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LC Net Focus

The state of play for life cycle thinking in China's policy system

In the past two years in particular, life-cycle thinking and Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) have been widely adopted and recommended by a series of Chinese national policy documents.

In 'China's National Green Product Policy', life cycle thinking is recognized as the fundamental principle for establishing a uniform standard, certification and labelling system for all kinds of green products – similar to the European Product Environmental Footprint programme. In the 'Made in China 2025' policy (the Chinese national plan for industry for the coming decade), a group of life cycle approaches were proposed, such as: eco-design, green supply chain, and green procurement to “enhance product whole life-cycle green management”. This was followed by a batch of nationwide activities such as: standard making, eco-design pilot enterprise programmes, and pilot programmes for “integrated green manufacture” which were initiated by several central governmental departments.

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Introducing our new LC Initiative colleagues

Welcome to UN Environment's New Life Cycle Thinking Programme Officer

Kristina Bowers is the new Programme Officer at United

Nations Environment in Paris, who will also facilitate activities for the Life Cycle Initiative. Before joining UN Environment's Economy Division, Kristina worked in both inter-governmental organizations and the private sector. In 2013, Kristina joined the Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) in Montreal, Canada, as Junior Professional Officer, where she was leading the portfolio on business engagement. Before joining the UN, Kristina worked for a waste management company in Berlin, Germany in a public affairs role. Kristina holds a Master's Degree in Public and Private Environmental Management from the Freie University of Berlin, Germany.



Welcome to the Life Cycle Initiative's New Communications Consultant

Mathieu Carey is the new Communications Consultant to United Nations Environment in Paris. Among other activities, he will be also be supporting communications for the Life Cycle Initiative. Prior to joining UN Environment, Mathieu worked in the energy sector as a Brussels-based journalist, editor at the OECD in Paris, and communications analyst for state-owned energy companies. His career has also taken him to the United States, Italy and Saudi Arabia. Mathieu graduated from the University of Glasgow and holds Masters in International Relations from the IEP Toulouse, and in International Energy from Sciences Po Paris. During the latter, Mathieu undertook research on desalination systems and the water-energy-food nexus in the Middle East.

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Announcements

Including abstract deadlines, publications, and other interesting news

REAL Launches Call for Asia-Pacific Pilot Projects

The Resource Efficiency through Application of Life cycle thinking (REAL) project has launched a Call for Proposals for pilot projects which apply life cycle thinking and tools in Asia and the Pacific.

United Nations Environment aims to select, offer technical support to, and deliver projects which successfully demonstrate the value of life cycle approaches to government and business challenges in the region. These might include hotspots analysis, life cycle impact assessments, or network and partnership development. Examples and inspiration may also be sought from our [LCA success stories section](#).

The projects must be short term, with a maximum implementation period of 18 months, and to a maximum budget of USD 20,000. Not-for-profit implementing partners can apply; including NGOs, National Centres for Cleaner Production (NCPCs) and research institutes or associations from developing or transitioning economies in the Asia Pacific region.

To apply, please read carefully the [Call for Proposals](#) and [complete the corresponding application form](#). Completed forms must be submitted via email to [walter.reinhardt\(at\)unep.org](mailto:walter.reinhardt@unep.org) and [feng.wang\(at\)unep.org](mailto:feng.wang@unep.org).

Deadline for submission is 17h00 CET Friday 17 March 2017.

The REAL project is made possible with the financial support of the European Commission.

REAL Project: Training Opportunities at CILCA 2017

12 June 2017 | Medellín, Colombia

Call for Participants: 1-day Training in Life Cycle Thinking and Eco-innovation in Latin America and the Caribbean.

On 12 June 2017, UN Environment will organize a 1-day training session on life cycle thinking and eco-innovation, bringing to life several training materials developed by the Life Cycle Initiative in the last years. The training is part of the 'Resource Efficiency through Application of Life cycle thinking' (REAL) project, funded by the European Commission. The session will take place during the seventh [International Conference on Life Cycle Assessment in Latin America \(CILCA 2017\) in Medellín, Colombia](#).

Financial assistance is available for up to 10 participants in the Latin America and Caribbean region to support travel and accommodation. To apply, follow the instructions [on this form](#).

Deadline for submission is Friday 7 April 2017.

Brazilian Experts Gear Up for Life Cycle Assessment Forum

On 9-11 May 2017, Brazilian experts will meet at the second Brazilian Forum for Life Cycle Assessment (LCA). Held in Jaguariúna in São Paulo state, "*BRACV 2017*" will gather researchers, government officials and entrepreneurs in from the life cycle community.

Discussions are set to include support strategies for LCA in Brazil; either as a scientific methodology, a tool for the production/manufacturing sector, or as a source of information for public policy making. On the last day of the forum, a number of workshops and training courses will be open to participants.

The event is promoted by the Brazilian Institute of Information in Science and Technology (IBICT) in partnership with the Brazilian Agricultural Research Corporation (Embrapa) and the Espaço Eco Foundation, a centre of excellence in education and management for sustainability.

"One of the objectives is to evaluate the progress of the decisions taken at the first forum," says IBICT's expert on LCA, Thiago Rodrigues. "The idea is to discuss the main challenges and opportunities for LCA in Brazil."

Registration is free via [the event website](#).

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Our Calendar: Where we and our partners will be in the coming months

Circular Economy Symposium 2017 | 25-26 April 2017 | New Delhi, India

Call for Case Studies: The first Circular Economy Symposium will be held on 25-25 April 2017 in New Delhi, India, themed on boosting business, reducing waste. The call for case studies is open, with an invitation for presentations on the following topics: policy initiatives for responsible consumption and production; branding circularity for business value; the 'Zero' effect (achieving environmental sustainability in SMEs); start-ups in the eco-innovation and secondary raw materials market, and; applying systems thinking – life cycle knowledge for circular economy.

The deadline for case study submission is 20 March. Authors will be informed of the selection of their case studies by 31 March 2017.

>> [Consult the conference's website](#)

SETAC Europe 27th Annual Meeting | 7–11 May 2017 | Brussels, Belgium

SETAC Europe's 27th Annual Meeting will be the number one meeting place in 2017 on environmental science. A wide range of themes will be explored by participants, including: ecotoxicology, toxicology, environmental and human exposure, risk assessment and management, environmental policy and economics, and life cycle assessment.

The five-day event will feature a variety of training, networking and learning opportunities. As usual, the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative will be present at the conference, with the meeting of the International Life Cycle Board and several meetings around Life Cycle Impact Assessment taking place during the event.

>> [Consult the conference's website](#)

Workshop on Impact Assessment Indicators and Methods | 11 May 2017 | Brussels, Belgium

On 11 May 2017, the Life Cycle Initiative will hold a stakeholder workshop in Brussels for its flagship project, *Global Guidance for Life Cycle Impact Assessment Indicators and Methods*.

Hosted by SETAC Europe, the workshop will be an opportunity to see first-hand the state of work on crosscutting issues and in five active task forces: acidification and eutrophication, eco-toxicity, human toxicity, natural resources and ecosystem services.

The meeting follows up on the successful harmonization process for a first set of environmental indicators and the submission of a scientific paper by Jolliet et al. (2017). And in addition to the task forces already up and running, the workshop will also explore the creation of a 'continuous recommending panel'. This is set to focus on new

recommendations and updating characterization factors.

The workshop will be held from 17h30 - 20h00 on 11 May 2017 at the SETAC Europe offices (studio 314/316). Participation is free. To register, please email feng.wang@unep.org.

CILCA 2017 | 12-15 June 2017 | Medellin, Colombia

The seventh edition of the International Conference on Life Cycle Assessment in Latin America is being held on 12-15 June in Medellín, Colombia. 'CILCA 2017', which will focus on the contribution of life cycle thinking to the Sustainable Development Goals, is being co-organised by the Ibero-American Life Cycle Network, the Colombian Life Cycle Network and the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative.

>> [Consult the official event website.](#)

The LCM2017 CONFERENCE | 3-6 September 2017 | Luxembourg

The eighth International Conference on Life Cycle Management, LCM 2017, will be held on 3-6 September 2017 at the European Convention Center in Luxembourg. The conference will focus on practical solutions for the implementation of life cycle approaches in strategic and operational decision making. This could be at the stage of methodology development, tools and methods experimentation, or LCM-driven success stories as market innovations. Proposals are being considered for the conference sessions, with those following a "value chain" approach particularly welcome (i.e. those combining relevant stakeholders and actors).

>> [Consult the conference's website](#)

World Resources Forum 2017 | 24-25 October 2017 | Geneva, Switzerland

The 2017 World Resources Forum will take place on 24-25 October 2017 in Geneva, Switzerland. This year's conference, on '*Accelerating the Resource Revolution*', will focus on conditions, challenges and opportunities for governments, businesses, academia and civil society. More specifically, participants will look at how to accelerate the resource transition and how to manage, coordinate, finance, track progress, train and communicate.

>> [Consult the official event website.](#)

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Jobs

Environmental Impact Analyst

The Nature Conservancy Mexico City, MX: The Nature Conservancy is the leading

conservation organization working to make a positive impact for people and nature around the world in 69 countries, all 50 United States, major US cities and in your neighborhood. The Environmental Impact Analyst provides technical and scientific support for water management, conservation initiatives and their impact, for the Freshwater Program in Mexico and Northern Central America (MNCA). <http://bit.ly/2md8XWy> **Deadline for applications: 17 March 2017.**

New vacancy at Unilever - Sustainability Scientist

Unilever is recruiting a Sustainability Scientist with working knowledge of Life Cycle Assessment, to be based in the United Kingdom. For further information and to apply: <https://unilever.taleo.net/careersection/external/jobdetail.ftl?job=170003HA> **Deadline for applications: 17 March 2017.**

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