

African Textiles and Used Clothing:

Incompatible?

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This paper discusses how economic activities and fast fashion in Europe and the US have affected the African textile industry. It argues that the economic situation in Europe and the US is restricting the African textile industry from developing, imposing second hand clothing business and allowing no room in the African market for production of new clothing. Part 1 looks at the impact of fast fashion on clothing waste. Part 2 examines import of used clothes and textile production in Africa and focuses on the past studies and research carried out, to organize what has been made clear so far. Part 3 examines the traditional fashion industry in Africa, including the traditional textile production and consumption. Part 4 discusses the impacts of the import of second-hand clothes from the more developed countries like the US and the UK, analysing specific cases such as Rwanda and Zambia. This paper ends with some suggestions for the African fashion industry in terms of how to boost the economy.