

AS A COLLECTIVE, WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO DISCUSS THE FOLLOWING ISSUES

1. As we've seen from the first United Nations Earth Summit in 1992, two years before I was born, an urgency for demanding responsible water consumption, controlled chemical usage, sustainable raw materials, and the fight against climate change have been at the forefront of conversations about our future. We cannot continue business as usual, but the reality is that we've seen so few changes; production continues to increase, raw materials become more scarce, and our waters are increasingly more polluted. Why, year after year, have there only been incremental shifts towards a positive and regenerative future? What investments in innovation and creativity are you implementing to finally accelerate change?
2. On the cusp of the fourth industrial revolution where AI is on the verge of out-performing humans, where robots are expected to make up 25% of all manufacturing by 2020, and where in some countries up to 90% of workers may lose their jobs. How do you plan to maintain the human element of craft so that speed and automation is not getting out of control? How do you plan to prevent the gap of the richer getting richer and the poorer getting poorer?
3. 80% of the fashion industry is functioning in the developing part of the world. We sit here today in this secure environment discussing the challenges in the value chain, around working conditions and fair wages; far removed from reality. My question here is- how do we take into account these voices from across the world, beyond hierarchy and management barriers? How do we ensure the inclusion and therefore integration of the global participants of the value chain to formulate a truly global agenda?
4. As companies who are seemingly trying to empower women and increase representation and diversity in media campaigns, what are you actually doing to disrupt an industry that is actively causing violence against women, particularly those from certain racial, ethnic, or socio-economic groups, to move past tokenization to true systemic change.
5. The Environmental Protection Agency reports that 15.1 million tons of textile waste was generated in 2013, of which 12.8 million tons were discarded. In 2018, we still see a continuation of the unsustainable acceleration of consumption and waste, with no end in sight. Each company in this room is directly responsible for the waste created, and each company must be held responsible for solutions. The current fast fashion model is antiquated when we look at creating a more sustainable future. Your company needs to disrupt the endless cycle of overproduction, overconsumption, and ultimately minimize the waste that is created. As strong influencers for a responsible, waste conscious future, we need you commit to innovating a future business model in which overconsumption, overproduction and waste is addressed. We cannot wait any longer to enact tangible change, which one of you will take this risk, and what will your commitment be?
6. In the CEO agenda, it is explicitly stated that brands must pay a minimum wage to their suppliers. However, according to the International Labor Organization, there is a clear discrepancy between a minimum wage and a living wage. Why is it that, In spite of this discrepancy, the ceo agenda is not promoting the living wage over the minimum wage? Furthermore, factory workers are absent as stakeholders in the fair wage dialogue in the CEO agenda. How are you ensuring that their voices are heard and their needs are met?

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