

LC Net • Newsletter of the Life Cycle Initiative

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LC Net Focus

1) Special invitation to participate for survey response - A mapping of 'Hotspots Analysis Methodologies' in support of the Global Guidance on Hotposts Analysis development

UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative has launched a survey to identify different **hotspots analysis methodologies** that are being developed and used around the globe. The survey will provide input to the analysis of the scope of such methodologies, issues covered, as well as application within emerging economies and by Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs). In addition, the results of this survey will help identify the key stakeholders and process steps to facilitate the development of global guidance on hotspot analysis methodologies.

We would kindly like to invite you to share your knowledge of hotspot analysis methodologies. To participate, please [click here](#). The **deadline** for submission is the **1st July**.

The final report will be published as UNEP/SETAC publication and disseminated worldwide. Respondents will receive a draft report before it is being finalized to provide further feedback. As a token of our appreciation, respondents will be listed in the acknowledgements page.

Announcements

1) International standard on the Water Footprint, ISO 14046 approved by the international committee ISO/TC 207/SC5 in Panama, May 2014



This work received valuable and substantive contributions from UNEP/SETAC project group members on 'water use in LCA (WULCA)' during the development of the standard. As [announced by ISO](#), ISO 14046 sets the principles, requirements and guidelines for the assessment of the Water Footprint of products, processes and organisations, starting from the assessment of its life cycle. The main goal is to assess the environmental impact of organisations' activities on water, thus improving the management of this scarce resource. ISO 14046 has raised, from the beginning, considerable interest in organisations, governments, multinationals and other parties involved due to the global increasing demand of water. A strong interest came also from developing countries, who are faced with a progressive water shortage and loss of water quality. The ISO/TC 207 SC 5 WG8 is currently working on ISO/TR 14073 which will give some examples of applications of ISO. UNEP congratulates the ISO/TC 207 SC 5 WG8 for the work done during the last 5 years and confirms its continued support in the capacity building efforts, dissemination and promotion of this important standard especially in the developing world.

2) News on the recently launched Social LCA Alliance

Members of the task force launched in 2014 the Social LC Alliance (social-LCA.org) which promotes, inter alia, the networking on social LCA and its [methodological sheets](#). Over 8200 downloads have been registered since April 2014. Since the launch of the website a process of engagement newcomers has been setup and the growth of the network interested in S-LCA and its methodological sheets is expected.

If you are interested in the Social LCA Alliance please click [here](#) or send an email to contact@social-lca.org.



3) LCA Practitioners on the interactive map!

During the recently held [SETAC Europe 24th Annual Meeting](#), the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative was present for the first time with its own booth. As part of the Life Cycle Initiative's enhanced outreach and communications activities, the booth was organised to promote the Life Cycle Initiative, especially to newcomers in the LCA field. The booth was highly frequented by both people familiar with the Life Cycle Initiative, as well as those who had not heard about it before. Thanks to a concerted effort of the communications team of the Initiative, visitors registered on our own [interactive map](#) that allows them to identify themselves as active LCA practitioners in their area, and see who else in their countries are working in this field.



The booth was also used as the central meeting point for stakeholders already affiliated with the Initiative, greatly facilitating discussions around the Life Cycle Initiative and its projects. As Jim Fava, co-chair of the phase 3 UNEP/SETAC flagship project group on 'hotspot analysis methodologies', said: "This is really great! Thanks to the booth I've been talking to more people than ever before during similar conferences!"

4) Call for abstracts for upcoming conferences

- Indian Conference on Life Cycle Management (ILCM 2014) • 29-30 September 2014 • New Delhi, India • Call for abstracts is open, deadline: 1 July. [Learn more.](#)

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Our Calendar: Where we'll be in the coming months

For a full calendar of life cycle events, see our [Events page](#) on our website.

1) 1st Central and West Africa Regional Conference of the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) • 2-5 September 2014 • Garki, Abuja, Nigeria



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2) Swiss Discussion Forum on LCA "Are Environmental Declarations of Products and Organisations the way to harmonise LCAs?" 24th Annual Meeting • 9 September 2014 • Zurich, Switzerland



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3) Indian Conference of Life Cycle Management •
29-30 September 2014 • New Delhi, India



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4) 1st Morocco Seminar on Environmental
Footprinting • 2 days between 13 to 17 October
2014 (TBC) • Rabat, Morocco



5) 4th International [avnir] Conference • 5-6
November 2014 • Lille, France



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6) 4th LCM Brazil Conference • 9 -12 November
2014 • Sao Paulo, Brazil



7) 4th International Seminar on Social LCA • 20-21
November 2014 • Montpellier, France •



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8) SETAC 20th LCA Case Study Symposium • 24-26
November 2014 • Novi Sad, Serbia



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Flagship Activity Feedback - A selection

Life Cycle Impact Assessment Indicators (Flagship 1b) Co-chairs Rolf Frischknecht and Olivier Jolliet

The flagship project group team and its four working groups met on 15 and 16 May in Basel and had active discussions on various subsets of indicators. A meeting report is under preparation. For more information please contact the co-chairs of this flagship activity, Olivier Jolliet and Rolf Frischknecht (info@lifecycleinitiative.org).

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LCA of Organisations (Flagship 1c) Co-chairs Matthias Finkbeiner and Atsushi Inaba

Selection of examples in Asia, Africa and Latin America for the guidance document is

underway. If you would like to contribute please contact: julia.martinezblanco@tu-berlin.de

Global Capability Development (Flagship 4a) Co-Chairs Cassia Ugaya, Sanjeevan Bajaj, Sonia Valdivia

The ISO-UNEP/SETAC training workshop on **water footprint** was held in Panama (29 & 30 May - see associated announcement on the Water Footprint standard above) in conjunction with the Annual Meetings of the ISO TC 207. The training workshop welcomed 20 participants from Asia, Africa and Latin America mainly coming from national normalization bodies and national environmental footprinting practitioners. Next editions of this training are foreseen in South Africa and Peru at the CILCA Conference (July 2014).

Ongoing capacity building work is featured in the [upcoming events section](#) of the Life Cycle Initiative website.

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Life Cycle Jobs

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European Commission Joint Research Centre (JRC) Jobs Page

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