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Driving Positive Impacts in the Apparel and Textile Sector through Transparency and Net Zero

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About the Business Roundtable Discussion

Solidaridad, regenagri, CITI (The Confederation of Indian Textile Industry) & Centre for Responsible Business (CRB) hosted the **Alliance of Cotton and textile Stakeholders on Regenerative Agriculture (ACRE) Business Roundtable on 'Driving Positive Impacts in the Apparel and Textile Sector through Transparency and Net Zero'** on **October 17, 2023**, in Bengaluru.



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Discussion Highlights

The ACRE Business Roundtable, held in Bengaluru, united industry leaders and organizations to explore the transformative potential of regenerative agriculture and sustainability in cotton production. Here are some key highlights from the event



Chandrima Chatterjee, General Secretary of CITI, emphasized industry collaboration in balancing growth with environmental goals.



Shatadru Chattopadhyay, Managing Director of Solidaridad Asia, expressed Solidaridad's excitement in being part of ACRE, a groundbreaking initiative promoting regenerative cotton farming and certifying cotton through Regenagri.



Rijit Sengupta, CEO of CRB, highlighted the importance of transitioning to sustainable and inclusive value chains in the textile industry.



Prashant Pastore, General Manager at Solidaridad Asia, stressed ACRE's commitment to rewarding smallholder farmers for ecosystem services and enabling them to benefit from carbon credit markets.



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Attendees

The event welcomed a diverse group of attendees, including representatives from Gokuldas Exports, NIKE, Texport Industries, H&M, Sahi Exports, Arvind, Welspun, Indian Design, and Sulochona Mills, among others.

Key Takeaways

The Key takeaways from ACRE Business Roundtable are:

- **Industry Commitment to Sustainability:** Industry leaders and organizations showcased their dedication to sustainability and regenerative agriculture practices in the textile sector.
- **Ecosystem Services for Smallholder Farmers:** ACRE's approach focuses on recognizing and rewarding smallholder farmers for their contributions to sustainability, aligning incentives with environmental benefits.
- **Collaboration for Positive Impact:** The event emphasized the need for collaborative efforts across all tiers of the apparel and textile value chain to drive regenerative agriculture practices.
- **Consumer-Driven Sustainability:** Changing consumer sentiment and demand trends highlight the importance of aligning products with sustainable practices.
- **Transformative Potential of Regenerative Agriculture:** The ACRE platform, through Regenagri certification and traceability mechanisms, aims to bring transformative change to cotton production and promote sustainable value chains.

