



UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative

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Dear Friends of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative,

You are kindly invited to attend the 44th Discussion Forum on Life Cycle Assessment:

44th Discussion Forum on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) **"Applying Life Cycle Assessment on the Food and Beverage Supply Chain"**

Location: *Hôtel Alpha Palmiers, Lausanne, Switzerland*

Date: Tuesday 21st June 2011

We would also kindly like to invite you to follow up on our recent activity: the UNEP/SETAC **"International Life Cycle Impact Assessment Workshop"**.

LCA Forum: Swiss Discussion Forum on LCA

The 44th Discussion Forum on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) will have the theme 'Applying Life Cycle Assessment on the Food and Beverage Supply Chain'. The event, being sponsored by the Nestlé Research Center in Lausanne, will be held in English and will take place on Tuesday 21st June 2011 in Lausanne, Switzerland.

The Discussion Forum will address the following questions:

- How is LCA used by different actors in the food and beverage supply chain?
- What are the current main issues and obstacles?
- What are the best practices and innovative ways of using LCA in this sector?
- What are the important trends for the future of LCA in this sector?

Please use the following link for further details on the location, registration information, agenda, etc.:

<http://www.dflca.ch/Forum/tabid/57/Default.aspx>.

International Life Cycle Impact Assessment Workshop

The "Life Cycle Impact Assessment (LCIA) - Where we are, trends and next steps" workshop was held on Friday 20th May 2011 in Milan, Italy with the kind support of the host Fondazione Eni Enrico Mattei. The workshop was attended by over 40 participants ranging from industry, government, academia and consultancy. The workshop had the following main objectives:

1. Strengthen the linkages of international LCIA actors globally;
2. Develop a common understanding on where we are on LCIA initiatives and trends; and
3. Exchange and agree on next steps.

The agenda covered four main aspects, starting off with a session on 'Mapping International LCIA activities', which presented case studies from Brazil, Singapore, etc. The second session included presentations on the various LCIA relevant activities of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative in Phase 1 (2002–2006) and Phase 2 (2007–2012), for example USETox and WULCA (water use in LCA). Different 'Emerging Indicators' like biodiversity and chemical/toxic footprints were also introduced. The workshop was concluded with a presentation session focusing on 'Governmental and Corporate Approaches' with representatives from the French government and Unilever, Renault, etc. presenting.

All presentations from the workshop will soon be uploaded to our website.

Kind Regards,

Secretariat of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative

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