

UNEP/ SETAC Life Cycle Initiative User Needs Survey

Live Cycle Assessment

To respond to this survey,
please edit the tables in the RTF-document (do not eliminate lines to allow automatic evaluation)
and then **send the edited questionnaire as an email attached document**
to sc@unep.fr
Final date for submission of completed surveys is **15 February**, they will still be used in finalizing the report.

Please visit <http://www.unep.org/pc/sustain/lca/lcini.htm> for more information.

Specific aims of the UNEP/ SETAC Life Cycle Initiative that was launched this year at UNEP's 7th High-level seminar on Cleaner Production are:

- Exchange of information on the conditions for successful application of Life Cycle Assessment and Life Cycle Thinking;
- Exchange of information about the interface between Life Cycle Assessment and other tools;
- Implementation of educational activities related to the application of Life Cycle Assessment and Life Cycle Thinking;
- Enhancement of the availability of sound Life Cycle Assessment data and methods;
- Provision of guidance on the use of Life Cycle Assessment data and methods.

A number of **working groups** have been convened to establish a set of guidelines for the development of LCA in support of these objectives, these groups include LCI (Life Cycle Inventory) and LCIA (Life Cycle Impact Assessment). Moreover, a LCM (Life Cycle Management) programme is in preparation. The aim of this survey is to support the work of the two LCA groups. Later on a survey for LCM will be circulated.

A major task of the **definition studies** is to determine what the deliverables of the LCI and LCIA programme should be in order to meet these objectives, and to ensure that the deliverables identified are appropriate to the needs and concerns of all LCA „stakeholders“ (methodology and data developer as well as LCA-based software users and decision-makers from industry, governments and other entities). An important first task is thus a user needs assessment, whereby the wide array of parties conducting, using, or enabling LCAs can be identified, and their specific needs, concerns and priorities documented.

We **kindly ask for your input** to the following brief questionnaire. Please don't feel obliged to answer every question. Full responses are encouraged, but if you don't have clear feelings on a question, feel free to leave it blank.

A **robust set of deliverables** is critical to the success of the Life Cycle Initiative Programs, and depends largely on receiving input on the needs and concerns of all involved in the efforts of changing unsustainable patterns of consumption and production worldwide. Your input is therefore greatly appreciated. In addition, we would request that you please forward the questionnaire to your colleagues and other parties whom you believe may be interested, and urge them to also take part, so that the Life Cycle Initiative programs can provide the greatest possible benefit to the full spectrum of LCA users.

This **survey consists of four sections**, general information, specifics relating to LCI, specifics related to LCIA, and a space for inclusion of general comments. Please fill in as much of the survey as possible, and include any additional comments you feel are valuable.

RTF questionnaire