



**REPORT LAUNCH INVITATION: 'AN EVALUATION OF THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE SECOND-HAND CLOTHES TRADE IN GHANA'.**

**11AM GMT, TUESDAY 14 MAY 2024, AFRICAN REGENT HOTEL, ACCRA OR ONLINE**

You are invited to join us for the launch of our report 'An Evaluation of the Socio-Economic and Environmental Impact of the Second-Hand Clothes Trade in Ghana'.

For too long the debate about waste from the Second Hand Clothes (SHC) trade globally, and specifically in Africa, has been dominated by a tiny number of voices in the Global North. Flawed data has been used to build an inaccurate and harmful argument about the volume of waste resulting from the SHC trade in African countries, including Ghana. These claims are incorrect and patronising. They are based upon unhelpful cultural assumptions about Africans, our agency and our capabilities. Governments in the Global North have not rigorously interrogated the data they are presented with nor asked Africans for our input into this debate.

It is imperative that Africans are heard before regulatory action within the European Union and elsewhere risks devastating the SHC sector in Africa. This is a long-established sector that serves a diverse population, employs millions of people in green jobs, supports tens of millions of livelihoods and provides billions in tax income to African governments. The SHC sector is a key driver in the transition to the circular economy - a change that the world needs if it is to fight climate change.

The Ghana Used Clothing Dealers' Association has commissioned new, robust academic research which refutes the flawed data used by Global North activists, destroys the loaded arguments around dumping and waste colonialism, and shows how SHC is a boon to Ghana's economy and way of life.

We welcome you to attend the launch of our report on 14 May 2024. You can register to attend in-person or to join our livestream. Please email [events@usedclothinggh.org](mailto:events@usedclothinggh.org) with your full name, organisation and to inform us of your preference for attending in person or joining the livestream.

Kind regards,

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