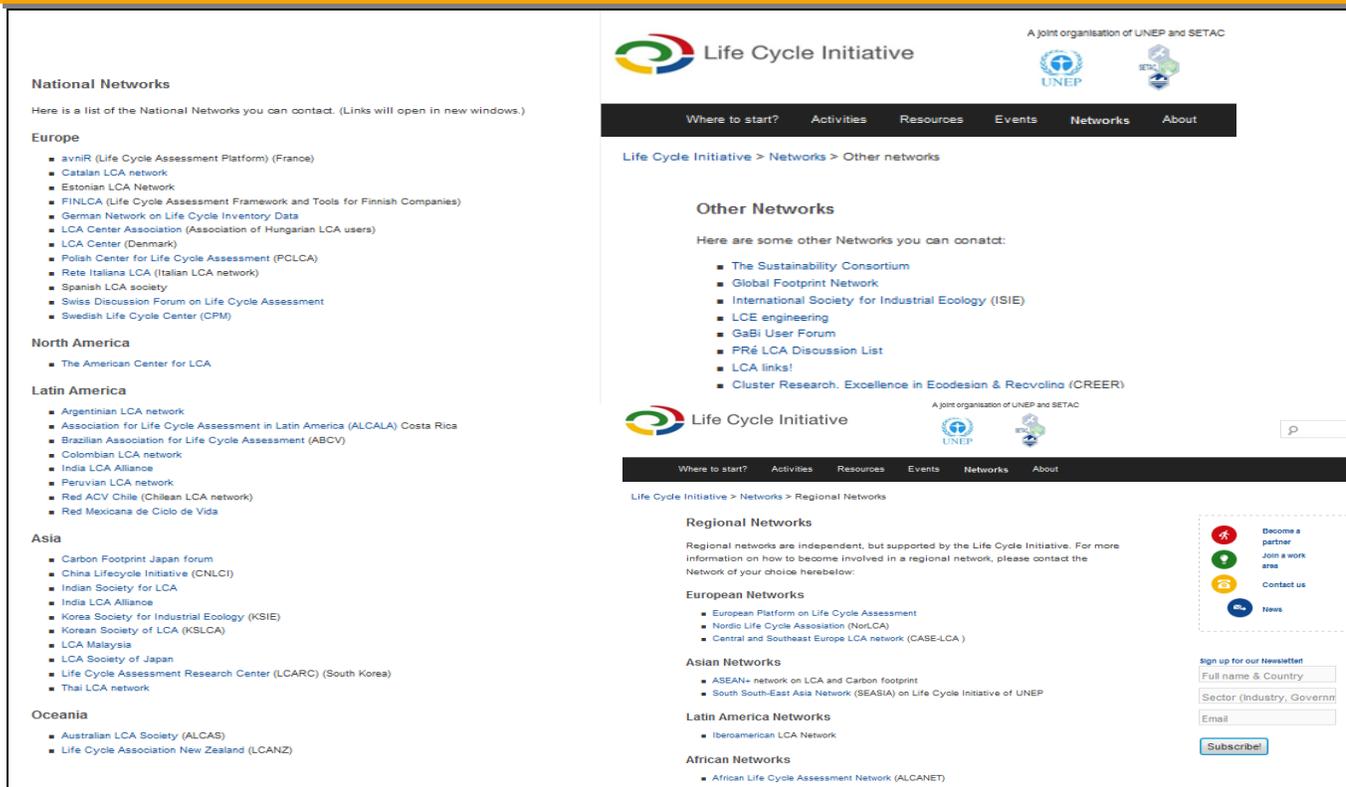


Dear colleagues and friends of the Life Cycle Initiative,

It is our pleasure to invite you to surf on the [networks](#) webpage in case you haven't already! Our [network platform](#) will allow anyone interested in the Life Cycle Initiative to contact regional, national or even global networks. A list of [upcoming events](#) will be listed available and all necessary information to attend will be provided and regularly updated. **To keep receiving updates on our activities, please register to this newsletter** by signing up on our [website](#). From now on, you can follow us on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn!](#)

Life Cycle Networks



The screenshot shows the 'Life Cycle Networks' page on the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative website. The page is divided into two main sections: 'National Networks' and 'Other Networks'.

National Networks

Here is a list of the National Networks you can contact. (Links will open in new windows.)

- Europe**
 - avnIR (Life Cycle Assessment Platform) (France)
 - Catalan LCA network
 - Estonian LCA Network
 - FINLCA (Life Cycle Assessment Framework and Tools for Finnish Companies)
 - German Network on Life Cycle Inventory Data
 - LCA Center Association (Association of Hungarian LCA users)
 - LCA Center (Denmark)
 - Pollux Center for Life Cycle Assessment (PCLCA)
 - Rete Italiana LCA (Italian LCA network)
 - Spanish LCA society
 - Swiss Discussion Forum on Life Cycle Assessment
 - Swedish Life Cycle Center (CPM)
- North America**
 - The American Center for LCA
- Latin America**
 - Argentinian LCA network
 - Association for Life Cycle Assessment in Latin America (ALCALA) Costa Rica
 - Brazilian Association for Life Cycle Assessment (ABCV)
 - Colombian LCA network
 - India LCA Alliance
 - Peruvian LCA network
 - Red ACV Chile (Chilean LCA network)
 - Red Mexicana de Ciclo de Vida
- Asia**
 - Carbon Footprint Japan forum
 - China Lifecycle Initiative (CNLCI)
 - Indian Society for LCA
 - India LCA Alliance
 - Korea Society for Industrial Ecology (KSIE)
 - Korean Society of LCA (KSLCA)
 - LCA Malaysia
 - LCA Society of Japan
 - Life Cycle Assessment Research Center (LCARC) (South Korea)
 - Thai LCA network
- Oceania**
 - Australian LCA Society (ALCAS)
 - Life Cycle Association New Zealand (LCANZ)

Other Networks

Here are some other Networks you can contact:

- The Sustainability Consortium
- Global Footprint Network
- International Society for Industrial Ecology (ISIE)
- LCE engineering
- GaBI User Forum
- PRé LCA Discussion List
- LCA links!
- Cluster Research: Excellence in Ecodesign & Recycling (CREER)

The page also features a navigation menu with options: 'Where to start?', 'Activities', 'Resources', 'Events', 'Networks', and 'About'. There are also search bars and a newsletter sign-up form on the right side.

The UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative identified about 50 international, [national](#) and [regional networks](#) which are located in Asia, Latin America, Europe, the USA, Africa and Central Asia. Their major activities relate to knowledge sharing and communication, support of case studies, and development of life cycle inventories and impact assessment methods. Globally, an increasing trend in the formation of LCA networks over time is observed for example with respect to 2008 when about 20 networks had been identified. This first comprehensive mapping online can serve as a basis for enhancing cooperation and coordination among the LCA networks worldwide. We would like to acknowledge the contribution of Anders Bjørn & Miłojaj Owsianiak & Alexis Laurent & Christine Molin & Torbjørn Bochsén Westh and Michael Zwicky Hauschild from the TU Denmark who kindly contributed to complete this list.

A meeting was hosted in Paris on 8-9 April on “Awareness raising on Life Cycle Approaches” by the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative. It attracted 30-40 attendees from a range of developing and developed countries, and a range of stakeholder groups including business, government, academia, and industry associations. There was a dual purpose for the meeting – firstly to provide information to stakeholders about LC approaches, including the progress to date in the Initiative project, the future plans of the project and how it is potentially being seamlessly integrated into the 10YFP (which includes LC in its vision and criteria). The second purpose was to engage with stakeholders on next steps towards mainstreaming life cycle and resource efficiency issues in their countries, and to identify how the needs and expectations of this diverse range of stakeholders could assist with tailoring the future work of the Initiative and, where appropriate, the 10YFP. The meeting reinforced the value of and ongoing need for stakeholder engagement and capacity building on life cycle issues in both the public and private sector, particularly in developing economies.

A related meeting was held on 10 April - the “Second International Meeting on Life Cycle Assessment: Quality Data Availability for Policy Making”, which was hosted by UNEP and co-chaired by the EC (DG Environment) at UNESCO. It was a follow-on activity to the ‘First Meeting on LCA in Policies’ held in Brussels on 11 September and organised by the EC where participants agreed to continue the dialogue in six months time and requested UNEP to convene the second meeting. The delegates were principally from Government and research organisations and there were delegates from developing and developed countries, in particular Latin America was very well represented. One of the key outcomes of this meeting was a clear mandate to formalise the group and continue the work on international cooperation on LC data issues, as a distinctly separate process to the work already underway in the EC. The next meeting in 2013 will possibly be in Mexico or the USA, followed by an Asian country in 2014. There will be potential for the knowledge and network of experts within the UNEP/SETAC LC Initiative project to contribute to this developing body of work given the experience with developing the Global Guidance for LCA Databases.

For more information, feel free to contact us through this address: info@lifecycleinitiative.org

Network of Product Sustainability Information Initiatives Meeting 10 - 12 June 2013, Paris

Network of Product Sustainability Information Initiatives is an upcoming meeting which will take place from 10-12 June at the UNEP in Paris. It is being co-organized by WRAP and the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative.

Led by UK-based WRAP, an effort has been made over the past months to bring together various initiatives and stakeholders working on Product Sustainability Information aspects, to identify opportunities for cooperation. During a workshop in Berlin in September 2012, present stakeholders decided to create a Network of Product Sustainability Information Initiatives. This network is meant to provide a collaborative working space for all stakeholders to facilitate the mapping of existing Initiatives around the world, streamline information sharing between these Initiatives and create opportunities for joint projects.

UNEP, through the engagement of the Life Cycle Initiative, has been actively shaping the development process of this network since the first meeting in Berlin. Jointly with WRAP, the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative is hosting the secretariat of the network, which will be formally established during the meeting in Paris. Besides formalising the network, a number of projects and activities for collaboration have already been identified by the Network's Steering Group, which will be discussed in more detail during the meeting.

We are looking forward to being able to contribute to this activity and thus ensure a global alignment of activities around Product Sustainability Information. The meeting is by invitation only but we will make sure to inform those of you interested in its progress, of the outcomes of the meeting.

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Mainstreaming LCA and LC thinking (ERSCP-EMSU Conference) Istanbul, Turkey, 4-7 June 2013

The UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle initiative will be represented at the ERSCP-EMSU Conference on 4-7 June 2013 in Istanbul, Turkey. A keynote speech will be delivered on the 10-year contribution of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative (2002-2012) and the Phase 3 activities (2012-2017). There will be a separate workshop on 6th June which will explore the issue of mainstreaming LCA and LC thinking in Turkey, and what is required to set up a platform. This workshop will include background information on what LCA is, why it is used, UNEP activities on LCA and Global Guidance on Databases, as well as information on LCA in Turkey and opportunities and challenges moving forward. UNEP Life Cycle Initiative representatives are keen to engage with Turkish stakeholders, to understand how the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative can assist Turkey in transitioning to more sustainable value chains.

For more information you can consult the [ERSCP-EMSU webpage](#).
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Water Footprinting Training workshop in Gaborone, Botswana, 23-24 June 2013

ISO and UNEP/SETAC are jointly hosting a Water Footprinting Training workshop in Gaborone, Botswana on 23-24 June 2013. The workshop is being held in conjunction with the ISO ISO/TC 207 Environmental management meetings from 24-28 June 2013. The aim of this workshop is to train a network of regional and countries experts, ISO delegates and relevant stakeholders on water footprinting who could further promote the implementation of this approach in their countries. This workshop is the latest in a series of regional workshops taking places in different regions which is part of the capacity building of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative. The workshop is free of charge and will be led by ISO, UNEP and the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative experts with support of practitioners trained by UNEP in 2012 during the first Train-the-Trainers Workshop (Paris, November 2012). Participants will learn key steps in developing a Water Footprint inventory, focusing on hands-on calculation exercises on water use, practice training skills, and learn how to facilitate of relevant groups (industries, institutions etc) in their respective countries. Participants will also have the opportunity to earn a Certificate by passing a written evaluation.

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More upcoming events!

- **ERSCP & EMSU** 4 - 7 June 2013, Istanbul, Turkey.
- UNEP/SETAC Training on environmental footprint and databases, (Back to back with the Environmental Management TC207 Meeting) 23-24 June 2013 Gaborone, Botswana.
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- **2013 LCA AgriFood Asia Conference: Indonesia** 24-26 June 2013, Bogor, Indonesia.
- **3rd Energy Life Cycle Assessment and Sustainability Workshop and Symposium (ELCAS)** 7-9 of July 2013, The Island of Nisyros, Greece.
- **8th Conference on LCA and Carbon footprinting** organised by the Australian LCA Society, 14-18 July 2013, Sydney, Australia.
- **LCM 2013 conference**, 25-28 August 2013, Gothenburg, Sweden.
- **2nd International LCM Conference and UNEP/SETAC Training on environmental footprint;** 26-27 September 2013, Bangalore, India.
- 1st Russian Seminar on LCA; Saint Petersburg, Russia. October 2013 [Dates to be confirmed]
- **Third International LCA [avniR] Conference organised by the Platform [avniR]**, 4-5 November 2013, Lille, France.
- **SETAC North America 34th Annual Meeting** 17-21 November 2013, Nashville, Tennessee, United States.
- Mexico Seminar on Global Guidance for LCA Databases, 15-16 August 2013, Mexico City.
For more info: info@lifecycleinitiative.org
- **International Symposium on a Sustainable Future** (ISSF), IGIDIR, 16-18 October, Mumbai, India

Kind Regards,

Secretariat of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative

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