

LC Net



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Life Cycle Initiative

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LC Net Focus

Life Cycle Initiative releases a new introduction video!

A video introducing the strategy and structure of the Life Cycle Initiative is available now!

[Please watch and share this video among your network!](#)



Updates of Life Cycle Initiative activities

6th meeting of the International Forum on LCA Cooperation, and Launch event of the GLAD platform • April 26-27 2018 • Brussels, Belgium

UN Environment, in collaboration with and through the generous contribution by the European Commission, is organizing the 6th Meeting of the International Forum on Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) Cooperation. We are pleased to inform you that the Global LCA Data Access (GLAD) platform will also be launched during this meeting!

Limited places for participation in the meeting are available. In order to secure your place, please confirm your participation by 30th March 2018. For any further questions, please [contact Ms. Kristina Bowers](#). We look forward to welcoming you in Brussels!

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Great momentum gained for developing systemic solutions to marine plastics

UN Environment has successfully organized a workshop on marine plastics, to take stock of existing knowledge on this topics, and identified key gaps on knowledge and actions to fight the issue of marine plastics. At the same time, the Life Cycle Initiative has just kicked off a new project, to develop a national guidance to map plastics value chain and identify hotspots.



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GLAM project, and Pellston Workshop® on Life Cycle Impact Indicators, Part 2

As a legacy of the Initiative's phase 3, the project "Global Guidance for Life Cycle Impact Assessment Indicators and Methods" (GLAM) has been approved by the Steering Committee, as a project in the programme area on knowledge. This project aims to create a library of recommended impact assessment factors linked through a global nomenclature system, to improve the consistency and harmonization of LCA studies.

GLAM is progressing fast in the organisation of a one-week Pellston Workshop® to be held in Valencia, Spain on 24-29 June 2018. Participation in this workshop is by invitation only. The aim of the workshop is to provide the scientific grounds for harmonized environmental indicators and characterization factors in the above mentioned areas, as well as overall LCIA framework and crosscutting issues.

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The Young Champions of the Earth 2018 Awards



We call all life cycle minded young champions out there to apply for the Young Champions of the Earth 2018 awards! Please share your ideas by applying by 4th April, and we hope to have one young champion from the life cycle community to help push progress towards sustainable development very soon!

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Updates on two REAL pilot projects from the Asia Pacific

Two pilot projects are making great progress under the project [REAL](#), funded by the European Commission.

1) Mobile App for reducing food waste

Lookie Waste, the mobile-based application focuses on food consumption to monitor food waste and food packaging waste generated at the consumer level in daily life, by assessing its environmental and financial impacts to consumers from the life cycle perspective. The application is planned to be released in June 2018.

2) Application of life cycle thinking approach for enhancing the fruits and vegetables supply chain: A pilot study from Nagaland, India

The study based in the district of Dimapur in Nagaland, India is using life-cycle based information tools and methodologies to identify hotspots where interventions can be made for improving sustainability along the fruits and vegetables supply chain. The pilot aims to provide enabling conditions for promoting better sustainable consumption choices and is being carried out in two categories of local fruits and vegetables: produce from conventional farms and produce from organic farms. Possible intervention points were identified after extensive hotspot analyses and are currently being implemented for four groups of stakeholders, i.e. farmer, wholesaler, retailer and consumer.

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A look inside: Profiling our members

LC Net uses this space to profile organizations which have become very active in the field of life cycle thinking; organizations which have, naturally, stepped up their engagement with the Life Cycle Initiative as either a member or sponsor.

Pré Sustainability

Over the last 25 years, PRé has established a worldwide reputation as a leader in environmental and social impact assessment. They are the developers of SimaPro, one of the most widely used LCA software. Their driving value is to make sustainability more fact-based, by putting the metrics into sustainability. They are determined to empower LCA practitioners, sustainability experts and business managers to get their facts right. PRé is committed to facilitate innovation through research and development in LCA and Life Cycle Thinking.



In the words of Eric Mieras, Managing Director of PRé, “We strongly believe in collaboration. Making sustainability mainstream is not something that we can do alone and that’s why working with others in our ecosystem is at the heart of what we do. The Life Cycle Initiative and its activities are crucial for mainstreaming the use of Life Cycle Thinking by policy and other decision makers. Therefore, we are happy to support the Initiative and the recently released strategy, based on the three pillars “technical & policy advice, capacity building and knowledge”. In addition to support the Initiative’s activities, PRé has actively participated in many projects in LCA research and development, such as the ILCD Handbook and Product Environmental Footprint, and contributed to many global sustainability initiatives.

>> [Read more about Pré Sustainability.](#)

Our Calendar: where we and our partners will be active

SETAC Rome | 13–17 May 2018 | Rome, Italy

SETAC Rome is a 5-day event featuring a variety of training, networking and learning opportunities. You cannot miss this event if you are interested in emerging research, regulatory developments and the latest methodologies in environmental toxicology and chemistry, including as usual several sessions on Life Cycle Assessment. Between 2,000 and 2,500 scientists, assessors, regulators and managers from academia, business and government, representing an average of 60 countries, provides a unique networking opportunity and a chance for cross-collaboration long after the closing session. [Enjoy the early bird fee and register by 20 March.](#)

>> [More info on LCA related sessions](#)

The Gordon Research Conference on Industrial Ecology | May 20–25, 2018 | Les Diablerets, Switzerland

The theme of the conference is “The role of Industrial Ecology in reaching the Sustainable Development Goals”. The Life Cycle Initiative (represented by UN Environment) and many of its members will be at the conference discussing the role of the Initiative in the specific topics of LCA Data access and interoperability, as well as on the importance of stable and consensus based life cycle impact assessment indicators. Please join the Life Cycle Initiative to exchange ideas on its engagement with the scientific community and contribute to the global policy agenda.

>> [More event details](#)

Brazilian Conference on Life Cycle Management (GCV2018) | June 17–20, 2018 | Brasilia, Brazil

Life Cycle Initiative sponsors Brazilian Institute of Information in Science and Technology (IBICT) and the Brazilian Life Cycle Association (ABCV), in cooperation with the University of São Carlos (UFSCar), are organizing the sixth Brazilian Conference on Life Cycle Management (GCV2018). The theme of the conference will be “Management of Technological Information for Sustainability” and in addition to academic discussions, the event will also address the business uses of LCA. It shall promote debates around themes such as ecodesign, circular economy, organizational life cycle management, environmental labeling and life cycle inventories, among others.

>> [More event details](#)

>> [Contact the organizers](#)

II Chilean Conference of LCA | August 8-10, 2018 | Santiago, Chile

The Chilean Conference of LCA will be organized by the Chilean Network of LCA (RedACV Chile) with the support of the Ibero-American Network of LCA (RICV), and in collaboration with national agencies and international organisms. New regulations in Chile on extended producer responsibility (the EPR Law) is based on the life cycle approach, towards compliance with commitments and objectives associated with global sustainability initiatives such as the UN SDG, 10YFP and the green growth strategy, among others. With this regard, the Conference will focus on the Contribution to the Agenda of Sustainable Consumption and Production.

>> [More event details](#)

1st Life Cycle Innovation Conference - LCIC 2018 | 29-31 August 2018 | Berlin, Germany

The 1st Life Cycle Innovation Conference is organized by our latest member, the Forum for Sustainability through Life Cycle Innovation e.V. and will bring together a diverse crowd of change-makers, innovators, entrepreneurs, researchers, practitioners and decision-makers who share a passion for sustainable innovation. The conference theme is collaborate, innovate, co-create and the objective of the conference is to create a space for the Life Cycle and Innovation Community to engage in a dialogue about new and innovative approaches to advance sustainability and the Circular Economy.

>> [More information](#)

Indian Life Cycle Management Conference (ILCM) | 4-5 October 2018 | New Delhi, India

Join the Life Cycle Initiative Steering Committee member, the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in association with India LCA Alliance, as they host the 7th edition of the Indian Life Cycle Management Conference (ILCM) later this year. ILCM is an exclusive event that brings government, industry, and academia together to explore the applicability of Life Cycle Thinking (LCT) in enabling transition towards a truly sustainable economy. The underlying focus is to enable capacity building, networking and

peer to peer learning. This year's conference will follow a unique format with a one-day conference followed by knowledge-sharing sessions/site visits and B2B meetings.

Call for abstracts and special sessions is open until July 1, 2018.

>> [Download the conference brochure](#)

>> [Contact the organizers](#)

International Conference on Social Life Cycle Assessment | 10–12 September 2018 | Pescara, Italy

The University “G. d’Annunzio” of Pescara-Chieti, in collaboration with Ecoinnovazione srl, a spin-off of the Italian National Agency for New Technologies, Energy and Sustainable Economic Development (ENEA), is organising the 6th International Conference on Social Life Cycle Assessment (S-LCA). The theme of the conference is “Social LCA: People and Places for Partnership”.

>> [More event details](#)

Ecobalance 2018 | October 9-12 | Tokyo, Japan

The Institute of Life Cycle Assessment Japan is hosting the 13th Biennial International Conference on EcoBalance the theme being, “Nexus of Ideas: Innovation by linking through life cycle thinking.” EcoBalance serves as a forum for discussions on environmental performance evaluation, information disclosure regarding evaluation results, and for the development and implementation of discussed methods.

>> [More information](#)

11th International Conference Life Cycle Assessment of FOOD |17-19 October 2018 | Bangkok, Thailand

The 11th International Conference Life Cycle Assessment of FOOD 2018 is organized by KU-JGSEE-NSTDA-FTI, Thailand in conjunction with 6th LCA AgriFood ASIA and 7th ICGSI: International Conference on Green and Sustainable Innovation from 17-19 October in Bangkok.

>> [More event details](#)

>> [Contact the organizers](#)

The Indonesian Life Cycle Assessment Network (ILCAN) Conference | 24-25 October 2018 | Jakarta, Indonesia

Life Cycle Initiative member ILCAN, is hosting the 3rd Conference on Life Cycle Assessment in October 2018. Organized by the University of Indonesia, the conference will be held in collaboration with the Centre of Environment and Forestry Standardization within the Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF). The theme of this event is “Life Cycle

Assessment as a Metric to Achieve the Sustainable Development Goals”. Like its predecessors, the event provides a forum for academia, government and private sectors to share their research results and meet others who work in the life cycle approach realm.

>> [Contact the organisers for more event details](#)

6th International Seminar of the Ibero-American Network of LCA | 24-26 October 2018 | Tegucigalpa, Honduras

The 2018 RICV Seminar will be held in the city of Tegucigalpa, from 24 to 26 of October. The Seminar is being organized by the Honduran Life Cycle Network main co-founders: the National Council for Sustainable Development (CONADES), CICOMER and LAC Footprint Initiative. The Seminar is being supported and co-organized with the RICV, the support and collaboration of the Life Cycle Initiative and UN Environment with the dissemination of this Seminar and other international organizations.

Honduras is also a fascinating multicultural country with beautiful landscapes, sandy beaches and an incredible World cultural heritage. Tegucigalpa is only 200 km by air and 385 km by land, from one of the more important archaeological sites of the Maya civilization, the astronomic Citadelle of Copán. Also is only 88 km far from Comayagua colonial city, which is one of the wonders of Honduras that has become a national and international attraction for tourism.

For more information please contact [Xiomara Cubas](#) or [Svetlana Samayoa](#).

>> Event website: www.rhcv.com

You can also consult our [Events page](#) for more information about the events above. Is there an event coming up in your area? Just [let us know](#) and we'll add it to our list.

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Jobs

[Get in touch with us](#) if you have a job posting for our May-June edition.

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On-going Call for LCNet Contributions!

Members of the Life Cycle Initiative, please feel free to submit your event, job vacancy, news, capacity development opportunities, topics and stories related to life cycle thinking and LCA, to be shared with the global life cycle community. We are always looking for featured coverage on the experience how life cycle thinking contributes to different policy agendas, sustainable business and decision making, in various countries and regions. You

may send your content to [info\(at\)lifecycleinitiative.org](mailto:info@lifecycleinitiative.org) and copy [Feng Wang](#). Note that we cannot accept contributions of a commercial nature.

LCNet is released bimonthly in the beginning of January (apologies for the lateness of the current issue due to a technical issue with our new hosting server!), March, May, July, September and November, so please send us your piece approximately at least 2 weeks before the release date.

We look forward to your contributions in disseminating life cycle knowledge from global policy and business agendas!

Secretariat of the Life Cycle Initiative

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