

**Special session: LCA networking: improving cooperation for eco-innovation.**

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Globally, there is an increasing trend in the formation of LCA networks. The UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative identified about 50 international, national and regional networks worldwide. Their major activities relate to knowledge sharing and communication, support of case studies, and development of life cycle inventories and impact assessment methods.

However, the types of networks required to promote eco-innovation should cover many actors in the value chain (technology experts, investors, technology users, as well as assessors such as LCA experts, perhaps also Cleaner Production and Resource Efficiency networks...).

This session should serve as a platform for discussing the role of LCA networks in this broader type of network.