



Call for Participants

Life cycle thinking and eco-innovation training for Asia and the Pacific

Key Information:

When:	19 and 20 October 2016
Where:	New Delhi, India The training is scheduled to follow the 2016 Indian Conference on Life Cycle Management .
Who can apply:	Residents of Asia and Pacific countries only. Government officers, members of RECPnet and other business intermediary organisations, researchers, consultants, NGOs, management and owners of businesses (particularly in agriculture, forestry, chemicals and metals industries). Spaces are limited to 40 people.
Activity:	A two day training on Life Cycle Thinking (LCT) based approaches to sustainability, including hotspot analysis, and eco-innovation.
Support for participants:	Participation in the training is free. All participants will receive a certificate of participation. Financial assistance for travel and accommodation and a discount on ILCM conference registration will be offered to up to 10 participants, whose selection is described below.
How to apply:	To apply please send your cover letter, pilot project proposal, and CV addressed to Walter Reinhardt, Project Coordinator for SCP, the UNEP Regional Office for Asia and the Pacific To: walter.reinhardt@unep.org Cc: Feng.wang@unep.org Applications will be assessed against three criteria, which are detailed below. Applicants should specify in their cover letter whether they are applying for financial assistance to attend the training.
Timeline for application:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submission of proposals • Notification of selection • Training Friday 16 September 2016 (deadline of submission) Friday 23 September 2016 Wednesday and Thursday 19 and 20 October 2016

Background: The Resource Efficiency through Application of Life cycle thinking (REAL) project

The training is part of the UNEP project *Resource Efficiency through Application of Life cycle thinking (REAL)*. The overall goal of the REAL project is to integrate resource efficiency in global value chains by using life cycle data on environmental impacts, thus enabling private and public organisations to make

The *UNEP REAL project and eco-innovation project* are implemented with the financial support of the European Commission



informed choices leading to increasingly sustainable consumption and production patterns (SCP). The REAL project aims to develop local resources and capacities for LCT in developing and transition economies.

The project has two streams of work:

- (i) Develop capacity to undertake LCA, through training and support for demonstration projects; and
- (ii) Develop life cycle data accessibility and interoperability through technical and financial support of LCA database networking and national LCA databases improvement.

The first stream includes training and demonstration projects for LCT in government, research and private sector enterprises, particularly SMEs. This call for applications includes training and pilot project proposals, and is one of the first activities to occur in the REAL project.

The training will run in New Delhi on 19 and 20 October 2016. The training will present LCT and Life Cycle Management, including hot-spot analysis, and eco-innovation; being action-oriented, the training will challenge participants to develop a pilot project proposal aimed at enhancing the consideration of the life cycle perspective in/by their own institutions. Participants should come to the workshop already with ideas of pilot project areas, and will be given the opportunity to further develop them during the training. A subsequent and separate call for pilot project proposals will be used to select projects for seed funding from UNEP.

The training on 19 and 20 October in New Delhi will follow immediately after the Indian Life Cycle Management (ILCM) conference, which is to be held in New Delhi on 17 and 18 October. Participation in both the ILCM conference and the LCT training is recommended, though these events are organised separately.

Who can apply?

Applications are sought from individuals in Asia and the Pacific countries to participate in the LCT training. Applications are sought from individuals working in the following sectors:

- Researchers and consultants: members of RECPnet and other business intermediary organisations, consultants, university researchers.
- Private sector and industry: owners, staff and consultants in agriculture, forestry, chemicals and metals industries.
- Government: ministries, agencies and regulators.

Applications are particularly sought from those with 5 or more years professional experience. We expect experienced staff will be able to engage in more informed training discussions with the capacity to use the training in their professional employment.

What can participants expect?

The training will run over two days during business hours. The training sessions will be structured around particular topics for LCT, including hotspot analysis and other tools, eco-innovation methodology and tools. Participants will present and refine their pilot projects as part of the training. The training will have a limited number of participants (currently limited to 40).

How to apply?

Applicants should submit a 1 page cover letter, a 1 page pilot project proposal and 2 page CV to the program coordinators Walter Reinhardt (walter.reinhardt@unep.org) and Feng Wang (feng.wang@unep.org).

The 1 page cover letter should include applicant motivation to participate and specify whether they are applying for financial assistance to attend the training.

The 2 page CV should include applicant country location, professional experience and qualifications.

The 1 page pilot project proposal is to outline a new project to demonstrate application of LCT in businesses or government. The pilot project proposal is to include a description of: 1) the industry sector and value chain

2) the potential value from application of LCT and 3) the actor or actors required to realise the value from LCT and the potential support for LCT application available.

A support letter from the applicant's institution to the participation in the training and willingness to undertake an eventual pilot project if funded is desirable.

How will applications be evaluated?

Applications will be evaluated against the following three criteria:

- Participant motivation.
- Participant professional experience and country location.
- Pilot project proposal and institutional support.

For any further information, please contact:

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