SUSTAINABLE RETAIL SUMMIT 2018

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Executive Summary
Key Quotes

**Tiago PITTA E CUNHA**
CEO, Oceano Azul Foundation
The ocean, if we don’t listen, will stop talking.

**Peter FREEDMAN**
Managing Director, CGF
The word ‘Responsibility’ should be replaced by ‘Imperative’ in Corporate Social Responsibility.

**John ROSS**
CEO & President, IGA
The fears of our shopper are an opportunity to serve.

**Solitaire TOWNSEND**
Co-Founder, Futerra
Consumers are much more forgiving of honesty than of secrecy.

**Brent WILTON**
Director Global Workplace Rights, The Coca-Cola Company
If anyone thinks that forced labour does not exist in their business or supply chain, then they are either not looking at it or lying to themselves.

**Demir AYTAÇ**
Chief Human Resources Officer, Migros Ticaret A.S.
Good business is a responsible business with a good purpose.

**Jobst KOEHLER**
Senior Integration and Migrant Training Specialist, IOM
Businesses are gateways for integration and should strive to make workplaces more inclusive for migrants.

**Paul CREWE**
Executive Director and Chief Sustainability Officer, Anthesis Group
Plastic is not evil... It’s a great product that must be used at the right place, right time and right consistency.

**João Pedro MATOS FERNANDES**
Portuguese Minister of the Environment
The opportunity is now, both for business and the environment. A sustainable world requires sustainable production and consumption.
Isabelle GROSMAITRE  
Alimentation Catalyst, Danone  
Health & Wellness will create healthy businesses

Tom HEAP  
SRS Moderator, Freelance Broadcaster & Journalist, BBC  
We need to broaden our horizons about who can teach us lessons

Alice WEBB  
Director, BBC Children’s & BBC North  
A sustainable workplace makes great business sense

James HONEYBORNE  
Executive Producer, Blue Planet II (BBC)  
For a healthy planet, we need healthy oceans

Marcela VILLAREAL  
Director, Partnerships and South-South Cooperation Division (DPS), FAO  
Lack of investment is the most important problem for food loss

Mike COUPE  
CEO, Sainsbury’s  
Collaboration will lead to better outcomes for our industry

Pierre CHANDON  
Chaired Professor of Marketing, L’Oréal - Innovation and Creativity, INSEAD  
To effectively nudge consumers, you have to move from the mind to the heart

James HONEYBORNE  
Executive Producer, Blue Planet II (BBC)  
For a healthy planet, we need healthy oceans

Gideon MALTZ  
Executive Director, Tent Partnership for Refugees  
Businesses have the opportunity to change the course of a refugee’s life

Isabelle GROSMAITRE  
Alimentation Catalyst, Danone  
Health & Wellness will create healthy businesses
SUSTAINABLE RETAIL SUMMIT IN NUMBERS

270 participants

TOP 5 COUNTRIES
1. Portugal
2. USA
3. UK
4. France
5. Netherlands

PER CATEGORY
- Manufacturer: 22%
- Retailer: 41%
- Service Provider: 14%
- Trade Association: 8%
- Other (NGO, government, academia): 15%

DIVERSITY

26 countries

WHY ATTEND
- 57.5% Increase knowledge
- 37.5% Conference programme
- 37.5% Networking
- 25% Implementation support
- 20% Business opportunities
SRS 2018
Ambassadors

The CGF would like to express its sincere thanks to all committee members involved in designing the Sustainable Retail Summit 2018 programme - for their time, valuable ideas and great energy!

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Portugal
DNV GL, hosted an interactive session with Ugo Peruch, Director of Agricultural Department at Mutti SpA on the supply chain of the future. Ugo talked about how Mutti, the leading Italian premium packaged tomato brand, is integrating innovative solutions into their supply chain management. They are using blockchain as a trust generator that ensures information consistency, trust, confidence, transparency and tracking. Alberto talked about how they can provide independent third-party verification services to guarantee companies like Mutti are in control of the authenticity of the data being stored using blockchain technology.

Sustainable Forestry Initiative, The Navigator Company, Sonae MC, PEFC International and IUCN Global Forest and Climate Change Programme came together to discuss the merits of certifications for sustainably-sourced forest products. They said this can be an effective tool to address global deforestation and climate change by ensuring the preservation of forests’ ecosystem services like carbon sequestration, as well as promoting greater transparency in companies’ supply chains. The panellists discussed the need for better communication between retailers, manufacturers and suppliers in their procurement strategies, increased social inclusion of local indigenous and smallholder communities, and the promotion of forests’ value to buyers of certified products.

Plastic packaging has been in the sustainability spotlight recently, with calls for bans on packaging and plastic-free aisles. Gerald discussed single use plastics and the circular economy in the context of climate change, which he highlighted as the number one sustainability challenge. He talked about the work they are doing in collaboration with the Ellen MacArthur Foundation, addressing plastic waste at its source and ensuring plastic items are kept in the economy and out of the environment.
OFFICIAL OPENING

Peter FREEDMAN, 
Managing Director, 
The Consumer Goods Forum

Tiago PITTA E CUNHA, 
CEO, Oceano Azul Foundation

Overview

The 2018 edition of the Sustainable Retail Summit was opened by CGF’s Managing Director Peter Freedman and Oceano Azul Foundation’s CEO Tiago Pitta e Cunha, who set the scene for why the event is vital to the industry’s future. With a focus on “purpose”, Peter provided insights into why companies need to take action on the challenges now being faced by the consumer goods industry. Tiago then dived deeper into our oceans and what needs to happen now if we are to save them. He highlighted oceans are in a worse environmental condition than most people realise and emphasised the importance of educating and mobilising millennials, to create conscious efforts in changing current habits.
The CGF in Action
Shifting Behaviours for Business Transformation

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& Senior Vice President, METRO AG

Brent WILTON,
Director, Global Workplace Rights,
The Coca-Cola Company

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Following an introduction from Tom Heap, who was returning as moderator for the third successive year, Lowinn provided insights into self-activating personal well-being. He noted if you have a higher sense of meaning in life, you can achieve better health. He then got delegates out of their chairs for an educational stretch, something they can do in any meeting to get the blood flowing again.

Members of the respective Steering Committees for social and environmental sustainability and health and wellness then came to the stage to provide an overview of the work being done by the CGF in these areas. The conversations were both frank and honest, as discussions revolved around the revolution that is taking place, the need for action and how collaboration is the only viable way to ensure success at scale.
discussed by the speakers included:

**Alex and Isabelle**, Co-Chairs of the Health & Wellness initiative, provided an overview of the work they are leading at the CGF. Focusing on the initiative’s flagship work in Collaboration for Healthier Lives and how it is empowering consumers and communities around the world. They said more than 50 CGF members are collaborating in these programmes alongside other key stakeholders. Isabelle noted that working on health and wellness will create healthy businesses and emphasised the food revolution was here. Meanwhile, Alex talked on how the CGF is playing a key role in helping companies collaborate to make a real difference and impact at scale.

**Mike and Barry**, Co-Chairs of the Environmental Sustainability initiative then spoke on their group’s agenda. Mike said that we are now living beyond our planet’s means. He introduced the four key environmental areas that the CGF is working on: deforestation, plastics, food waste and refrigeration. Barry then told delegates that we have an obligation to act on these issues and provided a detailed overview of the CGF’s work and progress on each topic. We have an opportunity and an obligation to act on these topics, he said.

**Brent**, Co-Chair of the Social Sustainability Committee then gave insights into the CGF’s work on forced labour. He noted that the Priority Industry Principles have been designed to combat forced labour in members’ supply chains and own operations. He said if anyone thinks forced labour does not exist in their business or supply chain, then they are either not looking for it or lying to themselves. **Veronika** then spoke about the pre-launch of the CGF’s Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative and encouraged delegates to make sure that suppliers and scheme owners they work with are also part of the certification conversation.
MEGATREND 1

Inspiring Healthier Lives: One Nudge at a Time

Demir AYTAÇ, Chief Human Resources Officer, Migros Ticaret A.S.

Pierre CHANDON, Chaired Professor of Marketing, L’Oréal – Innovation and Creativity, INSEAD

Dr Francisco GOIANA DA SILVA, Medical School Lecturer, Health Management and Leadership, Universidade Da Beira Interior

Joe HARTSIG, SVP & Chief Merchandising Officer, Walgreens

Frederico PAIVA, Head of Healthy Nutrition, Sonae MC

Overview

The first megatrend focused on inspiring healthier lives. The consumer goods industry is facing many challenges with regards to health and wellness, including obesity, malnutrition, and diet-related noncommunicable diseases. The speakers discussed a variety of topics including nudging, behavioural change, the role of governments, technology and collaboration.
Key Topics

discussed by the speakers included:

**Pierre** began the session by talking about the research on the behavioural science of eating he has been conducting over the last 15 years. He highlighted strategies to help nudge people towards healthier and more enjoyable eating behaviours, including smart downsizing - as it is easier to change the amount of food we eat rather than what we eat, and ‘epicurean nudges’, moving from the concept of ‘food as fuel’ towards ‘food as pleasure’.

**Francisco** then highlighted how the Portuguese government is working with industry and retailers to develop an integrated strategy to solve public health problems. He highlighted the need for collective action in order to prevent diseases, rather than treating them when it’s too late. “To build trust, we need to work with everyone in the sector”, he said.

**Frederico** talked about the complex issues around sustainability, including plastic in the ocean, people starving, overweight populations and, more recently in Portugal, the wildfires devastating significant areas. All of these issues are a call for change and, at Sonae MC, they feel a strong sense of responsibility to play a part in the change. For example, their work on healthier lifestyles means they are broadening the range of healthy products on offer, responding to consumer demands and encouraging healthier choices for consumers.

**Joe** provided an overview of how Walgreens is using technology to nudge healthier behaviours and reward customers for making healthier choices. He highlighted the purpose of the company is to help people feel good. With their Balance Rewards programme, customers can gain points logging in physical activity, tracking their weight and keeping track of their blood pressure. The programme allows members to automatically track this information through any connected devices. Joe also highlighted their involvement in ‘One for Good’, the US chapter of the Collaboration for Healthier Lives initiative.

**Demir** began by noting how good business is a responsible business with a good purpose. He mentioned how Migros has committed to work for community health and global sustainability goals. He also talked about the major health movement they have undergone to accelerate this work by establishing “Migros Wellbeing Journeys”, using mobile apps and in-store dieticians to offer consumers personalised discounts on certain food groups.

**Alex** and **Isabelle** then joined the speakers on stage for a panel discussion, moderated by Tom Heap. The panellists spoke about the challenges when nudging consumers towards healthier consumptions and how to avoid consumers feeling pressured. The need for making healthy choices, the easy choice for consumers, was also discussed and the essential role of having official endorsement (government and top management commitment) to launch any health and wellness initiative. Discussions on healthy nutrition for lower-income families also took place.
MEGATREND 2

Business Supporting Positive Migration - Harnessing Collective Action

André COSTA JORGE, General Director, Jesuit Refugee Service
Susana CORREIA DE CAMPOS, Head of Employee Relations & Internal Social Responsibility, Jerónimo Martins Group
Jobst KOEHLER, Senior Integration and Migrant Training Specialist, IOM
Gideon MALTZ, Executive Director of the Tent Partnership for Refugees

Overview

The second megatrend looked at how businesses can support positive migration and harness collective action. Twenty-five million people are currently trapped in forced labour, and migrants are at the most risk. The deep-rooted, complex issue of forced labour was a key focus of the discussion. The speakers discussed the need for business to learn to make use of the valuable talent pool that migrants represent as well as working collectively to overcome challenges of forced labour in global supply chains.
Key Topics

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speakers included:

**Jobst** spoke about the work of the UN Agency IOM in the fields of crisis-related migration and good governance alongside business and governments. He shared facts on the broader picture of migration. There are currently 258 million migrants, making up only 4% of the global population. Migrants constitute almost 10% of GDP, representing a clear opportunity for businesses, he said. Businesses are gateways for integration, he told delegates, and should strive to make workplaces more inclusive for migrants.

**Gideon** then presented the Tent Partnership for Refugees, and provided context on the global refugee crisis. There are currently more than 20 million refugees and the number is growing. Half of refugees displaced today are going to be displaced for a generation or more. He explained that Tent works with businesses to help them leverage their core operations to hire refugees, integrate them into supply chains, invest in refugees, and deliver services to them. He added that younger consumers are generally very supportive of brands that care about refugees.

**Susana** spoke about Jerónimo Martins Group’s corporate projects to foster social cohesion and development, by providing job opportunities to vulnerable groups of people, including migrants, thus avoiding potential traps for forced labour. She spoke about their partnership with the Jesuit Refugee Service helping migrants and refugees adapt to a new country by setting an 18 week-programme in-stores that also counts with the tutorship of employees. The top factor, she said, was to guarantee that migrants find their place in the labour market.

Speakers were then joined by **André** for a panel discussion. The panellists spoke about the importance of giving migrants fair conditions and access to the labour market. This is a crucial opportunity for society to not waste talent and skills. The idea that businesses can play an important role in shaping customer mindsets about refugees was explored. If businesses demonstrate the value of refugees, consumer opinions will also likely shift.
Hans talked about how to drive cultural change towards sustainability. He said sustainability is anchored in Henkel’s long-term strategic framework and is brought to action through a holistic sustainability strategy. Guided by the strong belief that a genuine culture of sustainability can only be based on committed employees, Henkel enables its employees through various initiatives to contribute to sustainable developments in both their professional and private lives.
Overview

The third and final megatrend brought the conversation back to waste, with a special focus on plastics. The speakers provided their own thoughts on the problem and solutions before coming together for a passionate discussion that looked at the future of plastics, plastic-free aisles in stores, the importance of mapping solutions to avoid unintended consequences that are potentially worse than the current situation, and how we have reached a tipping point.
Environmental scientist **Prof Richard Thompson** started the session by sharing knowledge about the stark reality of plastics, and the impacts on oceans, wildlife and our health. Plastics as materials are not the cause of the problem, they are not the enemy, but how do we have the benefit of them without these consequences? We must use plastics in a more sustainable and responsible way, he said. He shared his concern that due to the hype currently surrounding plastics, we will rush towards the wrong solutions. We need to map the solutions, he said, to avoid unintended consequences that are bad or even worse than the current situation.

**David** presented Portugal’s national strategy to fight food waste developed by their National Committee on Food Waste. The three strategic objectives are to prevent, reduce and monitor. To get there, they created a global action plan and a specific plan for retailers, which includes disseminating best practices, facilitating and promoting food donation, implementing a collaborative platform to identify availability by type of food, and identifying specific locations for products that are at risk of being wasted.

**Fernando** then spoke about Jerónimo-Martins Group’s efficiency-driven strategy and efforts to reduce waste. Food is their core business, he said, which is why they committed to reduce its losses by 50% by 2025. He noted that by investing in training and more efficient solutions, they have not only been able to make a positive impact on the environment, but also saved money. Around 320 million euros were saved by improving water and energy consumption and carbon emissions. The redesign of the packaging for their Private Brand’s products also saved material and carbon emissions.

**Luiza** presented some hard-hitting facts about plastics. Five billion plastic bags are consumed every year worldwide and if put together they would cover an area twice the size of France. She shared findings of her research, carried out alongside the team of doctors and biologists at the Mirpuri Foundation, on plastic as a contaminant to humans. On the sustainability side, Luiza explained that the Foundation is involved in multiple projects related to social responsibility and marine conservation such as the “Turn the Tide on Plastic” campaign in collaboration with Hi Fly.

During the discussion that followed, panelists reiterated the urgent need for action on the topic of plastics. Plastics remain the best materials for many approaches, they said, but the issues must be solved. We have reached a tipping point, and action needs to take place now and it needs collaboration across all sectors. Consumers also need to play their part, but industry and governments need to help make it easier for them. We need to get consumers to intervene and contribute to the solutions.
The business perspective came from the team behind the newest initiative by The Consumer Goods Forum, the Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative (SSCI). Speakers introduced the reason behind the creation of the new initiative and its bid to ensure trust in sustainability standards worldwide. Lack of trust and transparency means that it is often difficult for companies to choose from the many third-party schemes that exist on the market. Audit duplication, inefficiencies and cost for all parties are the result. SSCI will bring clear guidance to the market, providing an open source list of robust and credible schemes that have been benchmarked. The team were inspired by the CGF’s Global Food Safety Initiative (GFSI), which has assured food safety standards for the industry for the past 18 years and sought to create a “GFSI for sustainability”, adopting the GFSI’s structure and value proposition. SSCI addresses one tool in the certification toolbox - third-party schemes - and will start with social sustainability and later expand to environmental.

The consumer perspective came from Solitaire at Futerra, who announced the launch of ‘The Honest Product Guide’, jointly developed by Futerra and The Consumer Goods Forum. Transparency is a hot topic for business and the Guide reveals that consumers are hungry for more transparency about the social, health, environment, and safety credentials of the products they buy (70%), rather than the companies that made them (30%). Consumers across the world say they are most likely to look for information about the social, health, environmental and safety impact of brands in one place: on product labels (36%).
Accelerating Change: Positive Actions for Business, People and Planet
In this parallel session, speakers from Futerra hosted an interactive session on transparency and 'The Honest Product Guide'. The report explores breakthroughs in what experts and consumers agree is the most important aspect of transparency: the honesty of products themselves.

Solitaire opened the session by providing delegates with an overview of Futerra’s overall philosophy, emphasising that ‘doing less bad is not good enough’. She said their mission is to make sustainability so desirable, it becomes normal.

Following the announcement made on the previous day’s session, Sarah then provided a thorough explanation of the ‘The Honest Product Guide’, resulting from Futerra and the CGF joining forces to investigate the cutting edge of transparency. The Guide is designed for those seeking to solve the crisis of trust between the companies and the consumers they serve. Sarah urged delegates to change their mindset: transparency is technical, and honesty is human.

Discussions then took place about how modern consumers expect to find information of the products they are buying on the pack and online, and given today’s consumers are digitally savvy, they are prepared to find the information they are after elsewhere. Consumers are more forgiving of honesty than of secrecy.

The speakers then distributed ‘The Honest Product Test’ postcards and asked delegates whether the products they produce and sell are building trust in a human way. Delegates were then asked to score themselves out of the seven attributes on the card, and some provided insights into where they believe their companies stand.

Solitaire and Sarah then asked delegates ‘What if your product was a person?’ The reason the guide was named ‘The Honest Product Guide’ rather than ‘The Transparent Product’ is because a clear trend emerged from the research: the need to ‘humanise’ transparency.

For more information, please download ‘The Honest Product’ report.
Waste was the focus of the second parallel session. Speakers talked about how the ability of organisations to work together to share data can unequivocally reduce the challenge of food waste. It was noted how waste is the symptom of a system of inefficiency and that a mindset shift was necessary. On measurement and action, the discussion focused on the FLW Protocol and the CGF’s Food Waste Resolution.

Kai introduced the work of the World Resources Institute on food loss and waste, and explained that their Food Loss and Waste Accounting and Reporting Standard provides a common, clear and unambiguous standard for the industry. She also spoke about the significance of the CGF’s Food Waste Resolution for the industry.

Tiago then gave delegates an overview of Jerónimo Martins Group’s strategy on food loss and waste, as well as some hard-hitting world stats on waste. He explained Jerónimo Martins’ work upstream and downstream on this topic, and how they have created partnerships with suppliers to source “ugly fruit and vegetables”. Downstream, they have given 35,000 tons of food to charities. He also referred that the Group measured and published its food waste footprint using the FLW Protocol. And, besides the commitment of halving food waste by 2025, they set out an intermediate target for 2020.

Kevin provided another company perspective, this time from Mars, Incorporated. He said that the solution to waste is not the same everywhere, and really depends on the different products that you produce or sell and the different regions. Your strategy must be customised by region. Having a “zero waste” target really inspires creative thinking around solutions, even in the most challenging markets. Finally, he warned that if you don’t keep on top of food waste, your solution can “unsolve” itself - it is an ongoing process.

Finally, Paul spoke about his experiences of working on food waste at Sainsbury’s. They became the second retailer in the UK to be completely transparent with their data. They also cancelled all “Buy one get one free” offers on fresh food, after consumers demanded action. He warned that retailers are often inconsistent in their approach to tackling food waste. A collaborative approach with manufacturers, retailers and producers will make the task easier and will create transparency at a greater rate.
Embracing Innovation to Drive Sustainability

During this session, representatives from Capgemini, Supply Chain Information Management (SIM) and Refresco looked at the potential role of technology and how digital enablers can be used for good, for driving sustainability changes and educating consumers. The opening introduction by Harry and Aphra highlighted how technology is not all rosy or completely innocent. Technology drives both consumption and waste. And, while technology is at the centre of our lives, we need to better understand how we can use these for positive outcomes.

The delegates then broke into three groups to address three different focus points: use cases for blockchain being used on an industrial scale and how blockchain can help tell the sustainable story; whether technology can be used to empower and engage employees in delivering more sustainable outcomes; and sustainable shopping and how to enable consumers to make the sustainable choice.

The Blockchain group, led by Leontien and Alexander, explored concrete examples of how blockchain is being successfully implemented and the role it can play in supply chains.

The Tech & Employees group looked at how we can use technology to harness the interest and enthusiasm of employees in pursuit of sustainability goals, and what the best way to leverage employee expertise and skills to tackle the issues is.

The In-store Tech Interventions group discussed how we can improve collaboration between all parties and how much information is too much. They also looked at what companies can do to support more sustainable choices and the role of technology.

Conversations across all three groups provided personal insights, as delegates talked about their own experiences of using different technologies, as delegates talked about their own experiences of using different technologies and the approaches being seen within their own companies.

The three groups then fed back on what was learned from these discussions and the tangible actions already being taken by companies to support positive change. Collaboration was once again a key point, and emphasis was put on how collaboration will impact future supply chains.
What's New at the CGF? Stepping Up to the Challenge for a Sustainable Future

The CGF Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative: Making Responsible Sourcing Easier for the Industry

On responsible sourcing, the discussion focused on the CGF’s Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative (SSCI). Speakers built on the previous day’s session and provided further insight into the goals of the SSCI and the subsequent plan of action for the launch and beyond. The session helped delegates to better understand different types of benchmarks and the value of industry benchmarks for third-party schemes, and how to use the SSCI benchmark as part of a broader sustainable sourcing strategy.

Sonja began with a deep dive into the SSCI and the reasons for its creation. The issue is that today there are many existing compliance schemes on the market and this makes it very challenging for organisations to choose which schemes to work with. We want to make sure that the schemes reflect the CGF’s industry resolutions. The SSCI will first cover social sustainability and then move to environmental in a second phase.

Hugo then spoke about the reason for the creation of SSCI. From a company perspective, the “pain point” is the amount of standards that exist. It is very difficult for companies to know which ones are credible. How do you tell that the audit system is robust? It’s great that we now have a tool which allows for a level playing field. Companies can jointly agree on what is needed for social compliance. In the future, he said, companies should simply be able to ask schemes “Do you have an SSCI audit?”.

Finally, Vineet said that SSCI is all about “transparency” and “trust”. Buyers and manufacturers who are using these third-party schemes are able to trust the results and know that the schemes in question are credible and robust. They also expect to see a continuous improvement of the schemes as a result of the benchmarking process. Herman then gave an introduction to the Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI), explaining their benchmark tool for seafood and the process they underwent to create it.

| Hugo BYRNES, VP Product Integrity, Ahold Delhaize |
| Vineet KHANNA, Senior Vice President, Global Head of Supply Chain, Nestlé |
| Sonja SCHMID, Manager, Sustainable Supply Chain Initiative, The Consumer Goods Forum |
| Herman WISSE, Managing Director, Global Sustainable Seafood Initiative (GSSI) |
Re-Thinking the Plastics Problem – Implementing Sustainable Strategies

With regards to plastic waste, Japan’s Kao Corporation provided a great example of reusable plastics in their company and how they collaborate with communities and schools. Representatives from The Consumer Goods Forum, Mirpuri Foundation and Anthesis Group talked more on the challenges ahead and the need to re-balance the conversation around plastics. Recycling is very confusing for consumers. However, advocacy on this topic is now a mass movement and action towards a circular economy is necessary.

Koichi spoke about his company’s strategy for reusable plastics. Since introducing refill packs, they have seen that 84% of consumers have switched to this product, which has meant a considerable reduction in the purchase of plastic bottles. He told delegates about the company’s social project for collaborative engagement with communities and schools, where children learn about environmental sustainability and use the refill products in fun activities.

The other speakers then took the stage for a panel discussion. Luiza stressed that plastic is a major pollutant in our lives and the threat it poses is a major issue. There are more than 6,000 different plastic polymers that have a negative impact on our health. We need to look at the impact on human health, as well as the environment, and empower consumers with knowledge on the risks. We need plastic, but we need “super-polymers”, Luiza said.

Ignacio offered an explanation as to why plastics have become so important in our lives. Plastic is one of the most efficient ways to move products around. Now, we need to rethink the way we produce and dispose of plastics. We need to think about how we can operate in a more circular way. Consumers are going to have to get used to a new definition of “convenience”, he warned. We need to re-balance the debate and collaborate across the industry to go upstream and downstream. He spoke about the CGF’s endorsement of the Ellen MacArthur Foundation’s vision of a circular economy where plastic does not end up in the land or the ocean. The CGF has created three working groups to look at the redesign of packaging, current waste management systems and consumer outreach and education.

Paul emphasised that plastic is not evil - it’s a great product - but must be used at the right place, right time and the right consistency. He listed some of the benefits of plastics: it is light, malleable, its an insulator and ensures food hygiene. He said that we can look forward to innovative alternatives to plastics, such as plant-based plastics made from algae. Paul then spoke about the public mass advocacy movement in the UK on plastics and the customer confusion caused by the inconsistent recycling systems. Unnecessary packaging should be reduced, and especially unnecessary packaging that cannot be recycled.
Inspiring Healthier Lives – in Action!

Sharon opened the session on inspiring healthier lives and invited speakers to talk about the different Collaboration for Healthier Lives (CHL) interventions taking place in communities around the world, including France, Japan and the UK. Speakers from Jerónimo Martins and Sonae MC also took part in this session to share the health initiatives they are working on in Portugal.

Thomas and Bertrand began by talking about the alignment of their corporate strategies (Food Transition, Carrefour and Food Revolution, Danone) and how together they are the driving forces for the launch of the French CHL initiative. They presented an overview of the initiative entitled ‘Ensemble, Vivons Mieux’ that will debut in Lyon, where they plan to use digital to help nudge healthier categories in the basket, provide options in-store on healthier products and work with local authorities to offer, for example, healthier recipes to families complementing the cities canteen menu for children.

Kana said that Japan is ageing more rapidly than anywhere else in the world, so the focus for the CHL rollout is to improve lifestyle habits to extend a healthy life-expectancy. She talked about the in-store events and promotions they have been organising to educate consumers to eat more vegetables and moderate their salt intake, amongst other things. Kana mentioned the survey results sent to people who attended the events showed great results, highlighting the increase in people caring about their dietary habits and the increase in consumption of vegetables.

Maggie and Khaled talked about the UK chapter of CHL, which will be launched in the London boroughs of Southwark and Lambeth. The proposal is to collectively develop a series of structural and behavioural interventions to help customers understand, find and choose healthier options. They presented delegates with...
a timeline of activities that are planned from the launch of the initiative in Q1 2019. Maggie, who has been heavily involved in the US CHL initiative, emphasised that collaboration is key for success and the importance of building legitimacy by partnering with health authorities and governments.

João then spoke about the changes in Portuguese consumers’ lifestyles and economic spending in recent years. People are living on tight budgets and don’t have free time to cook healthy meals. At Jerónimo Martins, they want to have a positive impact on consumers health, by providing typical Portuguese ‘home-made’ meals at affordable prices that include no preservatives or colourants. And by reformulating their recipes, 10 tonnes of sugar, 4 tonnes of salt and 670 kg of fat were removed from their products.

Ricardo then talked about Portugal’s change in customers and stated that by 2050 Portugal will be among the top three of the world’s most elderly countries. Retailers will have to adjust their value propositions to the needs of the aging population by providing access to an active, healthy lifestyle. This can be done by providing high quality food and an enjoyable shopping experience.

During the panel session, speakers shared their insights into why the CHL activations are key for consumers and the future of our businesses. The inspiring session ended with how they are impacting healthier lives around the world.
John spoke to delegates about millennials. He focused on the future of commerce, stating that it is important for retailers to understand the current needs, however, it is more important to understand what millennials, the future emerging shoppers, will need and what is important to them. He noted this group of consumers are more demanding of brands when it comes to their customer journeys and they walk into the store and worry about global warming, GMOs and packaging, etc. The fears of our shopper are an opportunity to serve, he concluded.

Marcela stressed global hunger is increasing for the third continuous year, due to climate change and conflict. Although hunger is rising, obesity is rising even faster. About one-third of food produced is lost or wasted, and the resources used to produce it are also lost. She said we need a culture change around how we produce and eat food. We recognise the private sector as a fundamental partner in the fight against hunger and food waste, she said, and we need to work with them to get to our goal of eliminating hunger by 2030. She finished by stating the FAO want to work with the CGF on their Food Waste Resolution.
James HONEYBORNE, Executive Producer, Blue Planet II (BBC)

James began by speaking about the BBC’s work on the Blue Planet II documentary series, the motive of the production team, the filming process and the public reaction. The production was focused on connecting the audience to life beneath the waves. They wanted to “tell it like it is” and form an emotional connection with the audience. Even from the few clips shown to delegates in Lisbon, it was clear this was immensely successful. Audiences around the world have now been starkly reminded of the problems of plastics pollution.

Alice WEBB, Director, BBC Children’s & BBC North

Alice then spoke to delegates about the BBC’s “Greener Broadcasting Strategy”, which was developed to help the corporation lower its negative climate impact. The strategy includes initiatives such as Meatless Monday (a decision which made the headlines in the UK), vegetable allotments on their balconies and staff milk in glass bottles instead of plastic. She also spoke about the enormous benefits in taking part in Carbon Literacy training. The BBC was the first organisation that tried to engage so many employees at the same time.

João Pedro MATOS FERNANDES, Portuguese Minister of the Environment

In the final presentation, Portugal’s Minister of Environment, João Pedro Matos Fernandes referred to the European Parliament’s Ban on Single-Use Plastics, announced on Wednesday 24th October, and how Portugal has also banned plastic bottles and bags in government institutions. He then made a strong point that he does not believe everything is in the hands of the consumer and that retail and production merely respond to that. In many cases, the consumer only has a say at one moment of the production chain, when buying. He closed by calling on delegates to understand the opportunity is now, both for business and the environment.
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