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**Train-the-Trainers-Workshop on Environmental Footprinting focusing  
on Carbon Footprint and Water Footprint, November 12-16, 2012, Paris,  
France**

UNEP, with the technical support from two well recognized organizations (the University ETH Zurich and the World Resource Institute) has developed a training programme on product environmental footprinting along its life cycle (from the extraction through the transformation, transportation, use and end-of-life), focusing this time on water footprinting and carbon footprint.

This activity is part of a 3-year project 'Integrating resource efficiency in international supply chains' funded by the European Commission and implemented by the United Nations Environment Programme from 2012 through 2014.

Those participating in the Train-the-Trainers-Workshop will learn the key steps in developing an environmental footprint inventory, complete hands-on GHG emissions and water

use calculation exercises, practice training skills, and learn how to replicate and facilitate their own training workshops in developing countries and emerging economies. Participants will also have the opportunity to earn a Trainer Certificate by passing an oral and written exam and evaluation.

Participants include key partners from the UNEP and UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative's regional networks including countries such as Turkey, Russia, India, South Africa and China. The setup of a network of regional experts will be a key outcome of the Train-the-Trainers-Workshop.

Future related activities will be implemented in developing countries and emerging economies (possibly first in India, Argentina and Nigeria). For further information about related activities, please be so kind and contact Beatriz Macyshyn from 26 November on at Tel: +33 (0)1 4437 1981 or via email: [beatriz.macyshyn@unep.org](mailto:beatriz.macyshyn@unep.org)

## **International Symposium on Life Cycle Impact Assessment: Towards the Development of a Global Scale LCIA Methods, November 23, 2012, Keio University, Japan**

Since 1990s, a number of comprehensive research relating to life cycle impact assessment (LCIA) methods have been carried out. LCIA methods have contributed to evaluating environmental performances of product life cycle and to promote the application of LCIA internationally. However, their application in all regions of the world is still very limited. In order to facilitate an increased use of these methods, advanced methodologies such as LCImpact, Impact world+, LIME3, have begun to expand the scope of assessment towards a global scale.

This international symposium gathers leading LCIA experts on the development of LCIA methods to share the main advances and characteristics of their methods.

The aim of the workshop is to improve the understanding of the state-of the art of LCIA methods and to discuss the possibility of a default method that could be applied in developing countries. LCIA users are invited to express their expectations and provide feedback in the discussions.

For further information on the symposium, please be so kind and visit <http://www.keio.ac.jp/ja/access/hiyoshi.html>.



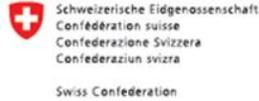
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