



UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative

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Dear Colleagues of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative,

It is my pleasure to announce the **UNEP/SETAC sessions** and activities from 20-25 May 2012 back to back to the upcoming **Berlin 6th SETAC World Congress 2012** and the invitation to calls for papers to the **Ecobalance2012 Conference in Japan** and the **V International conference on Life Cycle Assessment in Argentina – CILCA 2013**. Please read on!

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20th May, 2012 (Sunday)

WULCA Project Expert Meeting on 'Assessment of Water Use'

Time & Room: 16:00 to 19:00; **Estrell hall C7**

Organizers: UNEP/SETAC WULCA Project Group (contact: a.koehler@pe-international.com)

Aim: Provide an update on the status of the UNEP/SETAC Project on 'Water Use in LCA' (WULCA) and a space for discussion and benchmarking of current quantitative methods as well as present the WULCA platform for dissemination and capability development.

21st May, 2012 (Monday)

UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative Session

Time & Room: 14:00 to 16:00; **Estrell hall B**

Background and aim: The UNEP-SETAC Life Cycle initiative has been a major factor in the development and dissemination of approaches, methods, and tools for analysis and management of products, materials, and services across their lifecycle for nearly 10 years. In its Phase 2 the Initiative has had an active program to support technical projects, workshops, capacity building, and outreach to the LCA community and beyond to the users and would be users of life cycle approaches. This session will provide the participants with an overview of the accomplishments of the work to date as well as a prospectus on the Phase 3 of the Initiative (2012-2016). Session presenters will provide details of specific project results. The orientation of the Initiative is moving toward the evolution of life cycle methods for support of Sustainability assessments, which fits well within the theme of the Congress. SETAC's role in assembling and coordinating the science behind the Initiative's efforts will be highlighted.

22nd May, 2012 (Tuesday)

Expert Meeting on 'UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Sustainability Assessment'

Time & Room: 15:00 to 17:00; **meeting room 30310**

Organizers: The Secretariat of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative

(Contact: Sonia.valdivia@unep.org)

Aim: Discuss on advanced holistic life cycle sustainability approaches and, especially, the research development needs on LCSA.

First UNEP/SETAC/TSC Workshop on 'Uncertainty in LCA'

Time & Room: 17:00 to 19:00; **Estrell hall C1**

Organizers: The UNEP, SETAC and The Sustainability Consortium through its Working Group on Uncertainty

Background and aim: The workshop will be the first in a series of three and has the aim to present a proposed adaptive framework for uncertainty management. The content will include:

Definitions and types of uncertainties; the adaptive framework for uncertainty including a practical application and demonstration; and consequences and lessons learned.

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23rd May, 2012 (Wednesday)

Launch of USEtox Community of Users

Time & Room: 16:00 to 19:00; **ECC Room 3**

Organizers: The USEtox Project Group (www.usetox.org)

Aim: Launch a USEtox community of users that will be an exchange platform (with meeting, regular Webinar, forum) that enables USEtox users to share experience, provide inputs to the USEtox developers, be informed about latest developments. Following agenda points are considered: USEtox updates (ionizing chemicals, indoor air emissions, and continent specific parametrization), USEtox users' survey results, and USEtox platform users' expectations.

24th May, 2012 (Thursday)

21st UNEP/SETAC International Life Cycle Board (ILCB) Meeting (Invitation only)

Time & Room: 09:00 to 16:00; **Nizza**

Organizers: The Secretariat of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative

Aim: The ILCB to discuss the status of Phase 2 activities and provide feedback to and agree on the Phase 3 (2012-2016) strategic direction of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative.

25th May, 2012 (Friday)

Workshop on 'Practical Aspects of Social Life Cycle Assessment S-LCSA'**

Time: 9:00 to 17:00

Venue: **Cluboffice, Bundesallee 171, 10715 Berlin Schöneberg, Germany**

Organizers: GreenDeltaTC in cooperation with the Federal Technical University of Paraná and the Öko-Institut e.V.

Aim: Demonstrate the application of Social Life Cycle Assessments and related tools and to exchange with people from academia, industry, and policy makers, on how social impacts caused by product life cycles can be managed.

Fee: 200 € until April 20, 275 € afterwards, catering included. For more information, please visit <http://www.greendeltatc.com/Social-LCA-Workshop-2012.220.0.html?&L=1>

**EcoBalance2012, Tokyo, Japan, November 20 – 23, 2012
Abstract submission by 8 May, 2012**

The organizing committee of Ecobalance2012 would like to announce that the deadline of Abstract Submission has been extended to 8 May 2012, 18:00 (JST, UTC+9). Please do not miss this opportunity. Abstract submission page is as below:

<http://ilcaj.snnt.or.jp/EcoBalance2012/call/index.html>

Data amendment and abstract replacement can be done till 8 May 2012, 18:00 (JST, UTC+9).

Important dates:

Abstract submission deadline: 8 May 2012, 18:00 (JST, UTC+9)

- * Acceptance notification: 31 May 2012
- * Online registration open: in the middle of June 2012
- * Early bird registration deadline: 22 August 2012
- * Full paper submission deadline: 28 August 2012
- * Conference: 20-23 November 2012

Should you have any question, please feel free to contact the secretariat of EcoBalance2012:

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Argentina: V International conference on Life Cycle Assessment – CILCA 2013, March 24 and 27

It is with great pleasure that the National Technological University of Mendoza (UTN FRM) in Argentina, the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative, the Iberoamerican network on Life Cycle Assessment and the International Scientific and Organizing Committee extend an open invitation for you to join and be an active participant of the **V International conference on Life Cycle Assessment – CILCA 2013, to be held between March 24 and 27, 2013.**

Call for papers

The deadline for abstract submission and poster presentation has been set for 15th July 2012. Abstracts can be submitted in any of the three official conference languages (English, Spanish, and Portuguese), but the authors should provide an English version after acceptance. Abstracts must follow the International Journal of Life Cycle Assessment format (<http://www.springer.com/environment/journal/11367>). More details will be published soon on the website www.cilca2013.org

The scientific program of CILCA 2013 will include plenary sessions with recognized keynote speakers from Industry, NGOs, Academia and UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative, and parallel specific sessions covering the following:

- Sustainable resource management
- LCM and Eco-efficiency
- LCA & Sustainable cities
- LCA & Rural development
- Design for sustainability
- Waste management and recycling
- Social responsibility and life cycle sustainability assessment
- Industrial ecology
- Green economy and Sustainable Policies
- Ecolabelling, Environmental Product Declarations Type III (PCR/EPD) and green purchasing
- Carbon and Water footprints
- Life Cycle Costing
- LCA case studies

- Education and Capability development
- LCI & LCA databases

Oral presentations will be translated.

For more information, please contact us at: cilca2013@gmail.com
Alejandro Pablo Arena, Chair of CILCA 2013, Bárbara Civit, Co-chair of CILCA 2013

Additional Upcoming events

You are kindly invited to follow-up and attend the following events:

7e édition de la Conférence sur le développement durable et la responsabilité sociale
Montréal, Canada, 25-26 April 2012

6th Society and Materials International Conference SAM-6, First announcement & call for papers
Leuven, Belgium, 30 - 31 May 2012

Global Guidance Principles for LCA Databases: Implementation and Capacity Building
Bangkok, Thailand, 30 June 2012

'3rd International Conference on Green and sustainable innovation'
Le Meridien, Chiang Mai, Thailand, 24-26 May 2012

'United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (Rio+20)' organized by the United Nations.
Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, 4-6 June 2012

'International Symposium on Life Cycle Assessment and Construction'
Nantes (France), July 10-12, 2012

First Indian LCM/LCA Conference
New Delhi, India (venue to be confirmed; co-organized with the FICCI - Indian Chamber of Commerce), 21 - 23 Aug 2012

III Brazilian Conference on Life Cycle Management of Products and Services (Congresso Brasileiro em Gestão do Ciclo de Vida de Produtos e Serviços)
Maringá, Parana, Brasil, 3-6 September 2012

'River Flow – International Conference on Fluvial Hydraulics'
Costa Rica, 5-7 September 2012

LCA XII
Tacoma, USA, September 25-27, 2012

8th international conference on Life Cycle Assessment in the Agri-Food Sector "LCA Food 2012"
Saint-Malo, France, 02-04 October 2012,

3rd China LCM Conference
Beijing, China. Dates to be confirmed, November, 2012,

'SETAC North America 33rd Annual Meeting'
Long Beach, California, U.S.A., 11-15 Nov. 2012

'Ecobalance'
Yokohama, Japan, 20-23 November, 2012

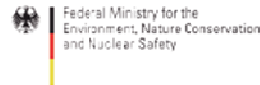
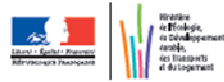
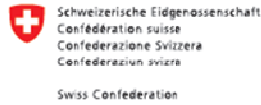
'SETAC LCA Case Study Symposium'
Copenhagen, Denmark, 26-28 November 2012

Kind Regards,
Secretariat of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative
For more information, please visit our website: <http://lcinitiative.unep.fr/>

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