Capitalizing the South African Textile Value Chain

Enabling Access to Manufacturing Technologies and Finance for Increased Trade

10 DECEMBER 2020
10:00 - 11:30 CET (11:00 - 12:30 SA time)

All interested EU Business Support Organizations and businesses are invited to join the discussion.

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AGENDA

10:00 - 10:10	Welcome and Introduction **Inés Godínez** - Delegation of the European Union to South Africa
10:10 - 10:25	Manufacturing technology gaps from a Textile manufacturer's perspective **Imraan Bux** - Executive Member of the South Africa Textile Federation (Texfed)
10:25 - 10:40	Building local manufacturing capacity to meet growth in retail-led demand **Natasja Ambrosio** - Sustainability Director, Mr Price Group
10:40 - 10:55	European textile value chain technologies **Ernesto Maurer** - President of CEMATEX, European Committee of Textile Machinery Manufactures
10:55 - 11:10	Financing tools that are available for growing trade in the sector **Nadège Hopman** - Deputy Head of the Regional Representation, European Investment Bank
11:10 - 11:30	QUESTIONS / REMARKS from PARTICIPANTS

The South African wool and cotton industries have repositioned themselves in recent years in line with global product quality, reliability of supply, traceability, and sustainable manufacturing practices.

These requirements, and the industry's response, create opportunities for investment in the local industry, and for exporting. This webinar will bring together wool and cotton business associations, growers, manufacturers, potential investors, equipment suppliers and buyers in South Africa and the EU; in order to explore these opportunities in more detail.

Specifically, the webinar aims to facilitate a dialogue between industry stakeholders on the possibilities for further beneficiation along the South African wool and cotton value chains; the conditions that need to be in place for this to occur; and the potential role of EU technology, development finance and retailers.

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