

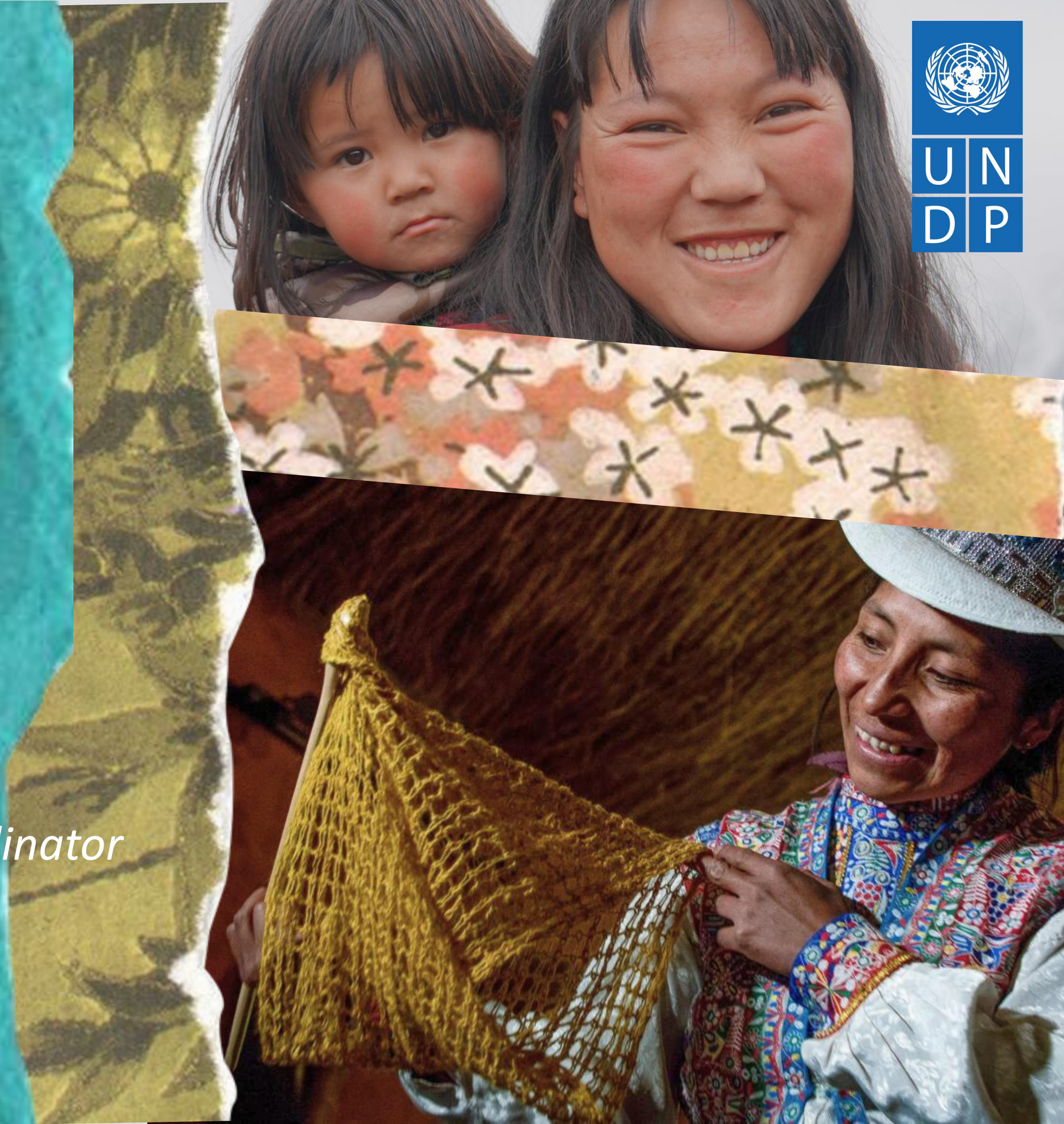


Sustainable Fashion and Textiles

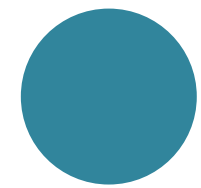
2026 Youth4Climate Call for Solutions

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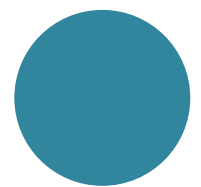
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Setting the scene



Given the size and impact of the industry, greater sustainability, circularity and inclusivity can help tackle the triple planetary crisis and result in alternative consumption and production pathways - disrupting the status quo - and have multiple SDG benefits.



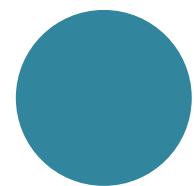
Growing consumer demand for sustainability, evolving regulations and increased ESG standards will force changes in the industry.



Not all countries will be able to immediately adapt



Interventions along the value chain must consider all potential impacts – both positive *and* negative

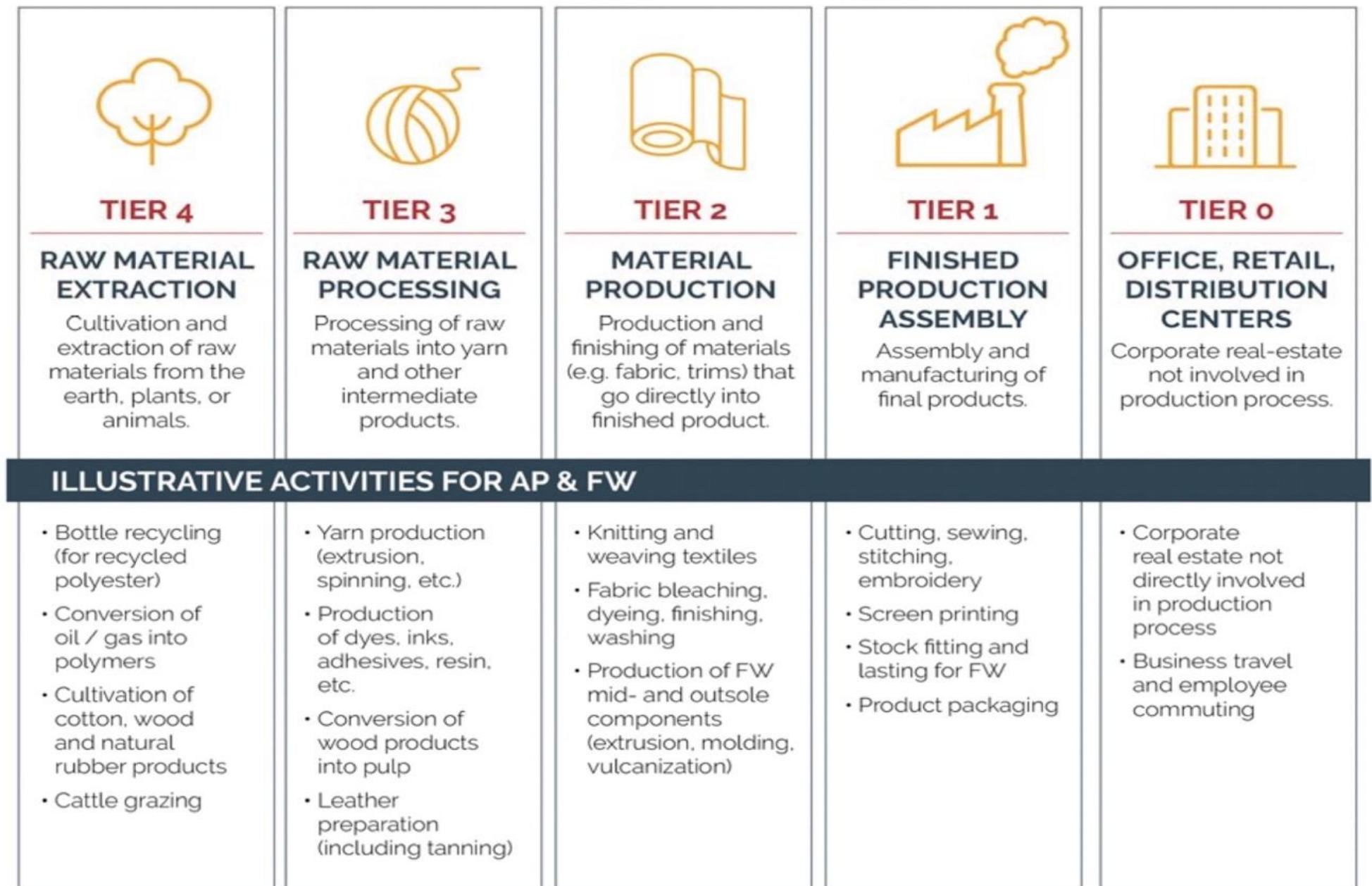


Interventions must consider complex challenges from various angles



Consideration of Impacts Along and Beyond the Value Chain

Fashion and Textiles Value Chain



Source: Figure from *Apparel and Footwear Sector Science-based Targets Guidance* (WRI, 2018)

How is UNDP supporting this transition?



- Policy support to integrate circularity, sustainability and just transition into sectoral planning related to the industry
- Technical support to government partners in identifying opportunities for circularity, innovation and/or digital solutions, including through UNDP Accelerator Labs
- Interventions in sustainable sourcing (e.g. land/water management); interventions in sustainable production (e.g. elimination of harmful chemicals); and support with value chain analysis
- Support on access to finance/innovative finance for sustainability investments (e.g. for MSME retrofits to manufacturing or sustainability investments)
- Support to sustainable livelihoods including traditional crafts and Indigenous practices





UNDP- supported projects

Country	Intervention areas	Project title
Indonesia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Natural dyes • Support to Indigenous communities • Sustainable forest management 	Strengthening Forest Area Planning and Management in Kalimantan
Mongolia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sustainable sourcing (cashmere), incl. verification • Climate informed natural resource and livestock planning • Sustainable land management • Support to herder communities 	Improving Adaptive Capacity and Risk Management of Rural Communities in Mongolia
Paraguay	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills development (sustainable design, in partnership with local institute) • Gender 	Upcycling Sustainable Fashion



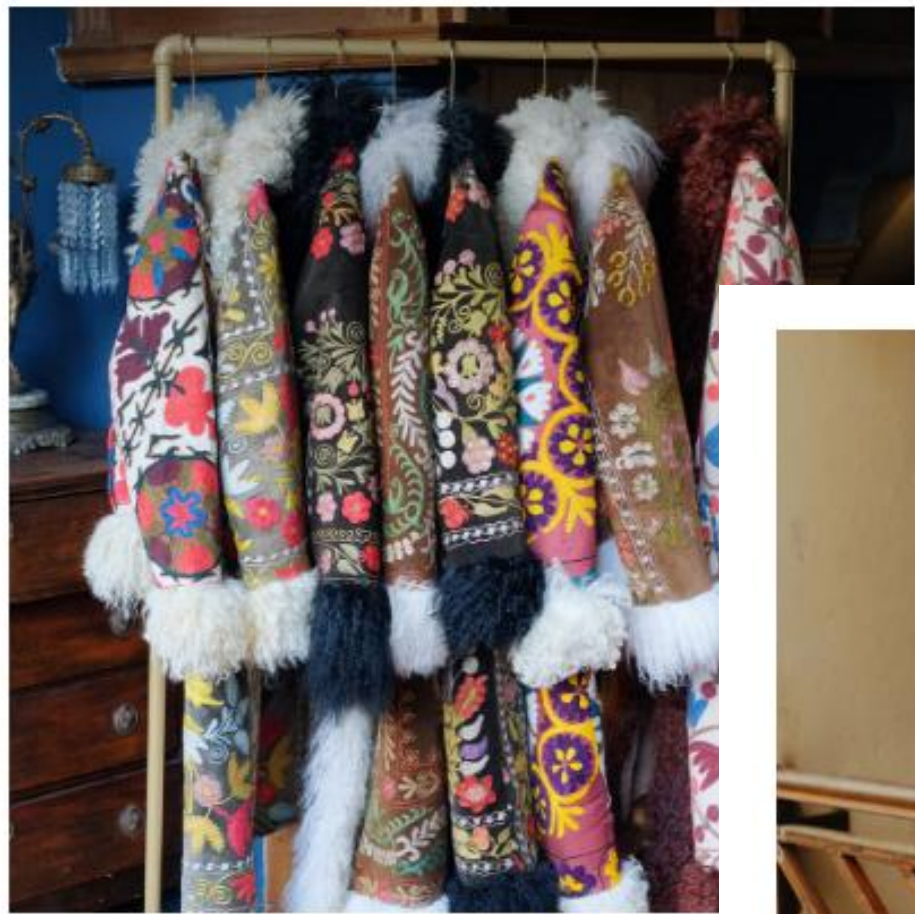
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Timor-Leste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traditional livelihoods (weaving)/cultural heritage • Support to social business • Gender 	Special Administrative Region (SAR) and the Special Zones for Social Market Economy
Viet Nam	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elimination of harmful chemicals in industrial sectors (incl. textiles) 	Application of Green Chemistry in Viet Nam to Support Green Growth and Reduction in the Use and Release of POPs Harmful Chemicals
Global	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tackling microfibers at source (textile manufacturing) 	Ocean Innovation Challenge



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