

Contributions are sought in the following areas:

1. LCM and Resources

- Energy
- Water
- Minerals and Metals
- Biomass and Biomaterials
- Waste Management

2. Engaging with Complexity

- Managing global value chains – linking emerging and developed markets
- Sustainability and LCM
- A focus on marketing, procurement and retail
- Management Science approaches – uncertainty, dynamics and multiple objectives
- Social Science approaches – the human element!

3. Policy, Governance and Delivery

- Regulatory and policy issues in LCM
- A focus on Carbon – foot printing, trading and regulation
- The role of International trade
- Emerging markets and foreign direct investment
- The role of institutions and service organizations
- Social responsibility and LCM

4. Enabling Sustainable Human Settlements

- LCM in the developing world
- LCM, Food and Health
- LCM and energy security
- LCM and spatial planning – infrastructure, transport, housing etc

5. Implementation / Breaking the Deadlock

- Capacity development
- Engaging stakeholders
- Design and Innovation
- Promoting Life Cycle Thinking in business practice
- Making better use of existing tools and approaches

6. General

Contributions from the fields of Life Cycle Assessment, Industrial Ecology, Eco-Efficiency, Design for Environment, Supply Chain Management, Sustainable Production and Consumption and other allied fields are encouraged, especially where these support practical case studies from industry and the public sector.

Important Dates

Submission of Abstracts	31 January 2009
Notification of acceptance	15 March 2009
Early-bird registration	30 April 2009
Standard registration	31 July 2009
LCM 2009	6 - 9 September 2009

Conference Paper Submissions

The scientific committee will invite selected authors to submit full papers of their conference contribution for publication in a peer-reviewed journal. The Journal of Industrial Ecology and the International Journal of Life Cycle Assessment have offered a platform to disseminate contributions to and outcomes of LCM 2009.

Sponsorship

In line with the aim of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative to disseminate life cycle thinking worldwide and to support the activities of the regional networks of the UNEP/SETAC Life Cycle Initiative (<http://lcinitiative.unep.fr>) worldwide, UNEP are pleased to acknowledge and endorse this 4th International Conference on Life Cycle Management.



LCM 2009 is hosted by the University of Cape Town together with generous support from PRé Consultants (www.pre.nl), our gold sponsor, and the University of Pretoria Graduate School of Technology Management and The Green House Consultants, our silver sponsors.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available. Please see our website for further information or contact Harro von Blottnitz harro.vonblottnitz@uct.ac.za

Funding and Travel

Limited bursaries covering conference registration fees are available for students. Please see our website: www.lcm2009.org In addition, a parallel capacity development initiative for SCP practitioners from Africa will be linked to travel support. Details to be posted shortly on the conference website.

For general information on travelling to South Africa and Cape Town:
www.sa-venues.com
www.tourismcapetown.co.za
www.aboutcapetown.com

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THE GLOBAL CHALLENGE OF MANAGING LIFE CYCLES

Call for Papers

Life Cycle Management (LCM) is the commitment to improving the sustainability of businesses and public enterprises, by minimising the environmental and socio-economic burdens associated with their products, services and activities throughout the entire material life cycles and value chains to which they contribute.

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LCM 2009

LCM is first and foremost about management, and this requires well-developed decision making protocols and practices – both for strategic planning and daily operations – all informed by the overriding commitment to Life Cycle Thinking and Sustainable Development.

With a theme of “The Global Challenge of Managing Life Cycles”, LCM 2009 will examine the management of products and processes in both developed economies and emerging markets, the global flows of products and resources, and implications for trade.

LCM 2009 is committed to working closely with business, researchers and consultants to explore how formative insights can help stimulate LCM to new levels of productivity and relevance in the broader community.

LCM is for organizations which have expressed a wish to produce or trade products, which are as sustainable as feasible; to improve their public image, visibility, general relations with stakeholders; increase their shareholder value, as well as awareness of and preparedness for changing regulatory contexts. LCM is not a single tool or methodology but a management system collecting, structuring and disseminating product-related information from various programs, concepts and tools.’

UNEP SETAC (2007) “Life Cycle Management”

An Action Agenda

Do you want to see LCM influence policy, support business and public enterprises in advancing the sustainability agenda, and help them communicate effectively with stakeholders more widely?

We aim for this to be not just another conference. The conference will offer delegates more than the customary opportunity to present the findings of their research and practice, to engage with developments in LCM, network across academic and business disciplines and interests, and socialize with their peers. The conference will follow an exciting format of plenary and focus group presentations, panel discussions and facilitated workshops, in a deliberate move to challenge delegates and move the LCM agenda forward.

It is hoped that the format of the conference, with its strong emphasis on participatory engagement, will deliver tangible outputs on the future trajectory for LCM. We invite you to share in this endeavour, by joining us in Cape Town in 2009.