



UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative

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Dear Colleagues of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative,

It is our pleasure to invite you to visit our [New Life Cycle Initiative Website](#) and to consider contributing to the Second Indian Conference on Life Cycle Assessment and Management by submitting an abstract by the 15th April. Furthermore, we would like to provide you with the latest news about UNEP and UNEP/SETAC LCA related meetings in April.

New LCI Website
www.lifecycleinitiative.org

What is Life Cycle Thinking? What are the benefits of Life Cycle Approaches? How many Life Cycle Networks and associations are there and where? You can now find the answer to all these questions and many more just with one click! You can learn about the different past as well as ongoing [activities](#) and [phases](#) of LCI, access useful tools like our [training materials](#), our [reports](#), [videos](#), [articles](#), etc... Our [Network platform](#) allows anyone interested in the Life Cycle Initiative to contact regional, national or even global networks. A list of [upcoming events](#) and information on possibilities to attend is available and regularly updated.

For more updates on our activities, you can [register to this newsletter](#) by signing up on our [website](#). In addition, we're happy to announce that from now on, you can also follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#)!

**Second Indian Conference on Life Cycle assessment and Management,
Bangalore, India. 26th & 27th September 2013**

The second Indian Conference on Life Cycle Assessment and Management (ILCM 2013) is in preparation and will be held on 26-27 September 2013.

The life cycle approach holds great potential for environmental and broader sustainability work in India. Deriving inspiration from Rio+20 Sustainable Development dialogues and suggestions of the ILCM 2012 delegates, ILCM 2013 aims to showcase practical examples implemented across various sectors. ILCM 2013 invites policy makers, business managers and social scientists to bring in different perspectives and create a richer understanding of the subject. The theme for ILCM 2013 is "Creating business value through sustainable strategies".

Contributions are invited under the following three subthemes:

1. Life Cycle Approaches: Local Vs Global perspectives.
2. Life Cycle Approaches: Business opportunities and challenges in using LCA
3. Life Cycle Approaches: Social LCA for developing the institutional framework in India

How to submit contributions to conference?

We invite contributors interested to showcase their work at the conference to submit an abstract with no more than **300 words** to the conference organisers. Please find attached to this message the **guidelines to abstract submission**. Only abstracts that conform to the instructions given in the guidelines will be accepted. The deadline for submitting abstracts is **15 April 2013**. Submitted abstracts will be reviewed by the Scientific Committee. Authors will be informed of the acceptance of their abstracts by **1 June 2013** at the latest.

For more information on the conference, please visit www.indialca.com or contact the organizing committee at ilcm@ficci.com

Second International Meeting on Life Cycle Assessment: quality Data Availability for Policy Making, 8th 9th & 10th April 2013

The 10th of April meeting aims to bring together representatives from national governments and intergovernmental organisations like the European Commission and UNEP to advance:

- a. Establishment of an international dialogue process on LCA based policies, discussing and deciding on relevant policy and technical issues particularly in the context of the 10-year of Framework of Programmes (10YFP):
- b. Exploration of effective mechanisms that would facilitate the availability and accessibility of good quality LCA data worldwide; and
- c. Concrete activities for awareness raising and capacity building in developing countries in support of LCA based policies.

This meeting will be organized at the UNESCO Headquarters building in Paris, France.

In addition to the meeting planned on April 10, two other meetings will be held on April 8-9 at UNEP-DTIE offices in Paris to provide background information to participants prior to the meeting on April 10.

The meeting on April 8 jointly organised by UNEP and the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC) Life Cycle Initiative, has the overall objective to create awareness on the LCA approach.

The meeting on April 9 will present UNEP LCA related programmes and activities that could be jointly developed with public representatives and other major stakeholders.

For more information, particularly on the possibility of attending the April 8 & 9 meetings, please feel free to contact us at: info@lifecycleinitiative.org

We look forward to seeing you at one of our events in the near future and hope that you enjoyed our newsletter. For more information about the Life Cycle Initiative please visit our [new website](#) or get in touch with us via info@lifecycleinitiative.org

Kind Regards,

Secretariat of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative

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