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Be The Change Summit 2025: Singapore Fashion Council unites industry players and empowers new trailblazers to chart a course towards a responsible and sustainable fashion industry of the future

Announced at the summit, a new Textile Circularity Consortium and sectoral plan led by the Singapore Fashion Council is set to pave the way for sustainable fashion in Singapore, with the council continuing to nurture and empower sustainability-forward changemakers

Singapore, 25 September 2025 – Today, the Singapore Fashion Council (SFC) announced new measures to take actionable steps towards enhancing fashion sustainability in Singapore by spearheading an industry-led Textile Circularity Consortium to shape a new textile circularity system, and working with partners on a sectoral plan to enforce this transformation. This was revealed at the fourth edition of its *Be The Change Summit*, an annual gathering of fashion industry thought leaders to shape a sustainable, future-ready fashion ecosystem.

This year's summit is themed *Fashion Futures* and is graced by Guest-of-Honour Ms Denise Phua, Mayor of Central Singapore District and Member of Parliament of Jalan Besar GRC. Expanding beyond its primary theme of fashion sustainability, the summit saw industry leaders from all around the world discuss broader themes that contribute to the future of the industry as one that champions responsible fashion. This includes talks on industry regulation, adoption and implication of new technology like AI, talent development, and inclusive design.

Plotting a roadmap for sustainable change

Annually, Singapore imports over S\$1 billion¹ of textiles, yet up to 41,000 tonnes² of targetable textile waste is generated. There is a huge opportunity to reduce resource extraction and waste generation, by creating a comprehensive circular infrastructure for textiles that can cycle materials back into the economy.

The Textile Circularity Consortium (TCC) introduced by SFC at the summit aims to explore this opportunity, by championing close-loop and open-loop systems that promote sustainability and circularity within urban environments. Led by SFC, the consortium will bring together key industry

¹ [TrendEconomy, 2023](#)

² [Textile Recycling Study, 2023](#)

players from across the textile value chain to collaborate and set the direction towards a future-ready circular textile system.

TCC will lay the groundwork for systemic change locally by focusing on extending textile life through reusing, transforming waste into value through recycling, as well as supporting enterprise innovations in sustainable design and next-generation materials. By demonstrating what is possible in Singapore, TCC aims to shape scalable models for circularity across Southeast Asia's textile industry, with a projected output value of S\$70 billion, advancing innovation, sustainability, and policy leadership at every level.

In a strategic move to accelerate the sustainability transformation of the fashion industry, SFC is also partnering with the Centre for Impact Investing and Practices (CIIP) - a Temasek Trust initiative - to co-develop a comprehensive three to five-year sectoral sustainability roadmap.

Expected to be published in 2026, the roadmap will help guide the industry towards more responsible and future-ready practices. It will identify key sustainability opportunities based on the region's strategic positioning and envision an actionable transformation plan for industry-wide change. Building on the sectoral plan, SFC will develop two upstream enterprise development tools to help businesses in their sustainability journeys. This includes a resource guidebook to support companies at different sustainability journey stages with practical roadmaps across various scopes and material topics, and a digital platform for small and medium businesses to access environmental, social, and governance (ESG) tools.

"The fashion landscape is evolving rapidly, and it is becoming increasingly evident that collaboration and innovation are key to establishing a robust foundation to build a sustainable future for the industry. Working with industry partners for the Textile Circularity Consortium and the sectoral plan allows us to exchange knowledge and refine solutions based on actionable data that are championed at every level. This strong support we received signals a shared commitment within our industry towards our goal of making Singapore a hub for responsible fashion in Asia, and we hope to welcome more like minded partners to join us to make it a reality," said Zhang Ting-Ting, Chief Executive Officer of SFC.

Empowering industry trailblazers

To build a sustainable roadmap for the future of fashion, it is key to bolster new talent and support trailblazers to drive real change. SFC announced the winners of [The Bridge Fashion Innovator \(TBFI\) Launch Pad](#), Asia's first fashion-focused ideathon that empowers changemakers to reimagine the future of fashion through the lens of technology, creativity, and sustainability. The innovative solutions developed by the finalists addressed three different issues:

- Nature & Wildlife Conservation: Helping designers to optimise the impact of their products, **EcoLens** is an AI-powered platform that can empower brands through smart recommendations for eco-friendly alternatives and support transparent supply chain management. On the other hand, **ROYO** is the world's first cardboard-based vegan leather, which simultaneously tackles the carbon-intensive burden of animal leather and the growing cardboard waste around the world.
- Sport & Wellness: Developed at the Singapore University of Technology and Design, **Neatsens** weaves circuits into breathable fabrics, providing sports enthusiasts with insights to help them better target muscle groups, prevent injuries, and train more effectively. A student-led startup, **StraightUP™** produces smart posture-supporting T-shirts that passively correct slouching without bulky braces.
- Social Impact with a focus on Access to Water: To tackle the critical issue of toxic, dye-laden wastewater in the textile industry, **RGE-NTU SusTex** has discovered microbes from Singapore landfills that can treat textiles recycling waste water and student-led **POMO** has created a sustainable alternative that transforms pomegranate waste into affordable natural dyes.

The winning teams share a S\$10,000 cash prize pool, generously sponsored by Royal Golden Eagle (RGE) Group and Asia Pacific Rayon (APR), and are offered internship placements with programme partners. In addition, they will have the opportunity to join venture building programmes by Wavemaker Impact and the Louken Group—providing a platform to further develop, validate, and scale their solutions. Details of the finalists and winners can be found in **Annex A**.

Separately, the final mentee cohort of the 'Innovation and Circularity in the Textile Value Chain' 2025 track of [Amplifier](#)—a global mentorship programme led by the Centre for Impact Investing and Practices (CIIP) and the Philanthropy Asia Alliance (PAA), supported by a network of over 70 partners—was officially unveiled at the summit. This cohort comprises Turkey-based Baytech; Switzerland-based Haelixa; and United States-based Novolooop, Inc. and unspun. The cohort will be supported by SFC as strategic partner and SHEIN as impact innovation partner.

As strategic partner of Amplifier 2025's textiles track, SFC is committed to advancing scalable solutions within Asia's sustainable development landscape. SFC plays a multifaceted role in Amplifier, contributing both mentorship and expert evaluation. In 2024, SFC mentored [Circ](#) and facilitated strategic engagements with key Asian manufacturing partners as well as to SHEIN. SFC was part of the selection committee for the textiles track in 2025, participating in the panel pitching session and final round interviews. It will explore new mentorship opportunities with a 2025 mentee [Haelixa](#), as

well as one of the finalists demonstrating strong potential. More information about Amplifier and the textiles mentee cohort can be found in **Annex B**.

“It is encouraging to see young talents redefining fashion as a driver of positive change, by designing solutions that champion social and environmental good. As we work with our partners to help their ideas take flight, I can’t wait to see these future industry shapers transform into real-world changemakers,” said Zhang Ting-Ting, Chief Executive Officer of SFC.

For more details about Singapore Fashion Council, please visit sgfashioncouncil.org.sg.

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Annex A: The Bridge Fashion Innovator Launch Pad Finalists

Annex B: The Amplifier 2025 - ‘Innovation and Circularity in the Textile Value Chain’ Track Mentee Cohort

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About Singapore Fashion Council

Singapore Fashion Council (SFC) – formerly known as Textile and Fashion Federation (Singapore) is the official association for the textile and fashion industry in Singapore. Embracing a transformative vision, SFC aspires to become a Vibrant Asian Hub for Responsible Fashion.

With a focus on four key pillars: Sustainability, Innovation & Technology, Internationalisation and Retail, SFC works closely with diverse partners across the value chain to offer thought leadership, extensive networks, and resources – to drive impactful change throughout the ecosystem.