Created in 1998 in Paris, ICS is an international multi-sectoral initiative with a goal of providing its member companies with a mutual framework and tools in order to facilitate their responsible action within global supply chains.

ICS members act together to sustainably improve working conditions in factories and responsibly support suppliers in order to make them ‘actors’ of their own approach to progress.
ICS partners with the International Trade Center to strengthen competitiveness and climate resilience in the Moroccan and Tunisian textile value chains and to promote transparency and traceability through the Sustainability Map.

ICS is also part of the One Planet Network and signed a partnership with the United Nations Environment Programme on the Consumer Information Programme for Sustainable Consumption and Production. Moreover, ICS is part of the OECD advisory board on the duty of diligence.

ICS sets up multiple working groups where its members continuously collaborate and improve the tools they use daily. The working groups - environment, working hours, risk mapping, tools, traceability and transparency, database, etc. - help members tackle specific topics and issues present throughout their supply chains.

ICS offers numerous social and environmental resources to its members, allowing them to pursue their objective of a more socially and environmentally responsible global supply chain. All resources are available on its website. ICS also provides its members with a continuous overwatch of latest developments in local legislations, and domains such as CSR, Human Rights, and the environment.

Each year, members conduct thousands of social and environmental audits with 9 ICS-authorized audit firms and mutualize those reports with other ICS members sharing the same suppliers, hence reducing audit fatigue.