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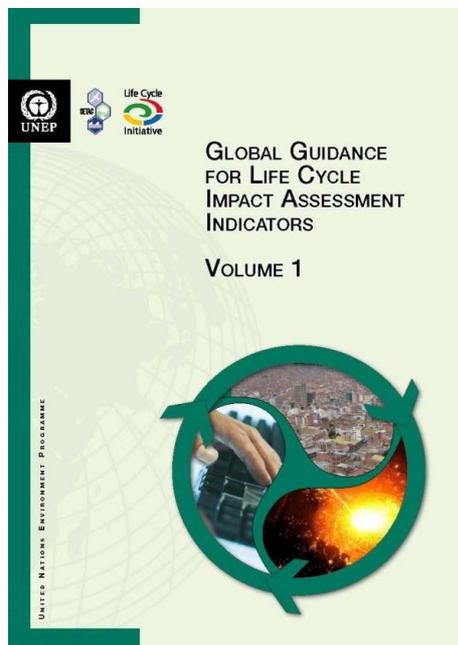
LC Net Focus

Promoting global consensus on Life Cycle Impact Assessment Indicators

We're pleased to announce that the Life Cycle Initiative's flagship publication for 2016 is now online! The "*Global Guidance for Life Cycle Impact Assessment Indicators Volume 1*" goes a long way in identifying the "current best practice", and recommended characterization factors in a variety of impact areas:

- climate change;
- health impacts of fine particulate matter;
- water use impacts; and
- land use impacts on biodiversity.

What makes this guidance so special is the global consensus-building process, and its endorsement by an international partnership. Such robust and international backing should make these indicators especially attractive to be used in policy and reporting frameworks requiring recognition and stability. We would like to thank once more the many experts that have enabled and informed the process during Phase 3 of the Initiative, and who continue to provide their time and expertise in the second batch of impact indicators that are currently being addressed.



>> You can download the final publication, together with the characterization factors, [from our website](#).

Looking back on 2016

Including abstract deadlines, publications, and other interesting news

Phase 3 draws to an end; momentum builds for next phase

2016 was an exciting year for the Life Cycle Initiative. While finalising the remaining activities of Phase 3, we also started embracing the future strategy by looking back as well as forward. In 2016, our Flagship projects recorded several major achievements:

- **Environmental life cycle impact assessment indicators:** successfully reached consensus on environmental indicators for 4 impact areas through the Pellston Workshop® in January in Valencia, and the result has been made available through the publication of the *Global Guidance on LCIA indicators* together with its recommended characterization factors.
- **LCA of Organizations:** road-tested the “*Guidance on Organizational Life Cycle Assessment*” with 13 different organisations, and the learning from these road-tests is being analysed in 2017;
- **Data and database management:** advanced substantially on achieving global consensus on database assessment and dataset review criteria and processes. The project is coordinating a practical exercise on the review of datasets in three countries: Australia, Chile and Thailand, and organised an expert workshop in May in Nantes. A report on global life cycle networks and a training kit on “*Global Guidance Principles on Life Cycle Assessment Data and Databases*” have been published.
- **Global Principles and Practices for Hotspots Analysis:** developed a flexible methodological framework for product and sector level hotspots analysis, through two expert prototyping workshops, three webinars and a global consultation. The methodology will be presented in a report to be published in Q1 of 2017.
- **Global capability development:** contributed to the establishment of life cycle networks in Eastern Africa, Bolivia and supported strategic dialogue in implementing life cycle thinking India. The project is finalizing the e-learning module on “*Introduction to Life Cycle Thinking*”, and facilitated scientific publications in developing countries.
- **Communications/outreach:** We upgraded our website to a modern responsive template with dynamic content, which more than doubled page views, and has increased visits, time spent on the site, and page views per user by up to 75% compared to 2015. The LC Net newsletter now has 4212 subscribers. The Initiative has been represented physically in various global events (such as MAC meeting of 10YFP Consumer Information Programme in London, the International LCA Week organized in Brasilia in March 2016, SETAC Europe 26th Annual Meeting in Nantes, the World Resources Forum conference in Costa Rica, a SEED Symposium in Nairobi, EcoBalance conference in Kyoto, Indian LCM conference in New Delhi), thus increasing the visibility of the Initiative.

The Life Cycle Initiative would like to thank all our stakeholders for their support and interest in our work over the past year!

Near the end of 2016, we started looking ahead to the next phase and commissioned an

independent strategic review on the achievements and learnings from our Phase 3 activities (2012-2017). The review has provided very constructive suggestions on shaping a clear vision and mission for the future of the Initiative, as well as establishing a transparent and efficient governance to operationalise the vision. This led to the decision from the current board of the Initiative, to set up a Strategy Working Group, in order to plan the future blueprint of the Initiative (please refer to the announcement section of this newsletter for more details).

Please stay tuned for our new strategy and development in 2017 through our [newsletter](#), [website](#), [social media](#) and also our [email](#).

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News from our LC Networks

The Indonesian LCA Network successfully celebrates its second conference and launches its e-journal

The 2nd LCA conference was successfully completed in Indonesia, organized by the Indonesian LCA Network, ILCAN. Keynote speakers and paper contributions are available online. Following the conference, ILCAN published the Indonesian Journal of Life Cycle Assessment and Sustainability. The 1st issue consists of 5 papers which can be downloaded for free. The call-for-papers for the next edition (planned for July 2017) is open until 31st March 2017. Send your papers through online submission at ijolcas.ilcan.or.id or manually to managing_editor@jolcas.ilcan.or.id.

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Announcements

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Strategy Working Group formed to design the future of the Life Cycle Initiative

As explained in previous newsletters, during its 15th year in 2017 the Life Cycle Initiative will be starting a new phase with a renewed strategy. A wide multi-stakeholder working group has been formed to bring in the perspectives from Governments, Industry, Academia, NGOs... from around the globe. We were humbled by the strong interest shown in being part of this working group, which is formed by members of the current governing body (the International Life Cycle Board, ILCB) together with external stakeholders who bring new perspectives on the use of Life Cycle Assessment and life cycle thinking in the public, private and academic sectors.

[More information.](#)

Our Calendar: Where we and our partners will be in the coming months

SETAC Europe 27th Annual Meeting / 7–11 May 2017 / Brussels, Belgium

The SETAC Europe Annual Meeting in Brussels will be the number one meeting place in 2017 on environmental science, where ecotoxicology, toxicology, environmental and human exposure, risk assessment and management, environmental policy and economics, and life cycle assessment topics will be presented. This 5-day event featuring a variety of training, networking and learning opportunities. You cannot miss this event if you are interested in emerging research, regulatory developments and the latest methodologies in environmental toxicology and chemistry. Between 2,000 and 2,500 scientists, assessors, regulators and managers from academia, business and government, representing an average of 60 countries, provides a unique networking opportunity and a chance for cross-collaboration long after the closing session.

>> [Consult the conference's website](#)

CILCA 2017 / 12-15 June 2017 / Medellin, Colombia

The Ibero-American Network of Life Cycle, the Colombian Network of Life Cycle and the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative are organizing the seventh edition of the International Life Cycle Conference in Latin America (CILCA for its acronym in Spanish) from June 12 to 15 of 2017 in Medellín, Colombia. The central topic will be Life Cycle Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals and the call for abstracts will be open soon at the event's website.

>> [Consult the official event website.](#)

The LCM2017 CONFERENCE / 3-6 September 2017 / Luxembourg

The 8th International Conference on Life Cycle Management – LCM 2017 – will be held on 3-6 September 2017 in Luxembourg at the European Convention Center Luxembourg in the framework of LCM Conference Series.

The focus of LCM 2017 will be on practical solutions for the implementation of life cycle approaches into strategic and operational decision-making; whether at the stage of methodology development, tools and methods experimentation, or LCM-driven success stories as market innovations. Session proposals following a “value chain” approach, i.e. combining relevant stakeholders and actors, are particularly welcomed.

>> [Consult the conference's website](#)

WRF 2017 and Call for Papers

This year's [World Resources Forum \(WRF 2017\)](#) will take place in Geneva, October 24-25, 2017. The overall topic of the conference is “Accelerating the Resource Revolution” on which conditions and obstacles as well as opportunities for governments, businesses, academia and the civil society will be discussed. How to accelerate this transition and how to manage, coordinate, finance, track progress, train and communicate about it will be the

focus of the WRF 2017.

Scientific Sessions are a key element of the WRF 2017 overall program and the [Call for Papers is now open](#). Scientific abstracts are welcomed on: policies and governance, technology and innovation and lifestyles and education.

Participants from developing countries looking for partial or full funding are encouraged to submit the abstracts by 30 January.

Find here [information about the call and topics addressed](#). Registration to the conference will open in February.

>> [Contact the WRF Secretariat](#) or [visit the WRF website](#).

You can also consult our [Events page](#) for more information about the events above. Is there an event coming up in your area? Just [let us know](#) and we'll add it to our list.

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Jobs

Staff position in UN Environment (Programme Management Officer, P3, Eco-labeling)

UN Environment's RIVU unit (Responsible Industry and Value Chain) is currently recruiting an Programme Management Officer. This staff position is based in Paris, and will work on projects related to eco-labelling. The officer will coordinate the implementation of the Eco-labelling component of the Sustainable Public Procurement and Ecolabelling (SPELL) project, and of the project "Advancing and Measuring Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) for a Low-Carbon Economy in Middle-Income and Newly Industrialized Countries". Please use the following link to apply for this position. The deadline for applications is 21 January 2017. [More information](#).

LCA researcher vacancy based in Spain

University of Santiago de Compostela (Spain) is looking for a researcher to perform LCA studies of bio polymer production from wastewater. Deadline for application: 20th January 2017. [More information](#).

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