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LC Net Focus

Implementing Life Cycle Assessment in Brazil

Why is Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) still little known in Brazil, and what is needed to promote its dissemination and implementation?

This question is at the heart of the thesis of Wladimir Motta, who was previously a LCM coach for the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative. His objective is to bring about the best LCA practices for application in Brazil.

In the context of this thesis, LC Net readers were invited to take part in an online survey in our November / December edition. 106 respondents from 30 different countries completed the survey, in addition to 29 respondents from Brazilian LCA research groups. Many thanks to all respondents!

The survey led to insights that can be organized in three main categories: identifying the conditions for use and implementation of LCA; understanding the connection between LCA and eco-innovation; presenting and validating proposals for the effective use of the methodology in Brazil.

>> [Get more information on the conclusions of the survey.](#)



UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative strategic review: Survey

The UNEP / SETAC Life Cycle Initiative is currently conducting a strategic review, whose conclusions will also be used in defining the Initiative's next Phase 4 (2017-2020).

Your thoughts and inspiration are extremely valuable and highly appreciated, so **please contribute a few minutes of your time before 31 August. Many thanks in advance!** We will strive to provide an update on the Initiative's future strategy, including results of this survey, in the November/December issue of LC Net.

[Contribute to the strategic review and Phase 4.](#)

Call for datasets review: Invitation to review datasets from three national databases

The Flagship Project on “[Data and database management](#)” has as its main objective to support the development of databases and contained datasets according to the Global Guidance Principles (GGP) and in line with emerging procedures and practices for review.

Within this project, the co-chairs of the Flagship are coordinating a practical exercise on the review of datasets in three countries: Australia, Chile and Thailand.

[More information and contact information to become a reviewer.](#)

ISO IWA Public Review: 'Draft 2' on Guidance Principles for the Sustainable Management of Secondary Metals

The [ISO IWA 19 “Draft 2” on Guidance Principles for the Sustainable Management of Secondary Metals](#) has been published and is [available for Public Review until July 31, 2016](#). This second public review follows the first one (1st February to 31st March 2016) which raised quite some interest and resulted in more than 500 comments. See [here](#) comments received and how these were addressed in 'Draft' 2.

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Flagship activity feedback: a selection

Hotspots Analysis: Rapid Prototyping Workshops held

The overall objective of this flagship activity is to develop a flexible methodological framework for product and sector level [hotspots analysis](#).

In this regard, two rapid prototyping workshops were held at UNEP's offices in Paris, on 16-17



June 2016. The workshops brought together key experts and stakeholders from around the world to provide feedback on the work done to date. This will help further develop the common methodological framework and best practice guidance for the appropriate use and communication of sustainability information derived from hotspots analysis.

Follow-up webinars have been held to share the draft documents developed and solicit additional input and feedback from key experts and stakeholders that were unable to attend the Paris workshops.

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Flashback: recent Life Cycle Initiative events and activity

The Life Cycle Initiative's contribution at SETAC Nantes 2016

The Annual SETAC Europe conference held in Nantes (France) on 22-26 May 2016 offered a good opportunity for the Initiative to interact with a significant proportion of the LCA community during five-and-a-half packed days of events.

The global presence, importance and influence of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative and other UNEP-related projects such as the [Global LCA Data Access network \(GLAD\)](#) are increasingly evident.

As usual in SETAC Conferences, the Initiative's work around LCI Data and LCIA impact indicators received special attention in several sessions and side events.

[More information.](#)

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

12th APRSCP / 12-14 July / Siam Reap, Cambodia

The Asia Pacific Roundtable for Sustainable Consumption (APRSCP) is an Asia-focused international, nongovernmental, non-profit network institution that promotes sustainable consumption and production in the Asia-Pacific. The theme for the 12th APRSCP is "Call for Action - Acting together for our future sustainability". The thematic issues for discussion in the panel session at the 12th APRSCP is based on the following criteria: implementation

of Sustainable Consumption and Production in Asia Pacific Region; involve stakeholders participation; alignment with on-going issues and platforms; alignment with on-going and upcoming international processes.

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

22nd SETAC Europe LCA Case Study Symposium / 20-22 September / Montpellier, France.

The overarching theme of this year's symposium will be "Life Cycle Innovation for the transition to a sustainable society". The scientific programme of this Symposium will provide every opportunity to share and learn about business practices, application experiences and challenges, LCA's increasing role in governance, and the latest developments in methodology and teaching of LCA.

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

LCM Brazil 2016 / 20-23 September / Fortaleza, Brazil.

The overall objective of CBGCV is to bring together students, researchers and professionals working or interested in life cycle management to discuss and evaluate applications of life cycle management in Brazil and the world. (For example, inventory and assessment impacts, life cycle thinking in strategic planning, life cycle Design, sustainable procurement, etc.).

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

LCA XVI / 27-29 September / Charleston SC, USA.

The conference covers comprehensive contents about Life Cycle Assessment (LCA), for new comers to the topic as well as for LCA experts. It provides the opportunity to learn about the state of the art and meet fellow practitioners, with practical learning and insights from over 60 speakers. Attendees will include people from industry, academia, government and NGOs, and and numerous occasions to network.

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

Ecobalance 2016, the 12th Biennial Conference on EcoBalance / 3-6 October / Kyoto, Japan.

This biennially conference series is about methodologies and practices for sustainability based life-cycle thinking. The 2016 theme, "Responsible value chains for sustainability" invites exploration of efforts at tackling challenges for embodying responsible value chains in business, compatible with value creation for companies and society. Solutions to such challenges incorporate scientific knowledge and evidence, involving diverse stakeholders such as industries, consumers, governments, academia, and investors.

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

Indian Conference on Life Cycle Management (ILCM) 2016 / 17-18 October / New Delhi,

India.

This fifth edition of ILCM is organised by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) and endorsed by the UNEP/ SETAC Life Cycle Initiative. The ILCM Conferences are the only Indian events at which focuses on Life Cycle Thinking. The conference will include special sessions, advanced trainings, social events, and workshops proposed by life cycle experts.

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

LCA in Foods / 19-21 October / Dublin, Ireland.

The four main themes of the conference are Impacts and Environmental Processes, Animal Products: Meat, Dairy & Seafood, Human interactions in the food chain; and Using LCA. The scene will be set with keynotes by some of the world's leading experts on the topic. Networking opportunities will be organised for scientists, professionals and practitioners to meet and discuss new developments in life cycle assessment in the context of agrifood systems. While maintaining the tradition of scientific quality, organisers will indeed endeavour to promote connections between industry, academia and policy makers at the conference.

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

2nd ILCAN Conference Series on Life Cycle Assessment 2016 / 2-3 November / Tangerang, Indonesia.

The conference is a part of ILCAN conference series after the first one successfully held in 2015. It will provide a forum for academia, government and private sectors to share their research results and meet others who work in the same area. This conference addresses ILCAN's objective to promote LCA application in Indonesia, through a network to share information and to build capacity on LCA to interested parties in academia, government, and industry.

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

Journée ADEME "From Agribalyse to eco-conception", technical day / 9 November / Paris, France

Organised by ADEME and its partners, this event offers the opportunity to know more about the AGRIBALYSE programme, a LCA database for agrifood products. This database is meant for professionals from the agrifood sector to better understand how LCA data can be used for eco-conception.

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

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Jobs

Programme Management Officer / UNEP, France

A new staff position is open in the UNEP's Life Cycle Thinking team to coordinate the "Resource Efficiency through Application of Life cycle thinking" (REAL) project. Apply online to bring your world-class life-cycle-thinking knowledge and project management skills to a dynamic and diverse team: [Get more details.](#)

R&D End Of Life Packaging Manager (H/F) Evian / Danone, France

The Packaging Material R&D team is fully dedicated to ensure full valorisation of the Plastics for the 5 WBus. Plastics represent 670KT. The team is committed to deliver innovative and sustainable "building blocks" and "ready to plug" solutions in the field of Polymers, Colorants and Additives, in consistency with the Groupe Danone 's commitment on Packaging (Eco Design, Use of Recyclable & recycled materials, Bio Materials). [Get more details.](#)

Ecodesign Engineer / Alstom, France

Within Central Engineering, in the Expertise & CCN team of the Metier department: Ensure Ecodesign expertise, Perform Ecodesign analysis, Ensure national, European and international Environmental standards and regulation texts cross analysis, Prepare Ecodesign specifications, ... [get more details.](#)

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