



Special session of the Life Cycle Initiative: Promoting life cycle thinking worldwide

UNEP and SETAC, aware of the need to support a global dissemination and implementation of Life Cycle approaches, set-up in 2002 the Life Cycle Initiative. In the first phase of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative (LC-In) three programs were established on LCM, LCI and LCIA. The first phase concludes in 2006 with important achievements and the completion of a series of products.

Renewed goals and a strategy are being outlined for the second phase of the LC-In from 2007 to 2010 in line with the 10-year Framework of Programmes on Sustainable Consumption and Production. The Initiative aims at facilitating the knowledge exchange of the 100 leading life experts and associated regional networks and at promoting life cycle thinking worldwide in order to bring science-based life cycle approaches into practice. Therefore, it is foreseen to structure the activities in the second phase in four work areas: LCM applied to Consumption Clusters (structured in housing, mobility, food and consumer products), Resources, Capacity Building and LC Approaches Methodology.

Presentation will be made about the achievements made in the first phase and ideas for project-oriented work in the second phase, taking into account the aim of global participation and focus on well defined deliverables.

Instructions for submission of abstracts will be made available in August 2006 on www.lcm2007.org. Further information regarding the session is available from:

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