

# Ethical Issues

## Production

# Catholic Social Teaching

A Primer and Prerequisite for the Study of Ethics

## **Human Dignity**

The dignity of the human person is the basis of a moral vision for society and the foundation of Catholic social doctrine. In *Caritas in Veritate*, Pope Benedict XVI writes, "The Church forcefully maintains this link between life ethics and social ethics, fully aware that 'a society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalized.' "

## **Solidarity**

Solidarity, which arises from faith, is essential to the Christian view of social and political organization. Each person is connected to and dependent on all humanity, collectively and individually. Pope John Paul II wrote in *Sollicitudo Rei Socialis*, "[Solidarity] is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all."



## **Subsidiarity**

Subsidiarity is a manifestation of human freedom and is the principle by which authority figures acknowledge the rights of all members in society. The principle of subsidiarity states that larger institutions and government should not interfere with the legitimate decision-making of smaller or lower-level organizations.

## **Common Good**

The common good is "the sum total of social conditions which allow people, either as groups or as individuals, to reach their fulfillment more fully and more easily." (Second Vatican Council, *Guadium et Spes*, 26.) The common good should be the primary goal of society (*Compendium of the Social Doctrine of the Church*, 165).

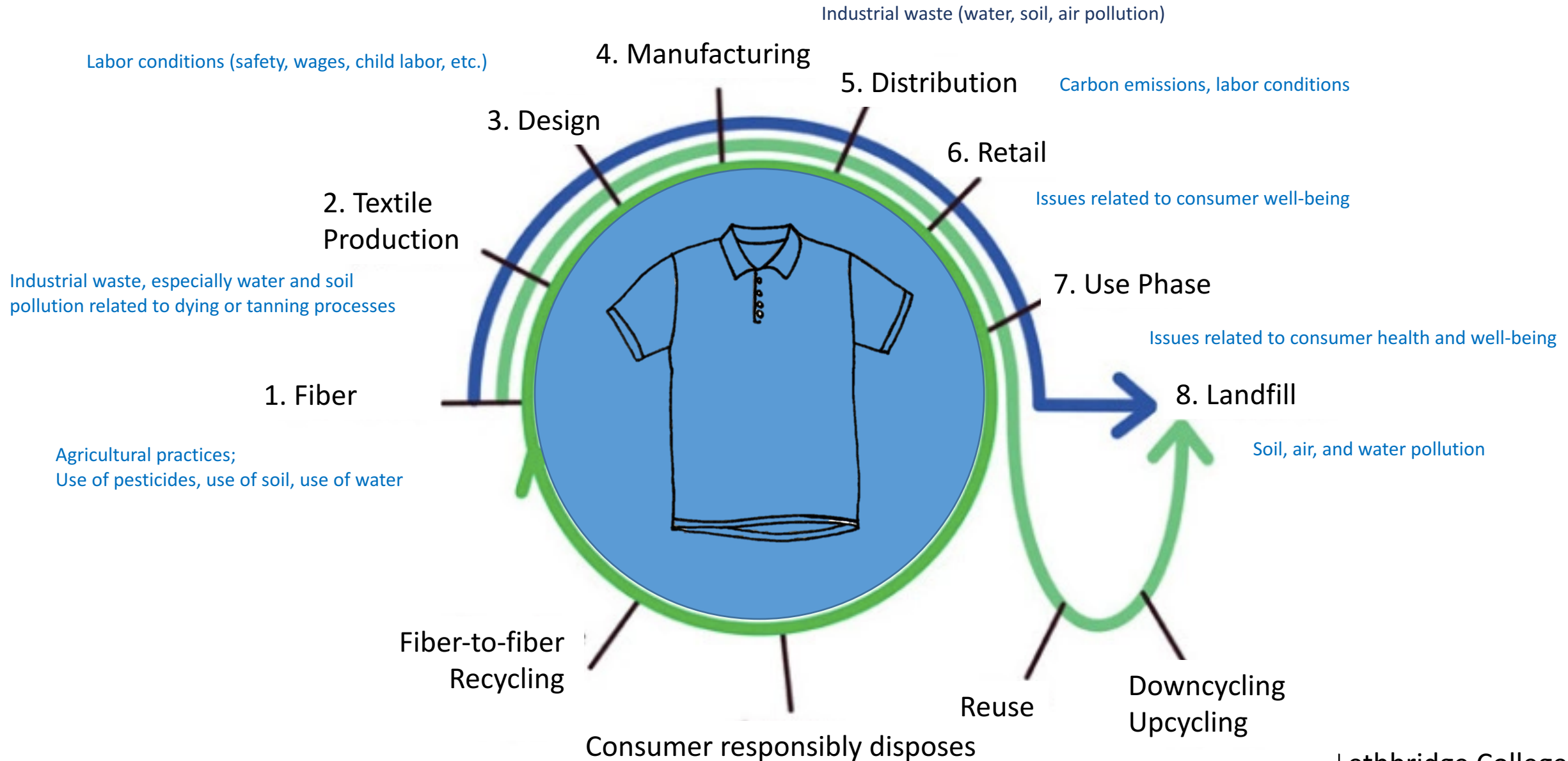
### 3 Ethical Considerations for Fashion:

1. How is fashion produced/manufactured/sold?
2. How is fashion consumed?
3. How is fashion disposed?

## **Manufacturer/ Distributor Side:**

- Acquisition of raw materials (one of the oldest in industrialized garment production)
- Issues related to labor
- Issues related to the environment (Sustainability)
- Animal testing (and use of fur or exploitation of endangered animals)
- Consumer privacy protection
- Ethical advertising
- Social issues
- Causes and charitable giving

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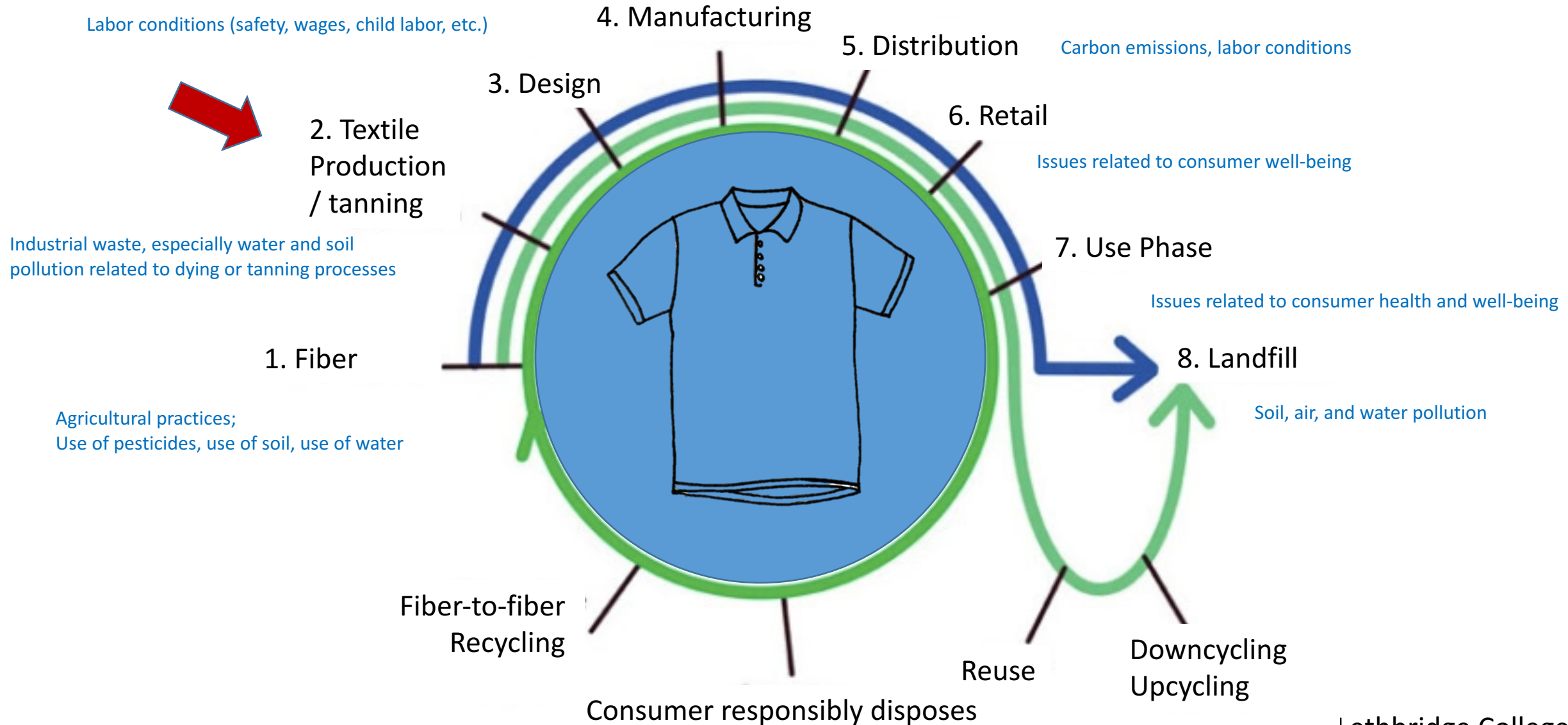


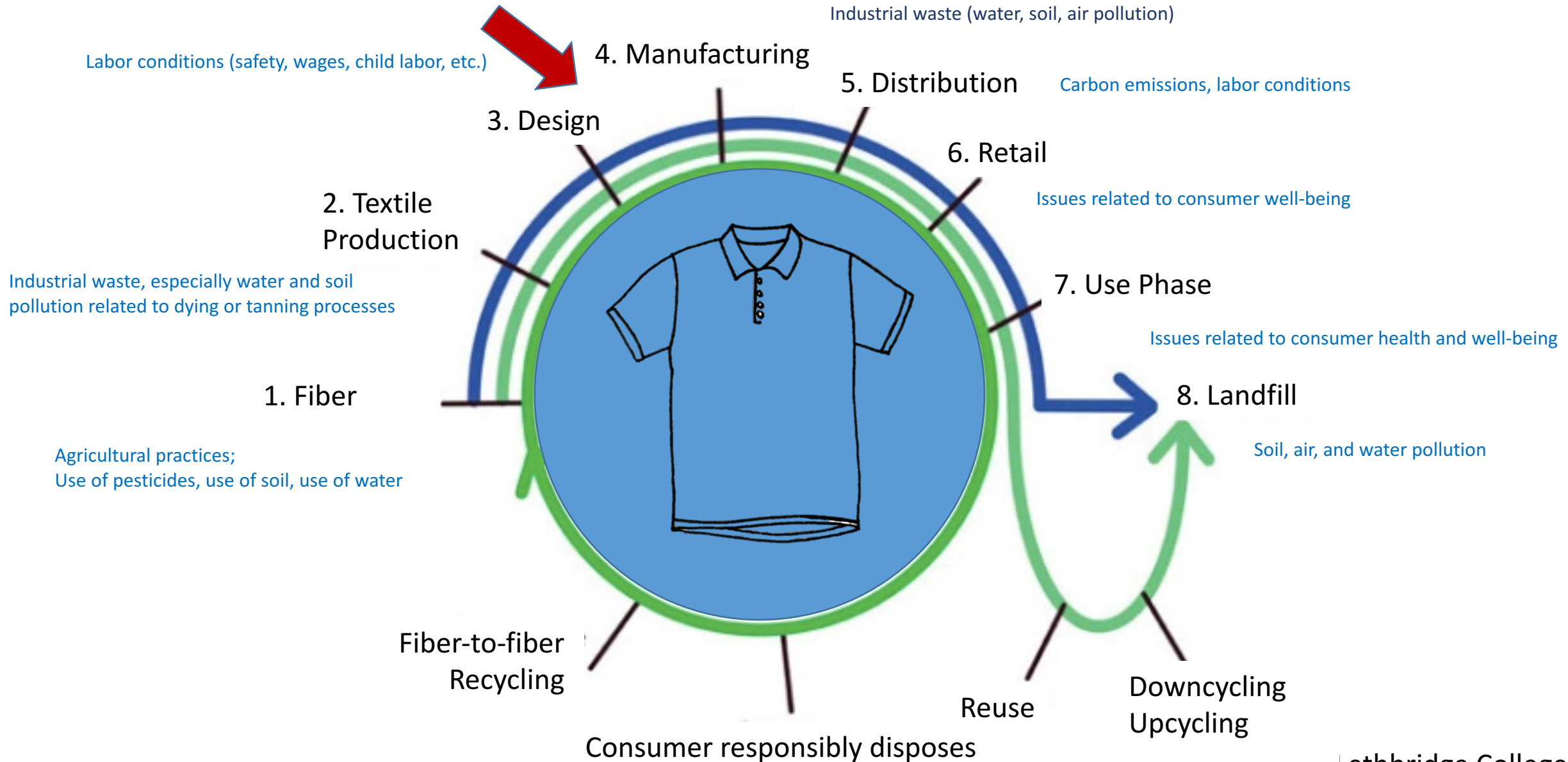




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The bodies of unclaimed victims are readied for burial after a fire at Tazreen Limited Fashions, Dhaka, Bangladesh, Nov. 24, 2012. At least 117 people were killed and hundreds injured in the fire.







BRANDS AND RETAILERS LINKED  
TO RANA PLAZA FACTORIES INCLUDE:

ADLER MODEMÄRKTE	JCPENNEY
ASCENA RETAIL	KIDS FOR FASHION
ASDA	KIK
AUCHAN	LOBLAW
BENETTON	LPP S.A.
BONMARCHE	MANGO
C&A	MANIFATTURA CORONA
CAMAIEU	MASCOT
CARREFOUR	MATALAN
CATO FASHIONS	NKD
CHILDREN'S PLACE	PREMIER CLOTHING
EL CORTE INGLES	PRIMARK
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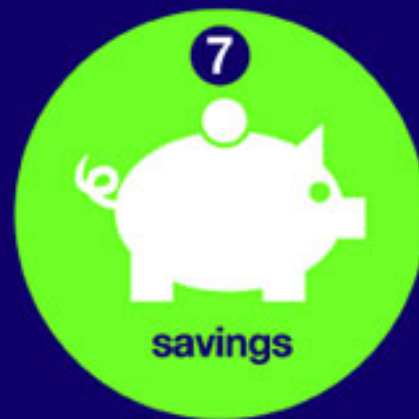
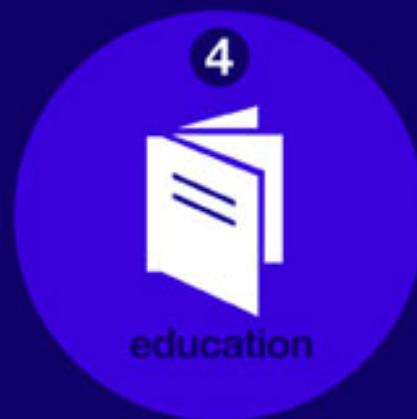
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# PAY GARMENT WORKERS A LIVING WAGE



A worker should  
be able to afford:

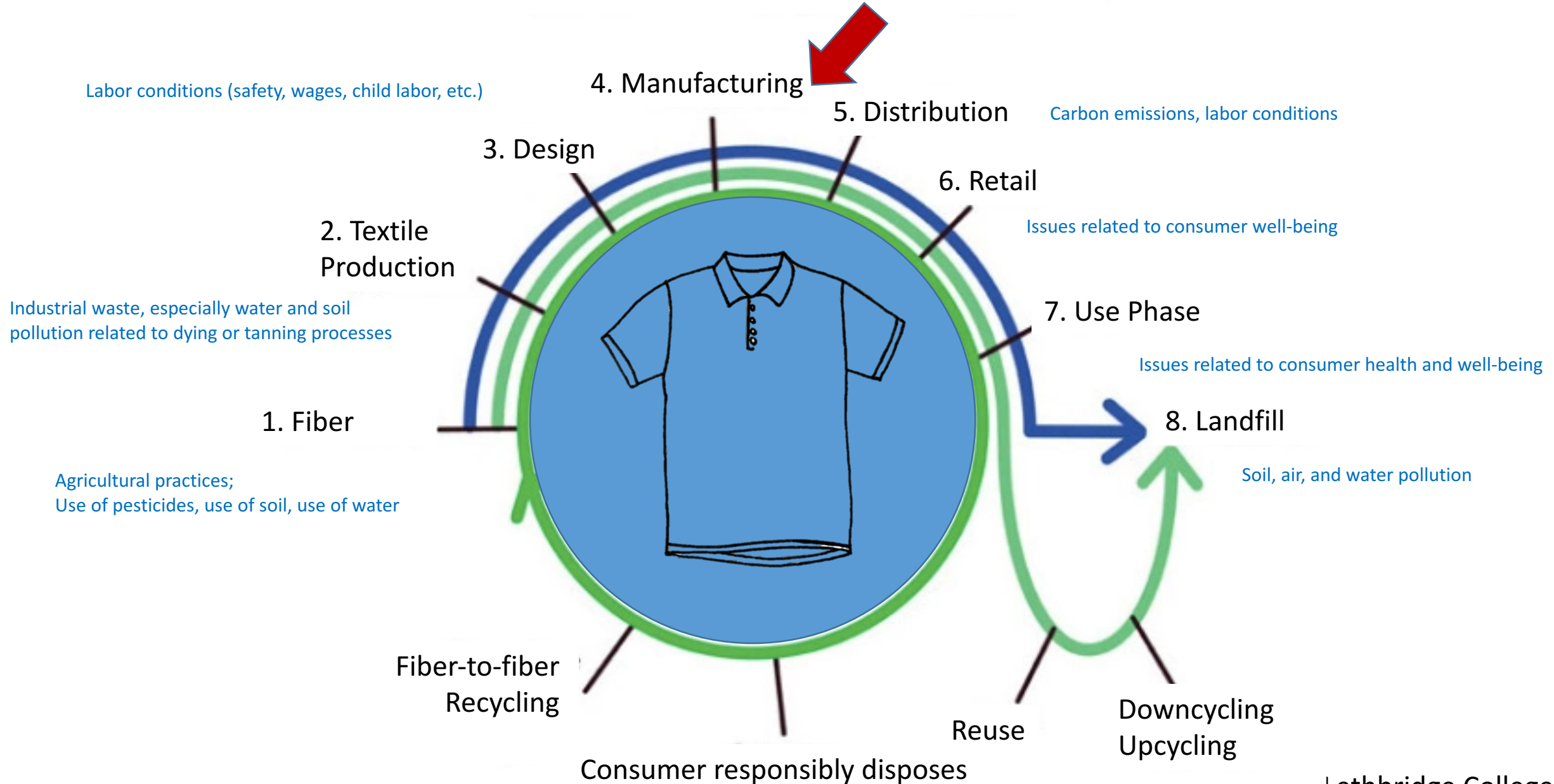


A living wage  
is a human  
right, for all  
people, all  
over the world



**Broader Context**

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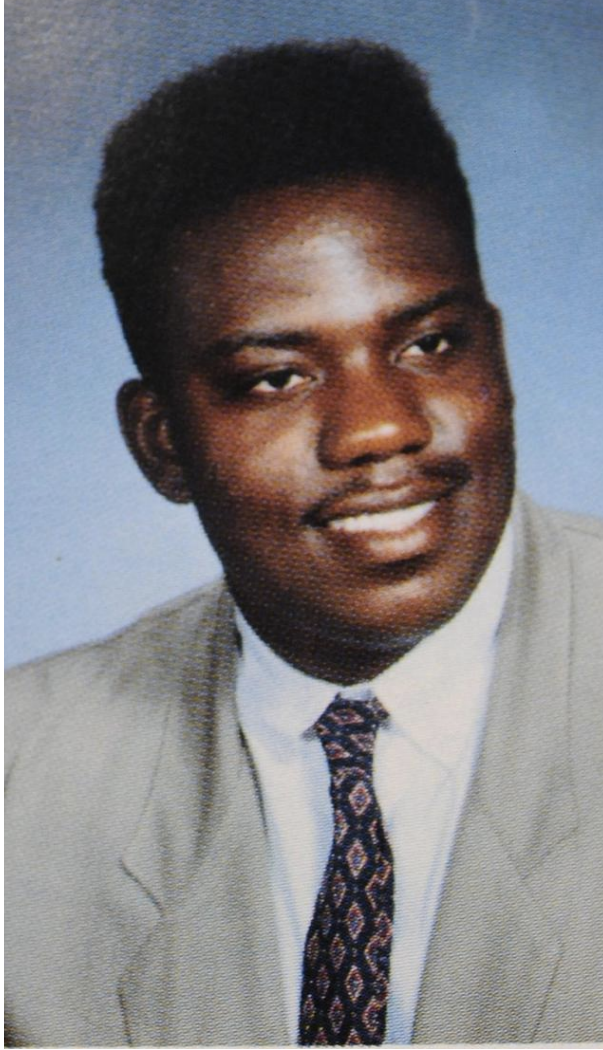


All the toxic wastewater eventually makes its way into the Buriganga River, which is considered to be Dhaka's lifeline.



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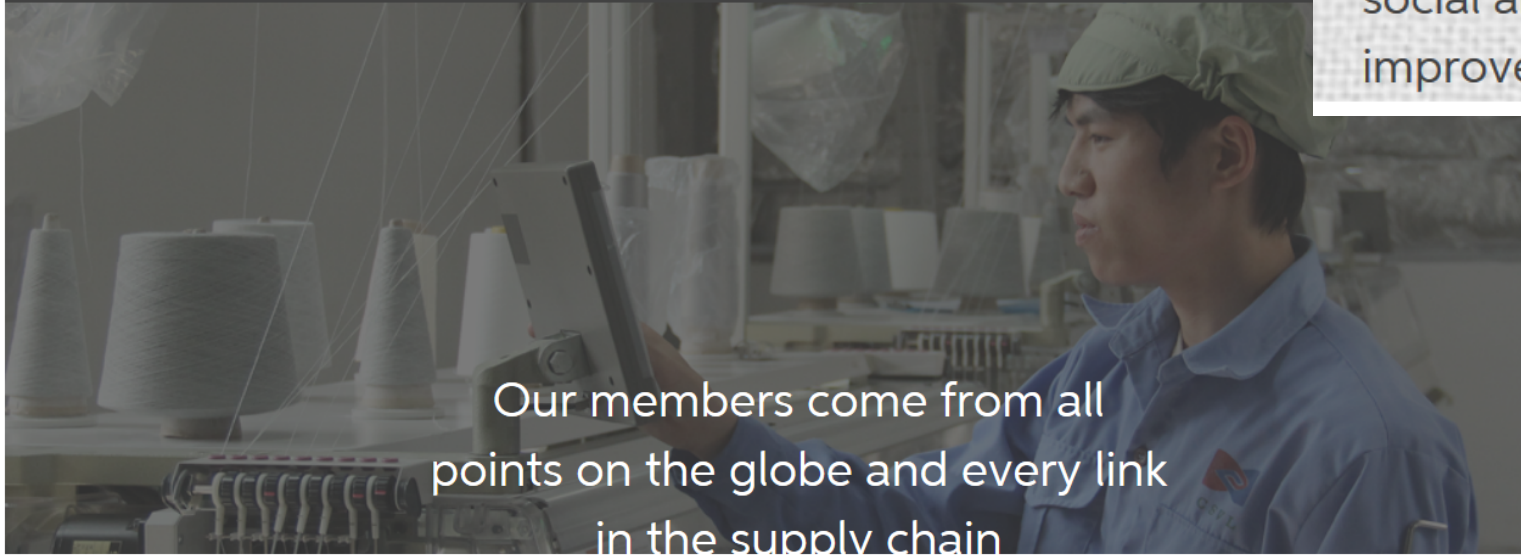
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# The Efforts



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Our members come from all points on the globe and every link in the supply chain

## The Higg Index

The Higg Index is the core driver of the SAC. This groundbreaking suite of self-assessment tools empowers brands, retailers and facilities of all sizes, at every stage in their sustainability journey, to measure their environmental and social and labor impacts and identify areas for improvement. Higg delivers a holistic overview

Scores Updated Automatically as Questions Answered

Reset Brand Footwear Module  
(Must have macros enabled)

Assigned To: **Scoring Summary**

Raw Scores

	Actual	Possible	Weight	Points
<b>GENERAL</b>	0	/ 100	15.0%	0
<a href="#">GEN-B-1 Internal Sustainability Performance and Accountability</a>	0	/ 28		
<a href="#">GEN-B-2 Supplier Tracking and Risk Assessment</a>	0	/ 32		
<a href="#">GEN-B-3 Product Life Cycle Assessment (LCA)</a>	0	/ 10		
<a href="#">GEN-B-4 Chemicals Management System</a>	0	/ 15		
<a href="#">GEN-B-5 Public Reporting and Verification</a>	0	/ 15		
<b>MATERIALS</b>	0	/ 100	25.0%	0
<a href="#">MAT-B-1 Materials Program</a>	0	/ 35		
<a href="#">MAT-B-2 Chemical Responsibility &gt; Restricted Substance List (RSL) Content &amp; Transparency</a>	0	/ 10		
<a href="#">MAT-B-3 Chemical Responsibility: Restricted Substance List (RSL) Verification/Certification</a>	0	/ 15		
<a href="#">MAT-B-4 Chemical Impact Reduction Management (i.e., "Sustainable Chemistry Program")</a>	0	/ 25		
<a href="#">MAT-B-5 Materials Selection and Approval Procedures</a>	0	/ 15		
<b>PACKAGING</b>	0	/ 100	7.5%	0
<a href="#">PKG-B-1 Packaging Program</a>	0	/ 80		
<a href="#">PKG-B-2 Packaging Program - LCA</a>	0	/ 20		

Consumer goods' brands that demonstrate commitment to sustainability outperform those that don't.

<http://www.nielsen.com/us/en/press-room/2015/consumer-goods-brands-that-demonstrate-commitment-to-sustainability-outperform.html>

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# THE GREEN CARPET CHALLENGE



# Other Efforts

<https://www.businessoffashion.com/articles/opinion/op-ed-fashion-mileage-per-piece>

<http://www.ecouterre.com/nike-now-makes-most-of-its-products-from-recycled-waste/>