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An Invitation to Get Involved!

Mainstreaming life cycle approaches around the world: An invitation to take part in a survey for a global assessment report

It is our pleasure to contact you today with a special invitation to take part in our survey for a global assessment on the status of the promotion and development of life cycle approaches, networks and databases.

The UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative carries out this survey as a basis for a global assessment report to monitor progress towards its Phase 3 vision of mainstreaming life cycle approaches around the world. It is also meant to help identify opportunities for life cycle networks creation and expansion and to support the development of LCA databases, especially also in developing countries and emerging economies.

In addition to the results of the survey, the report will include recommendations for concrete actions by different stakeholders at the international, regional and national level.

We would highly appreciate if you could take around 30 minutes to fill in the survey. The survey will be online until the 10th of September. However, the earlier you fill in the survey, the more information we can consider in our first evaluation round that will be done before the end of August.

You can participate in the survey via this link: http://bit.ly/LCA_Survey

For your information, it is understood here that life cycle approaches encompass a wide

range of approaches for the sustainability management and evaluation of various stages of the life of a product or organization, from raw material acquisition to final disposal, covering the notion of life cycle thinking for management and policy purposes and going from qualitative and simplified screening tools via hotspot analysis, footprinting (e.g. ISO 14046 and ISO 14067) to life cycle assessment (such as environmental, social LCA or life cycle costing) based on the ISO standards of the ISO 14040 series and organizational LCA based on ISO 14072.

We would like to thank you very much in advance and are looking forward to your contribution!

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An Interview with Sonia Valdivia

Sonia Valdivia looks back at 8 1/2 years with the Life Cycle Initiative

Sonia Valdivia has played a central role in the Life Cycle Initiative Secretariat for the past 8 1/2 years, with a goal of mainstreaming life cycle approaches worldwide.

She recently accepted a new post at the World Resources Forum, and before leaving, accepted to take some time to look back and share her experiences during her long and active tenure. [Read the full interview.](#)



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