

Case Study of International Action: Collaborative India / UK Clothing Projects

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Context

- Agreement with Indian Government to collaborate on reducing the impact of textiles
- Links to:
 - Sustainable Clothing Roadmap
 - Sustainable Development Dialogue
 - India UNEP Round Table on Sustainable Consumption & Production

Objectives

- For the UK:
 - Reduce the unsustainable impacts caused in part by UK patterns of consumption
- For India:
 - Water efficiency and utilisation
 - Integrated waste management
 - Creating awareness of sustainable products

Areas of Interest for Collaboration

- Efficiency of supply chains
- Sustainable Design
- Eco-efficiency of manufacturing sites

Improve efficiencies in the Supply Chain

Objective: To reduce critical path time pressures on producers to prevent wastage and improve efficiencies in the supply chain

- Work with relevant stakeholders throughout the supply chain to improve critical path management and better supply change management

Sustainable Design

Objective: to build capacity for production of innovative garments made from sustainable textiles

- Facilitate cooperation between UK and India based fashion designers, consultants and researchers
- Build capacity, share best practice, and explore market opportunities for using ecological textiles



Eco-efficiency of Manufacturing Sites

Objective: to reduce the environmental impacts and achieve efficiency savings for textile factories in India

- Facilitate knowledge transfer of eco-efficient processes to the textile industry
- Share best practice between eco-efficient factories
- Increase awareness and uptake of existing and new environmental standards, metrics and audit processes
- Strengthen existing codes of practice to take better account of sustainability impacts

Practicalities

- Timings – projects to start summer 2008
- Resources – International Sustainable Development Fund - £50-100k
- Next Steps:
 - Develop detailed project proposals
 - Gain approval from Indian Government
 - Secure funding