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### Education

Degree in Environmental Sciences, Leuphana University Lüneburg (Germany), University Castilla-La Mancha Toledo (Spain)

### Experience

Maren Knolle is a consultant who specialises in the improvement of social and ecological standards in the ready-made garments industry. During her study of Environmental Sciences, Maren majored in communication and management. From 2003-4, Maren worked for the Otto Group, where she was involved in a project, which focused on the marketing of clothing produced in a socially and environmentally responsible way. Following this, she gained additional experience in India working for the company bioRe Ltd. Here she specialised in the cultivation of environmentally-friendly cotton. Maren then gained employment as a researcher at the Institute for Environmental Communication at the Leuphana University Lüneburg from 2006-7.

Maren’s role in the WE-project is to assist with project activities in China. Bringing in her broad expertise in the field of social dialogue and participative organisation structures. Maren works on the qualitative and quantitative analysis of project documents. She has been awarded a doctoral scholarship from the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation. Her doctoral thesis will cover the topics employee participation and social standards.

### References

Past employers include Otto Group, bioRe Ltd., Leuphana University Lüneburg – Working Group Participation and Sustainable Development.

Clients of Sustainability Agents include Volkswagen AG, Linde Group, Fair Labor Organisation, Round Table Codes of Conduct, Human Rights at Work Foundation.