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With my multidisciplinary academic and research background as a scientist, coupled with my extensive experience also as a fashion photographer spanning over 14 years, including working in famous fashion events such as Copenhagen Fashion Week and Colombo Fashion Week, I firmly believe that individuals from diverse fields across the globe can make valuable contributions to the progress of sustainable fashion. Designers, innovators, and industries alike have the potential to collaborate and collectively work towards the utilization of functional materials, with a specific focus on promoting the sustainable use and reuse of fashion products.

As an educator within a university setting, I am particularly passionate also about the role education plays in shaping the future. I strongly advocate for the incorporation of sustainability principles into the curriculum, aiming to instill a sense of responsibility in the youth and future generations. By encouraging students to think critically about creativity and uniqueness, we can foster a new perspective on sustainable fashion. This approach has an interesting potential to connect many communities worldwide, facilitating the exchange of innovative ideas and promoting multicultural understanding as well.

Through these kinds of collective efforts, I hope we would be able to pave the way for a more sustainable and inclusive fashion industry, in a unique manner.

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