



## **Upcoming Social LCA Guidelines- a Global effort**

# 2009 Social LCA Guidelines - Revision -



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## **Life Cycle Initiative**

A multi-stakeholder partnership, hosted by UN Environment, enabling the global use of credible life cycle knowledge by private and public decision makers.





#### We meet:

- Growing need for Life Cycle Knowledge: Tools, data and indicators
- Real need for interface between life cycle users and experts

## Life Cycle Initiative vision and mission

 Vision: enable the global use of credible life cycle knowledge by private and public decision makers, to enhance the sustainability of their decisions.

#### Mission:

- 1) Advance the understanding of life cycle thinking based decisionmaking process by life cycle experts
- 2) Build consensus on, and facilitate access to environmental, social and economic life cycle knowledge (LCA data, methods, indicators, etc.).







# Key work areas and targets





#### 1. Technical and policy advice

→ By 2022, mainstream the use of LCT into 4 global areas of decision and policy making, in at least 15 countries and 30 companies.



#### 2. Capacity

→ By 2022, train at least 2,500 policy makers, business decision makers and LCA practitioners, and share at least 20 Life Cycle Thinking success stories.



#### 3. Knowledge

→ By 2022, offer a solution to access all interoperable LCA databases globally, with a library of recommended impact assessment factors linked through a nomenclature system.



## Programme on Life Cycle Knowledge

- Ongoing projects
  - → GLAM project (Global Guidance for Life Cycle Impact Assessment Indicators and Methods)



→ GLAD (Global LCA Data Access)





→ Update and road-testing of Guidelines on social life cycle assessment







## **Objectives for the S-LCA Guidelines Revision**

- Cover methodological developments
- Recognizes a plurality of established approaches
- Positioning S-LCA in the current context
- Developing areas where minimum guidance prevails
- Including guidance on Social Organizational LCA
- Pilot revised approaches to enhance the practicality
- Expansion of audience and networking
- Focus on capability development

### **Governance – SLCA Guidelines Revision**

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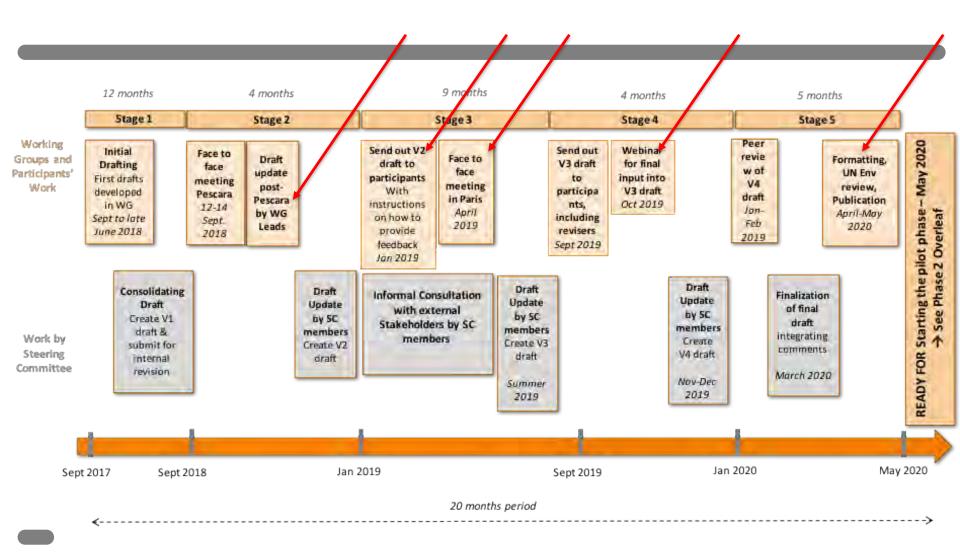
Advisory committee

Wide
stakeholder
group
(includes
Participants)

Consultation

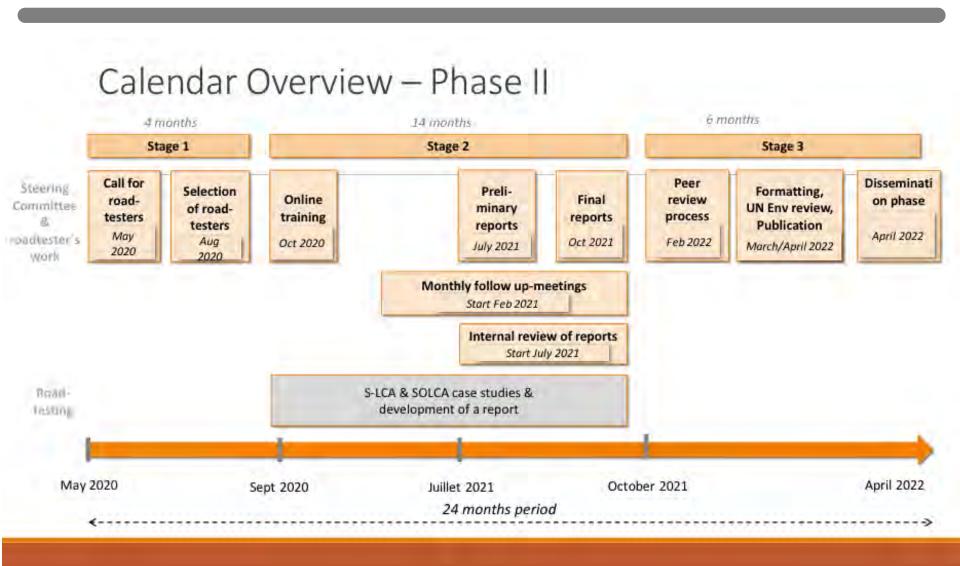


### Calendar Overview - Phase I





### Calendar Overview - Phase II



# Objectives and Highlights of the Pescara Workshop

- → Revise the first draft (V1) including integration with SOLCA and identify outstanding issues
  - → About 50 participants from 17 countries including India, Brazil, Colombia, Peru and Chile.
  - → United Nations represented by the Life Cycle Initiative and the Consumer Information Program
- → Working group discussions on five themes: (1) Introduction,
   (2) Goal & scope, (3) Inventories, (4) Methodologies, and (5)
   Positive impacts
  - → General assembly discussion on 'Stakeholder categories & impact subcategories'

# Summary Decisions of the Plenary Discussion on Impact Subcategories

- → All subcategories pertaining to 'Society' will be revisited after the Stakeholder Category 'Society' is reframed as agreed by participants.
- The subcategories 'Migrant workers', 'Animal cruelty', 'Intergenerational justice' will be discussed in the context of the redefinition of the 'Worker', 'Animals' and 'Future generations' Stakeholder Categories.
  - → 'Harassment' should be considered as an indicator under an existing subcategory: either Health and Safety or Equal opportunities.
  - → 'Parental support' should be refined (what do we exactly mean? Leave, breastfeeding, etc.) and considered as an indicator under an existing subcategory: Social benefits.

## **Immediate next steps**

- → Advisory Committee members will be invited to join the process (any close contact from ILO?)
  - → Expressions of interest to attend the working meeting in Paris (26-28 April) focusing on (1) Introduction, (2) Goal & scope, (3) Inventories, (4) Methodologies, (5) Positive impacts, and possibly on (6) Stakeholder categories & impact subcategories
  - → Draft V2 to be circulated in Jan 2019
  - → Outreaching to supporting partners (fundraising)

## Interested in joining?

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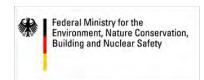


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Stakeholder categories	Subcategories	2009 version
Stakeholder "worker"	Freedom of Association and Collective Bargaining Child Labour Fair Salary Working Hours Forced Labour Equal opportunities/Discrimination Health and Safety	Stakeholder "society"  Public commitments to sustainability issues Contribution to economic development Prevention & mitigation of armed conflicts Technology development
Stakeholder "consumer"	Social Benefits/Social Security  Health & Safety Feedback Mechanism Consumer Privacy Transparency End of life responsibility	
		Corruption
Stakeholder "local community"	Access to material resources Access to immaterial resources Delocalization and Migration Cultural Heritage Safe & healthy living conditions Respect of indigenous rights Community engagement Local employment Secure living conditions	Value chain actors* not including consumers
		Fair competition Promoting social responsibility Supplier relationships Respect of intellectual property rights

