

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE – Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef

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Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB) and the Responsible Leather Round Table (RLRT) collaborate to Discuss Sustainability at the 2018 Global Conference on Sustainable Beef

Aligning efforts of the leather and beef industries allows each to seek understanding to overcome the challenges present and work together on issues common to both supply chains. Attendees can learn about the issues and opportunities that exist in the sustainable beef industry including social and environmental impacts.

OVERIJSEL NETHERLANDS, (October 3, 2018) – For the first time ever, the Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB) and Textile Exchange’s [Responsible Leather Round Table \(RLRT\)](#) are collaborating to present on the issues surrounding farming, food, and fashion. The Global Conference on Sustainable Beef, Oct. 9-12, 2018 at the Lyrath Estate in Kilkenny, Ireland is co-hosted by GRSB, the European Roundtable for Beef Sustainability (ERBS) and Bord Bia. The [Global Forum on Responsible Leather](#), hosted by RLRT, will follow the conference on Friday 12th. The Forum will cover sustainability topics including deforestation, animal welfare, and efficiency with sessions bringing together brands such as IKEA, Clarks, and Volvo to discuss sustainability and opportunities for collaboration.

The 2018 Global Conference on Sustainable Beef is the premier setting for GRSB and RLRT to engage with each other, offering exclusive educational opportunities for attendees to learn about the latest best practices on sustainable beef production and manufacturing from industry experts across the globe.

“GRSB is pleased the Responsible Leather Round Table will be engaging with us at the Global Conference on Sustainable Beef. The collaboration between the RLRT and GRSB will allow attendees to benefit from expert insight into the beef and leather industries, as we share many common goals. We’re looking forward to learning more about the opportunities currently present,” says Nicole Johnson Hoffman, President of GRSB. “This is a value-add to those who are attending the Global Conference on Sustainable Beef.”

Connecting two large industries which share an overlapping supply chain, creates transparency and trust, allowing all stakeholders to seek understanding and explore the possible solutions to the challenges faced by each.

“We have always had deep respect for the work of the GRSB and see this as a great opportunity to leverage and add value through collaboration at the Global Conference on Sustainable Beef. The RLRT aims to develop a solution for the leather supply chain that makes sense for the cattle and meat-packing industries, and ultimately supports the efforts of the GRSB members,” states Anne Gillespie, Director of Industry Integrity and Standards at Textile Exchange, organizers of the Responsible Leather Round Table.

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The 2018 Global Conference on Sustainable Beef will take place October 9-12, 2018 at the Lyrath Estate in Kilkenny, Ireland. The Global Forum on Responsible Leather will take place October 12 from 7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Interested attendees have the option of adding the Global Forum on Responsible Leather Friday sessions to their full conference registration.

Registration details and a full conference agenda can be found at <https://grsbeef.org/2018-Global-Conference>.

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The Global Roundtable for Sustainable Beef (GRSB) is a global, multi-stakeholder initiative developed to advance continuous improvement in sustainability of the global beef value chain through leadership, science and multi-stakeholder engagement and collaboration. The GRSB envisions a world in which all aspects of the beef value chain are environmentally sound, socially responsible and economically viable.

The Responsible Leather Round Table (RLRT) is an initiative began by Textile Exchange focusing on leather, addressing the impacts of the full leather value chain, aiming to connect stakeholders and interested parties across the industry to develop a common framework. The RLRT envisions a world in which all aspects of the leather value chain are environmentally and socially responsible, economically viable, and promote animal welfare.

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