

**Digital transformation based on ICT innovations for the  
development of the digital economy**

# **Approaches of the UN System to support digital transformation**

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# Drivers for Traceability and Transparency

Enhancing Traceability and Transparency of Sustainable Value Chains in the Garment and Footwear Industry

## 1. Drivers

Social  
forces

Market  
forces

Regulatory  
forces

Technological  
forces

## 2. Actors/ Enablers

1

### Civil Society

- Plays an increasing role in demanding greater scrutiny of private sector actors and in driving demand for more sustainable products

2

### Consumers

- Ready to pay a premium for products with greater transparency
- Will boycott / punish products and investors with opaque credentials

3

### Industry

- Aware of reputational risk
- Strive to be ahead of regulation to reduce compliance risk
- Sees opportunity in demand growth for sustainable products

4

### Investors

- Increasingly shifting their portfolios towards ESG investments
- Wary of exposure to planetary boundaries and stranded assets

5

### Law makers

- Responding to civil society demand for greater transparency and traceability

6

### Technology

- New digital and physical technological innovation reduce barriers and costs

## 3. UNECE toolbox



Policy Model



Business & Data Model



Technology Model

# Blockchain Pilots

Harnessing the potential of blockchain technology for sustainability and due diligence in cotton value chains

## Cotton Pilot

Cooperatives/farms/traders	2
Manufacturers/suppliers	21
Brands/Retailers	4
Standard-setting bodies	2
Academia-think tanks/Plat.	4
DNA marker provider	1
IOs	3

## UNECE Pilot Leadership



> 60 Pilot partners  
End-to-end VC traceability



18 Countries in  
Africa, Asia, Europe,  
North and South America

## UNECE Traceability & Transparency Blockchain pilot



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## Leather Pilot

Raw Material prov./traders	4
Manufacturers/suppliers	4
Brands /Retailers	5
Certification bodies	2
Industry associations	4
Ceramic marker provider	1
NGOs	1
IOs	1
R&D and testing centre	1

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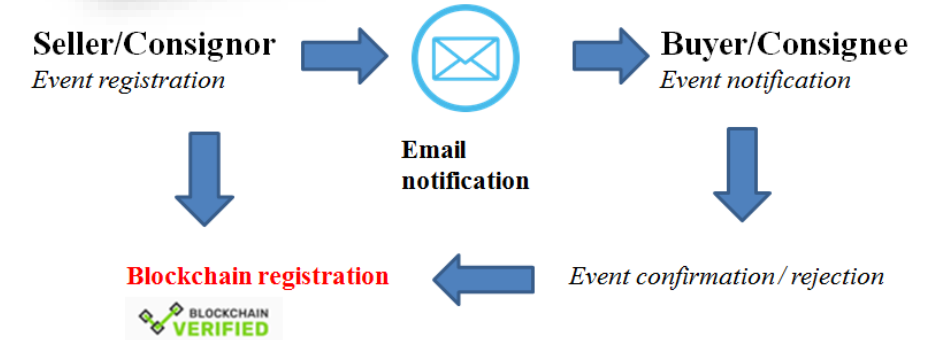
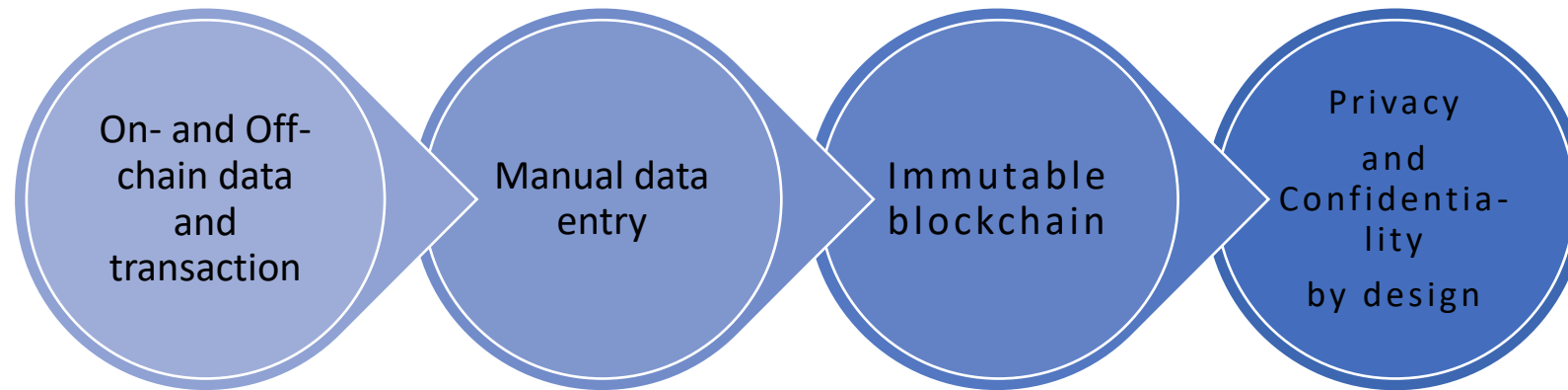
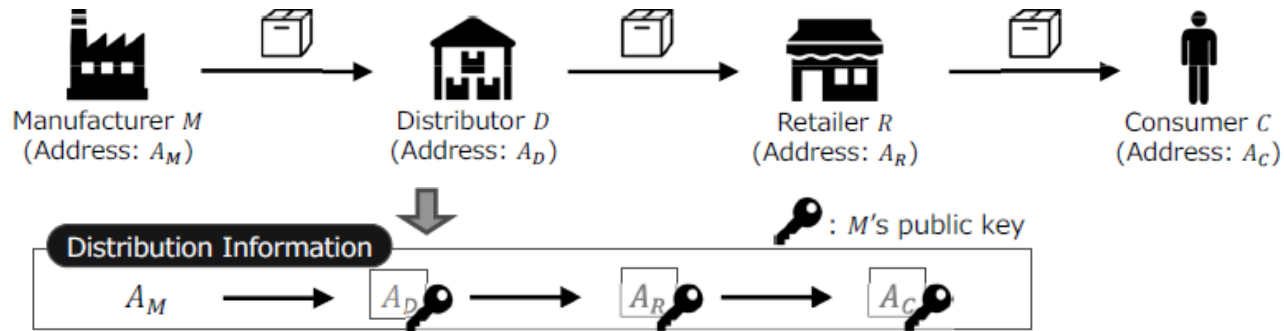


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# Blockchain features & functionalities



# SELECTION OF PRODUCTS AND CLAIMS TO BE TESTED



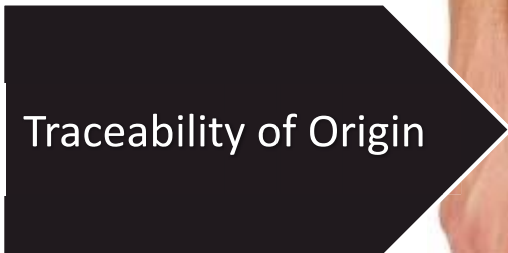
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## CLAIMS



# The flow of data – Recycled Denim

## Value Chain

Recycled denim



Information identified but not disclosed

Information identified and disclosed

Out of scope

Companies

Karakas + Berto Srl

Marchi e Fildi SPA

Berto Srl

Berto Srl

Berto Srl

Denim Service Srl

Denim Service Srl

Vivienne Westwood Srl

Traceability evidences

Commercial Invoice

Commercial Invoice

Shipping Note

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Transparency evidences

1. TE GRS 3 certificate  
2. Laboratory test report  
3. OEKO Tex 100 certificate

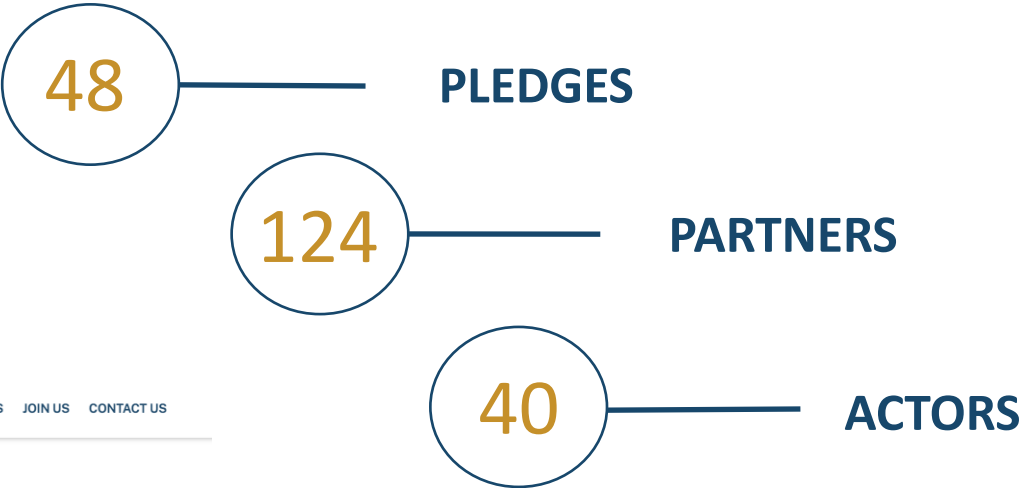
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# Pledges, Actors & Partners





THE  
SUSTAINABILITY  
PLEDGE

TRACK IT, TRACE IT, WEAR IT!

# Towards an enabling environment



- Allows tracking of products back to **raw material** extraction and processing
- Enables manufacturers to create **product digital and physical twins**



- Benefit **market** surveillance and **customs** authorities
- Make reliable information available to **policy makers**
- Link **incentives** to sustainability performance



- Allow **citizens** to have access to relevant and verified product information
- Enables services related to circular business models

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