Activities and Initiatives of the Council

1. **Compendium for Good Practice Manual for Apparel Industry** – AEPC in collaboration with International Labour Organization (ILO) had developed Compendium of Good Management Practices for apparel industry which include 50 Good Management Practices focusing on Workplace Co-operation, Quality, Productivity, Clean Production, Workforce Management & Occupational Safety and Health (OSH). Recently, the Compendium for Good Management Practices has been launched in presence of various stakeholders like Ministry of Textiles, MSME, NITI Ayog, Brands, Buying Houses, Testing agencies, Exporters etc. The practices mentioned in the compendium will be implemented in project mode with the objective to benchmark apparel industry production, management practices and profitability to global standards. Based on the practices adopted, the participating units would be benefited with the time & cost saving as indicated in the compendium.

![Launch of the Compendium for Good Management Practices](image)

2. **AEPC launches Industry 4.0 experience center** - AEPC has collaborated with Lectra and signed an MOU for 4.0 industry solution experience centre. Subsequently, we have launched the first of its
kind Industry 4.0 experience center at Apparel House. At the experience center industry players would get to have a first-hand experience on how technology interventions in their operations from product development to manufacture planning would help them digitally transform their businesses enabling them to be future ready.

3. **AEPC E-marketplace** - The AEPC E-marketplace is a B2B Platform for Matchmaking of requirements of the overseas buyers & the products manufactured by Indian Apparel manufacturers & Exporters. The overseas buyers may see the profile of exporter and send queries through this B2B portal to the exporter regarding the product & related information. AEPC members may register on AEPC E-Marketplace by using their RCMC Number. The portal is presently at Phase 1. In subsequent phases it aims to have value added services to make this an effective export promotion tool.

4. **Apparel Industry Sustain Ability** - The Vision of this initiative is to sustainably and responsibly improve the industry’s operational excellence and value creation. The program aims to create awareness for the need and help in development of Sustainability goals and response through the practice of measuring, disclosing and be accountable to stakeholders for these goals.
5. **AEPC partners with Goonj for recycling waste cloth in apparel units.**

AEPC has partnered with Goonj, an award winning NGO working on recycling/up cycling used clothes and rags. Under the partnership, AEPC requests our member exporters to contribute used Cotton Clothes and recyclable industrial wastes for effective reuse by Goonj. Through its collection centers in head Office in Gurgaon and regional offices in Bangalore, Chennai, Delhi and Mumbai, the Council wants to help the industry in recycling its waste and reduce landfills. Members may drop the Surplus Clothes (cotton) and other materials during working office hours/days of the Council. The materials shall be handed over to the representative of the Goonj by the regional offices of the Council on regular basis.

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**AEPC AND GOONJ PARTNERSHIP FOR RECYCLING INDUSTRIAL WASTES AND CLOTHES**

Thank you for your contribution.

Kindly drop your contribution in a labeled packet indicating the category of contribution e.g. waste clothes, used clothes and other recyclable material etc. The collection will be delivered to Goonj, the NGO for recycling into usable materials for use by the poor and needy.

AEPC Team

AEPC in January, 2019 organized a seminar on AEO Program, Trade Facilitation Agreement & Currency Risk Management in association with Mumbai Customs & Emkay Global Financial Services. In addition, AEPC as part of its initiative to create awareness and clarity about the Authorized Economic Operator Program among apparel exporters organised workshop in Noida with the Office of the Noida Customs Commissioner. Shri. Govind Krishna Dixit, Commissioner, Shri Nitesh Srivastava, Additional Commissioner & Shri P S Saini, Assistant Commissioner from Office of the Noida Customs Commissionerate and Ms. Deepa Goyal, Consultant, M/s Jurispetius were present to brief the exporters about AEO program.

7. AEPC & Marks & Spencer launch Gender Equality program

AEPC and Marks & Spencers, India signed a Memorandum of Understanding to explore avenues for working together on a program on Gender Equality through workplace training. Both the organizations through this collaboration asserted their support for the larger objective of creating just and equal workplaces and in turn equal societies and perception. They launched the Gender Equality Programme in March, 2019 in Apparel House, Gurugram, Haryana.
Launch of Programme Brochure

Participants at the Launch
8. Social and Labour Convergence Program (SLCP) launch

The Social and Labor Convergence Program (SLCP) has developed a Converged Assessment Framework (CAF) that seeks to support stakeholders’ efforts to improve working conditions in global supply chains. The CAF consists of a Data Collection Tool, Verification Protocol and Verifier Guidance, and intends to combat audit fatigue and free up resources for improvement. This is achieved by replacing the need for audits by delivering one verified set of social and labor data that can be used by standards and brands to decide on certification, compliance and more. To ensure quality implementation of the framework and reliable data for the industry, a system has been developed serving the functions i.e. Data collection at a facility level and Verification of collected data Hosting and sharing of verified data to end users.

Welcome address by Shri HKL Magu, Chairman, AEPC
Sharon Hesp, Sr. Manager, SLCP addressing participants during SLCP Launch at Apparel House
9. **AEPC organized seminar on Export Documentation and Credit Risk Management**

AEPC organized a seminar on Export Documentation & Credit Risk Management for apparel exporters in collaboration with ECGC in August, 2019 in Gurugram. The seminar included a session on export documentation for exporters, awareness on ECGC scheme for credit risk management and presentation on best practices by NITRA.
10. Visit of American Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong

Recognizing the need for engaging with the US after the US-China trade war, AEPC hosted a meeting with a delegation of American Chamber of Commerce, Hong Kong in September, 2019 in Gurugram. The delegation included senior sourcing professionals of top international brands in the textiles and apparel sector. Their discussions aimed at finding ways to procure FDI and form collaborations with these brands.
Welcome of AMCHAM Delegates by AEPC