



SCI's aspirational objectives for 2023

www.standard-convergence-initiative.org

What does SCI want to undertake (1)

- **Remember this is a (parallel) two step process**
- 1) Brands/retailers and standards must converge on how they collect and verify data
- 2) Brands/retailers and standards must converge on how they analyse/ score/ remediate (the actual standard part).
- With ITC, SCI will continue to periodically **assess** standard holders on their readiness to converge on audits and on standards

What does SCI want to undertake (2)

- **Structured series of talks with standard holders** based on the outcomes of the annual ITC report measuring the standard holders' readiness for convergence as measured against the SCI's 4 criteria. Backed up by objective data in these talks SCI wants to collect commitments from standard holders to do their part to reduce audit and standard fatigue.
- **Getting large brands and retailers to drop their proprietary standards** in favour of third party standards or commit to reduce audit and standard fatigue. Collaboration with the Sustainable Terms of Trade Initiative (STTI) is called for.

What does SCI want to undertake (3)

- **Disseminate among ITMF and IAF members the importance of participating in the already existing global solutions such as **SLCP**.** In some cases, manufacturers and their associations can contribute directly to a reduction of audit and standard fatigue by fostering those global organisations that actively pursue these goals.
- **Assessment and construction of spin off projects.** We expect that in the discussions with standard holders we will encounter ideas, suggestions and wishes of and for actions to reduce audit and standard fatigue that can only be taken collaboratively to be effective.