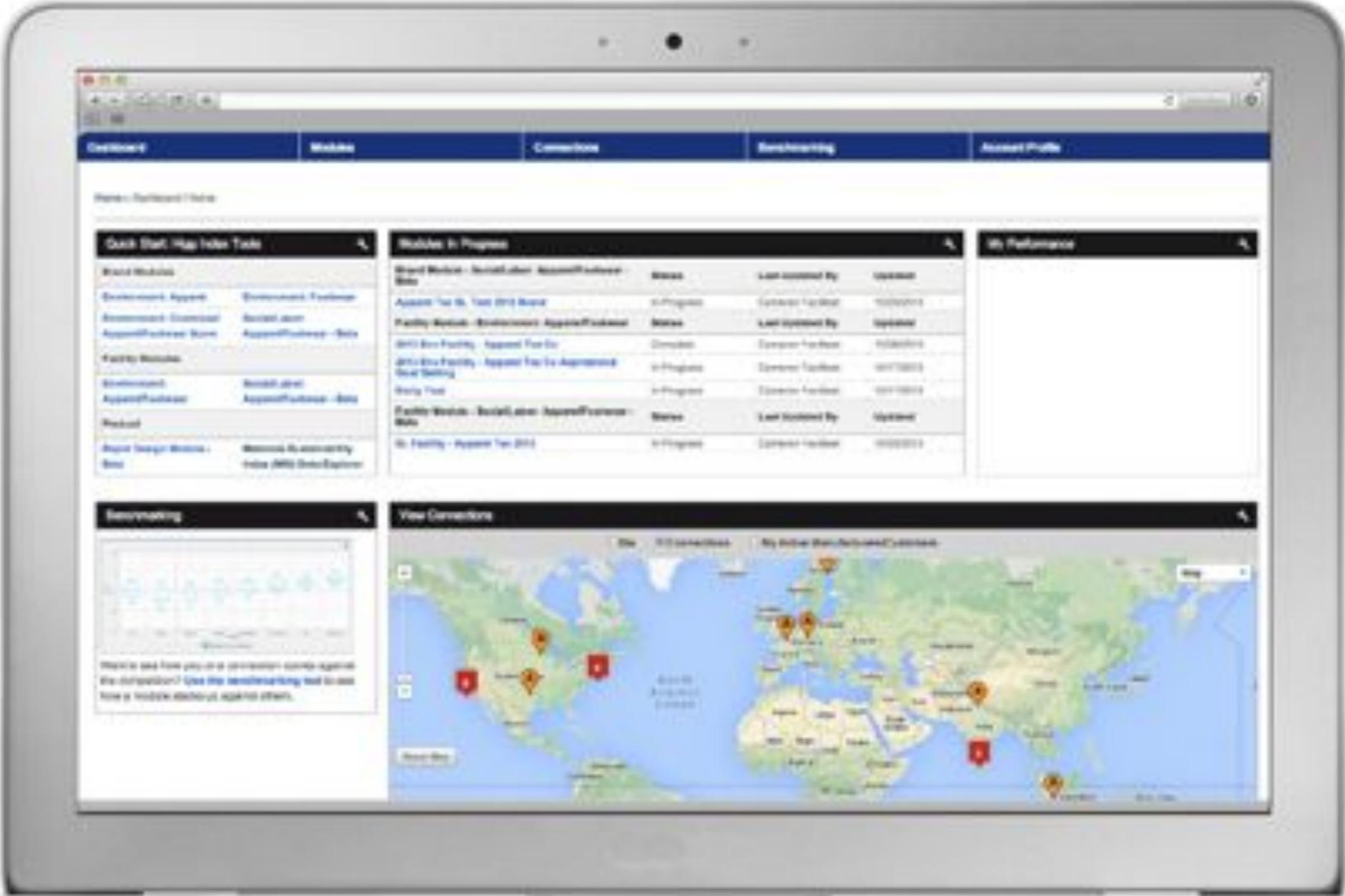
Working with manufacturers, sourcing offices, NGOs, governments.

Hosting member meetings, manufacturer forums, sourcing forums, trainings, and more

Building partnership with the Hong Kong Government

More to come!

HIGG INDEX 2.0: Web Tool



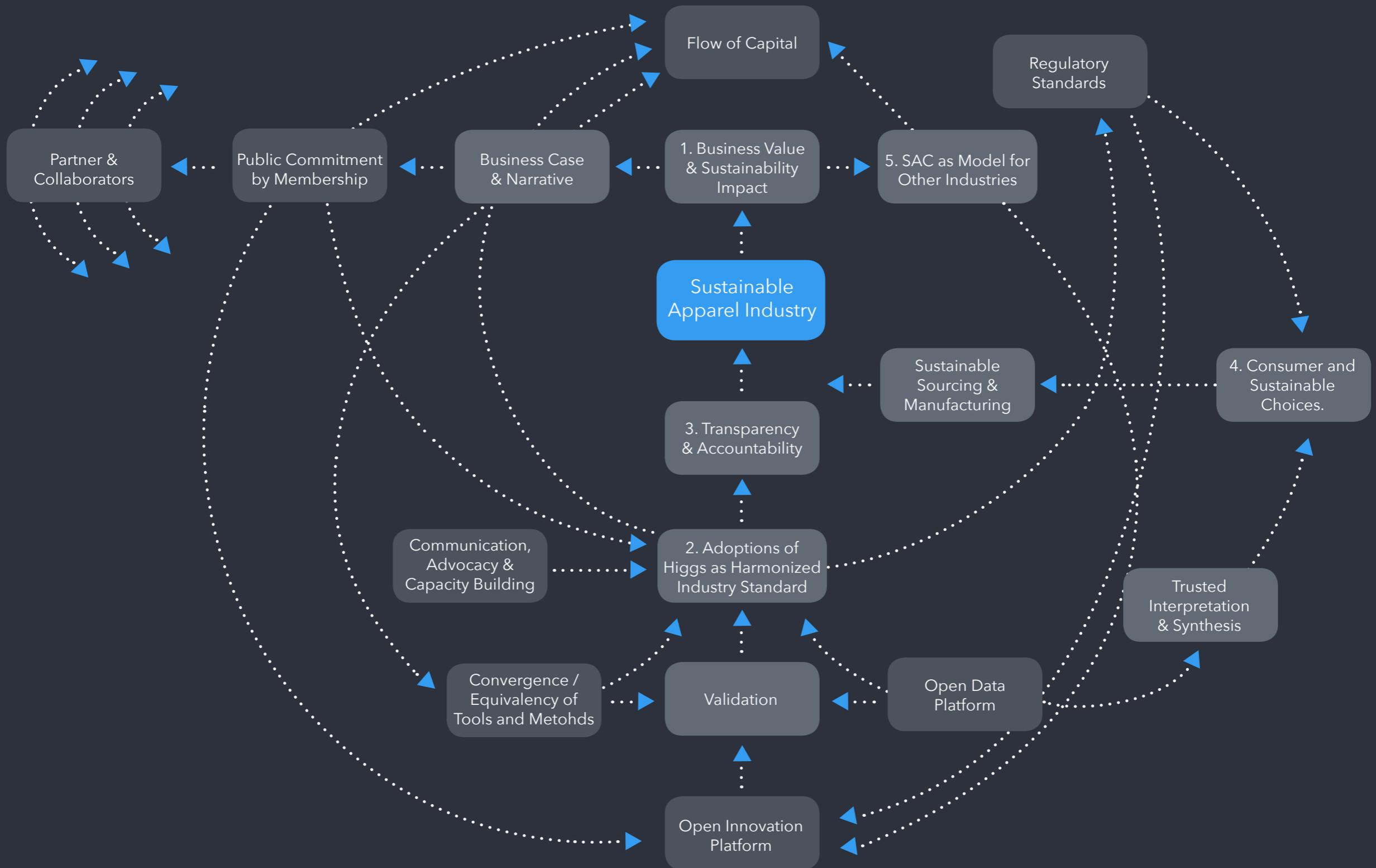
HIGG INDEX:

How the Higg Index creates positive change.



HIGG INDEX:

A catalyst for business value and positive system change.





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