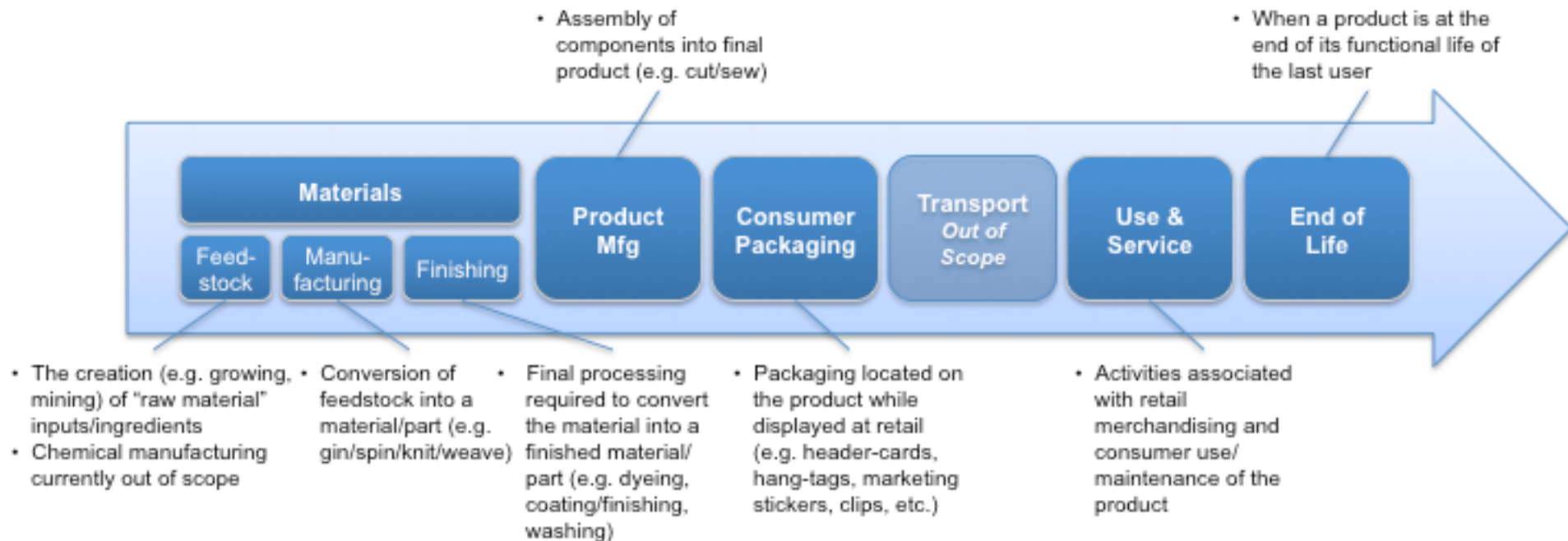


# Key Points

- **The outdoor industry, global brands and retailers are developing supply chain facing tools to understand and assess the life-cycle environmental impacts for apparel, footwear and equipment.**
  - The tools are useful to improve existing facility practice, implement new facility practice and to assist designers as they create new products
  - **Chemical management is a key focus area**
- **Success requires collaboration along *the entire* supply chain – a systematic approach**

# Chemicals Management Framework: Life Cycle Scope



# What is the Chemicals Management Working Group?

**Mission:** “Provide education, guidance and decision-making tools to drive continuous improvement and innovation in chemicals management practices industry-wide, in order to **accelerate the development and use of Green Chemistry**, and ultimately reduce or eliminate hazardous chemicals in consumer products and their emissions to the environment and workplace.”

1 Increase CM Awareness & Understanding

- Education Series
- Toxicology Primer

➤ OIA-supported, in collaboration with the Sustainable Apparel Coalition

2 Enable Better Decision-making

- Performance indicators for the Index
- Chemicals Management Tools Evaluation

➤ ~100 members (*predominantly brand, retail, suppliers*)

➤ Steering Committee

3 Collaborate with like-minded efforts

- e.g. GC3, Zero Discharge Roadmap

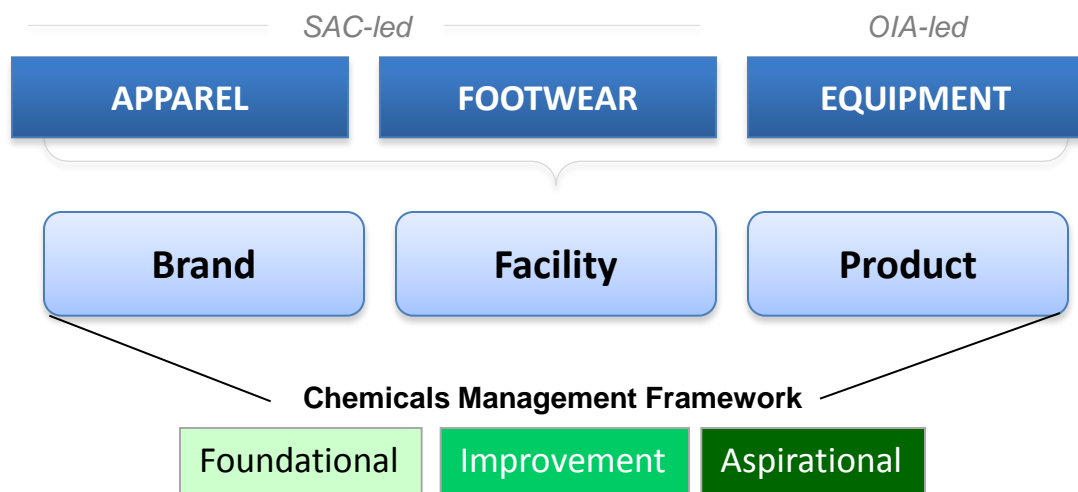
➤ Technical Committee

➤ 6 small teams driving work product development

# The CMWG will provide indicators (and in the future, metrics) for inclusion in future versions of the Apparel, Footwear and Equipment index tools.

## INDEX TOOLS

A common set of indicators and metrics to understand, evaluate and reduce environmental and social impact and increase business value.



- **KNOW** what chemicals are used and why
- **ASSESS** products for potential hazards, exposure risks; understand alternatives
- **ACT** to manage chemicals and reduce impact
- **INNOVATE** to develop greener chemistries

Indicators + tools/resources to drive continuous improvement

- ✓ **Consistent framework (Brand, Facility, Product)**
- ✓ **Increase comprehensiveness without adding complexity**
- ✓ **Indicators organized along a continuum of performance to provide clearer point of entry and direction**
- ✓ **Link to pre-screened resources and tools/services for implementation support**