

# Higg Index Facility Tools Summit

*Transforming manufacturers for a more  
sustainable future*

APAC **June 23-24** | AMER/EMEA **June 28-29**  
Virtual Summit

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# HIGG INDEX FACILITY TOOLS SUMMIT

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In previous years, the SAC hosted the Manufacturer Forums where **800+** industry stakeholders gained in-depth knowledge about the Higg Facility Tools. This year, the SAC is relaunching the event as the new **Higg Index Facility Tools Summit** and changing the format to welcome a wider audience.

The summit will bring together global manufacturers and supply chain stakeholders to share solutions, best practices, and Higg data insights for the **Higg Facility Environmental Module** (Higg FEM) and **Higg Facility Social & Labor Module** (Higg FSLM).

## THE SUMMIT OFFERS

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**An exclusive preview** of the development of the Higg FEM and Higg FSLM

**Discussions on industry trends** and practices you can adopt to improve your sustainability performance

**Guidance** on how to use the Higg Index to set greenhouse gas (GHG) emission reduction targets

**Conversations** with SAC tool experts on how to address your unique sustainability challenges

**Solutions** from our first ever summit marketplace to improve your company's sustainability impacts

**Networking** opportunities with industry thought leaders and peers

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

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The summit is suitable for experienced Higg Facility Tools users, including manufacturers, brands and retailers, and members of the value chain who want to advance and promote their sustainability performance.

The event will be in English, with interpretations available below.

APAC: **Mandarin, Vietnamese, and Bengali**

AMER/EMEA: **Turkish, Spanish, and Portuguese**

*(Other interpretations such as Japanese and Italian will be confirmed later)*

## AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS

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### Environment

**Climate change:** Understand industry expectations on worldwide climate change commitments and find ways to use the Higg Index to analyze your impact

**Future of Higg FEM:** Get a sneak peek of how the Higg FEM will evolve in the coming years

**Energy and GHG solutions:** Understand Higg FEM's major trends through the SAC's analysis of Energy and GHG Higg FEM data and get insight into setting goals to improve energy efficiency

**Chemical management solutions:** Get insight into the Higg FEM Chemical Management section and understand how the ZDHC Supplier to Zero program improves chemical management

### Social & Labor

**Key trends:** Understand the latest global social and labor initiatives and how to integrate them into your strategy

**Align and collaborate:** Discuss with SLCP on ways to improve the converged assessment framework so it can be a valuable tool for the entire industry

# SESSION OVERVIEW

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## **Session 1:**

### Awareness of global commitments to address the climate crisis

Since the establishment of the Paris Agreement, the apparel and footwear sectors have been involved in identifying effective collaborations to meet climate action goals achieved by 2030. However, in the past 10 years, many countries have not taken enough drastic action to reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG), which has made it even more difficult, expensive, and ambitious to reduce emissions currently. To prevent warming beyond 1.5°C, we need to take immediate action to reduce emissions by 7.6% every year until 2030. With this in mind, how can we - brands and manufacturers who generate the most GHG emission in the sector - work together to achieve this in the next 10 years using the Higg Index as the standard measurement tool?

In this session, we will be hearing from stakeholders supporting the UNFCCC Paris Agreement on their greenhouse gas reduction commitments, and how they have been using the Higg Index to measure their impact.

## **Session 2:**

### Learn how the industry has improved energy efficiency and understand how using the Higg FEM data demonstrates these results

We will share the latest data insights on the Energy and GHG sections of the Higg FEM to understand how facilities are pursuing energy efficiency and renewable energy initiatives. Additionally, we will provide some additional ideas and solutions on energy efficiency from SAC's ecosystem partner, Apparel Impact Institute.

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## **Session 3:**

Learn how the industry has been investing in solutions to build sustainable chemical management systems

Sustainable chemical management has been an important industry topic, as it is key to having a greener manufacturing environment. Less pollution will be generated when we consider using non-hazardous and greener raw materials and substances during manufacturing. ZDHC's Supply to Zero Program provides a pathway for facilities to attain sustainable chemical management and in this session, we will learn how the program can work in collaboration with the Higg FEM by showcasing successful business cases that demonstrate how the industry can accelerate the adoption of better sustainable chemical management.

## **Session 4:**

Demonstrate the value of Higg FSLM v1.4 and the evolution of the tool to align with global social and labor initiatives

This session will be co-hosted with SLCP to share a roadmap of SLCP's converged assessment framework development, and how the program connects to important global social and labor initiatives such as Human Rights Due Diligence (HRDD). We will share how SCLP is partnering with Better Work and other industry standards like Fair Wear Foundation, demonstrating SCLP's goal of reducing audit fatigue while providing additional resources to facilities to help them build their capacity in ensuring improved worker well-being and safety.

In this session, SAC will share its vision of developing an industry scoring standard with the Higg FLSM, which will help members achieve one of the goals listed in the SAC strategic plan: enable and support workers' rights, safety and livelihoods by 2025.

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## Session 5:




Demonstrate the efficiency of adopting Higg FSLM/ SLCP vs. using own proprietary tool

This session will focus on the current adoption status of the Higg FSLM, and will feature business cases from SAC members (brands and manufacturers) on how they have supported the adoption of the Higg FSLM/ SLCP to reduce audit fatigue and to allocate resources to drive positive impact towards workers well-being in their supply chains.

## LEVERAGE THE VALUE OF A VIRTUAL EVENT

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Get the most out of the Facility Tools Summit by connecting with worldwide leaders and exploring sustainability solutions.

-  **Gain** advice from worldwide industry experts
-  **Connect** with international industry stakeholders you are most interested in learning from
-  **Access** session recordings
-  **Explore** innovative sustainability solutions showcased by exhibitors at the Summit Marketplace

Local **Hong Kong** participants can register to join **live** summit watch party on Jun 23. Due to safety protocols, seats are limited. Food and drinks will not be served.



## TICKETING

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Enjoy **general** tickets until June 11.

Last minute ticket sales applies afterwards

Click [here](#) for more SAC and non-SAC member ticketing information.

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