

Sustainable Leather Forum 2025 in Paris

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The leather industry's annual Sustainable Leather Forum (SLF) is set to take place on 8 September at the Maison de la Chimie in Paris. Organized by Alliance France Cuir, this seventh edition will focus on water as its central theme, guiding the day's discussions and conferences.

A Global Gathering for Sustainable Practices

The SLF has become a pivotal event for professionals across the leather, fashion, luxury, and design industries. It serves as a platform to address pressing issues related to sustainability, corporate social responsibility (CSR), and environmental impact within the leather sector. This year, the forum anticipates participation from over 400 international delegates, including industry leaders, policymakers, and sustainability experts.

Water: The Central Theme

Water scarcity is one of the most significant challenges facing the leather industry today. The SLF 2025 aims to address this issue by focusing on sustainable water management practices throughout the leather production process. Discussions will cover topics such as efficient water usage in tanning processes, water recycling technologies, and strategies for reducing water consumption in leather manufacturing.

Expert Speakers and Diverse Topics

The forum will feature a diverse lineup of speakers from various organizations and institutions. Confirmed participants include representatives from the Centre d'études de la mer, WWF, the International Council of Tanners, tannery solutions company Qualus, and Tanneries Haas. These experts will share insights on water management and conservation issues within the leather industry.

In addition to water-related topics, the SLF will explore several other key areas of sustainable leather production. Discussions will include:

- **Crocodile Farming:** Sustainable practices in the breeding and farming of crocodiles for leather production.
- **Recycling Unsold Products:** Strategies for recycling and repurposing unsold leather goods to minimize waste.
- **Eco-Design in Footwear and Leather Goods:** Incorporating sustainable design principles in the creation of leather products.
- **Social and Environmental Responsibility in the Sneaker Sector:** Addressing CSR issues within the sneaker industry, focusing on labor practices and environmental impact.

- **Traceability in the Leather Industry:** Implementing systems to trace the origin and journey of leather products to ensure ethical sourcing.
- **Impact of Agricultural Changes on Leather Production:** Understanding how shifts in agriculture affect the availability and quality of raw materials for leather production.

These discussions aim to foster a holistic understanding of sustainability challenges and solutions within the leather industry.

Notable Contributors

The forum will also feature contributions from several organizations dedicated to promoting sustainability and innovation in the leather sector. Notable contributors include:

- **International Crocodile Breeders Association:** Advocating for sustainable practices in crocodile farming.
- **Atelier des Matières:** Specializing in sustainable textile solutions.
- **Textile Exchange:** A global nonprofit organization promoting the use of sustainable fibers.
- **Les Cuirs de l'Ouest:** A French tannery focusing on eco-friendly production methods.
- **Refashion:** An organization dedicated to promoting circular fashion practices.
- **Veja:** A footwear brand known for its commitment to sustainability and ethical production.

Other contributors include d'Authenticae, La Belle Empreinte, Carbonfact, Spin 360, Textile Genesis, Trustrace, and Planet-Score.

A Platform for Dialogue and Innovation

The SLF provides a unique opportunity for stakeholders across the leather value chain to collaborate, share knowledge, and develop actionable strategies for sustainable development. By bringing together diverse perspectives and expertise, the forum aims to accelerate the adoption of sustainable practices and drive positive change within the industry.

Looking Ahead

As the leather industry continues to face environmental and social challenges, events like the Sustainable Leather Forum play a crucial role in fostering collaboration and innovation. The 2025 edition in Paris promises to be a significant step forward in the industry's journey toward sustainability. By focusing on critical issues such as water conservation and ethical production, the forum aims to inspire lasting change and set new standards for responsible practices in the leather sector.

For more information and to register for the event, visit the official SLF Paris website. [Sustainable Leather Forum 2025](#)

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