



Information Brochure



Life Cycle Insights for Sustainability

LCIS 2026 | Connecting the Indian
Life Cycle Community

11-12 September
GIM Campus, Goa

About LCIS 2026

LCIS 2026 not only builds on the tradition of previous LCA events in India but also incorporates new, innovative ideas to offer the best possible conference experience to the Indian sustainability community. The conference will be organised as a truly hybrid one, which will enable participants in Goa, and also virtual participants, to follow a diverse program and contribute to it through live-streamed interventions.

In the same vein as our first Indian seminar at Bengaluru in October 2025, we again seek to create a unique space to think in creative and new ways about sustainability efforts being fostered around the world and link these to local priorities and innovative ways to address them.

As with our signature LCIC conferences held bi-annually in Berlin, LCIS 2026 will offer a great opportunity to showcase life cycle innovation that will help us transition towards a more sustainable world. Much like our other conferences, LCIS will offer a unique conference atmosphere that fosters exchange, networking, and collaboration!

We cannot wait to welcome a broad audience of diverse stakeholders interested in driving sustainability in India to our first ever Life Cycle Insights for Sustainability Conference in Goa in September!

More information about LCIS is available here:

<https://fslci.org/events/lcis2026>



Themes & Focus Areas

As part of our Call for Abstracts and Workshop Proposals, we warmly invite you to submit your ideas and help us shape a diverse, community-driven program. We are looking forward to receiving contributions that are aligned with the following five key themes:

1) Technology use in LCA

Technology has always played a key role in Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) through use of advanced software tools that enable practitioners to model complex supply chains, access life cycle inventory databases, and perform impact assessments with standardized methodologies. Of late, issues around AI applications,, digitalisation, interoperability, automated data capture, automated QA/QC have gained traction among LCA practitioners. These technological advancements are shifting LCA from a static reporting tool to a strategic instrument for sustainable design, policy-making, and circular economy implementation. Research at the intersection of technology and LCA is expanding rapidly, and it is not just about better software anymore but also about fundamentally rethinking how LCA is done.

2) LCA education and literacy

Education in LCA is evolving from a niche, specialist subject into a core component of sustainability learning across engineering, management, and policy disciplines. Universities and training programs increasingly combine theoretical foundations of LCA with hands-on experience using software tools. Digital learning platforms, open databases, and case-based teaching are making LCA education more accessible and practice-oriented, while industry collaborations and professional certifications are bridging the gap between theory and practice. As sustainability reporting and regulations expand globally, LCA education is becoming essential for developing the skills needed to support evidence-based environmental decision-making. In a diverse country like India, professionals interested in LCA range from beginners to expert practitioners and it is always a challenge to hold the community's interest across this spectrum and navigate from LCA literacy to higher education. Topics for literacy and education range from LCA demystification, tips on "getting started", data sources and knowledge, hands-on LCA studies, adaptation of content to suit developing countries, and centrality of LCA to sustainability initiatives in policy and practice. Equally important is the method to transfer learning in professional settings, whether through technical sessions, interactive workshops, or story-telling. The LCA education challenge is not just teaching how to run an LCA model, but also how to use LCA meaningfully in real-world sustainability decisions.

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3) LCA methodology development

LCA methodologies are evolving in the general direction of making the framework more robust, relevant, and decision-useful, and that too in a rapidly changing sustainability landscape. Key efforts include refining indicators for climate change, biodiversity, and water use, better handling of data gaps and regional variability, expanding LCA boundaries to include social and economic dimensions, developing dynamic and prospective LCA methods to account for time-dependent changes and emerging technologies. While living with and handling methodological challenges such as allocation, system boundaries, uncertainty analysis, integration with circular economy concepts, as also closing the "interpretation gap" as best as possible, the main aim is increasingly seen as enhancing scientific credibility, comparability, policy relevance, and support for informed sustainability decisions.

4) Indian roadmap for scaling up LCT/LCM/LCA

Scaling up LCT/LCM/LCA in India points towards mainstreaming life cycle approaches as a key pathway to India's sustainable development, and accelerating the upgrade from isolated studies to building a national sustainability infrastructure that supports policy, industry, and global trade. This in turn will circle back to at least five aspects, viz. policy & regulation, literacy, education & skilling, data infrastructure, industry adoption, and methodology adaptations to suit the Indian context. Developing a roadmap for this kind of upgradation will need deliberations at the national and state levels to develop broad consensus on prioritized actions (e.g. setting up data infrastructure, sensitization & capability building, introducing regulations & standards) and sectors (e.g. agriculture & food management, waste management & circular economy models, electric vehicles & battery life cycles). This needs to be followed up by designating agencies responsible for those actions, and mobilizing human & financial resources for successful delivery by the designated agencies.

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5) Moving beyond product LCAs

In addition to traditional product-level assessments, LCA is expanding toward evaluating entire systems, value chains, policy interventions, and even business models for a better understanding of wider impacts. This includes approaches such as organizational & portfolio LCAs, city or economy-wide assessments, nature & biodiversity impacts, and balancing social handprint with environmental footprints. Rather than focusing only on a single product, practitioners are now applying LCA to compare, for example, mobility systems instead of individual vehicles, or food systems instead of single food items. This helps capture interactions, trade-offs, and rebound effects. This evolution also aligns well with the application of life cycle approaches to policy design, circular economy strategies, and corporate sustainability management, making it a more holistic and forward-looking tool. Ultimately, this can enable more meaningful insights for large-scale transitions and help ensure that sustainability decisions are not optimized in isolation but across entire systems.

Additional Topics:

We are also open to receiving abstracts on topics of your interest aligned to the Indian context, including but not limited to :

- Market pull for LCA in India (e.g. carbon markets & MRV, carbon transparency, greenwashing guardrails, circularity & waste management LCAs)
- Sector-specific spotlights (e.g. building & construction, plastics & packaging, energy & hydrogen, clean transportation, hard-to-decarbonize heavy industry sectors)

Important Dates:

- Last date for submissions: 31 May, 2026
- Notification of decision on submissions: 15 June, 2026

LCIS 2026 Delegate Fee

Physical participants			
Price in ₹ *	Early bird (30.06)	Standard (25.07)	Late (15.08)
Normal	9,000	12,000	15,000
Students	6,300	8,400	10,500
FSLCI members	7,200	9,600	12,000
Virtual participants			
Normal	4,500	6,000	7,500
Students	3,150	4,200	5,250
FSLCI members	3,600	4,800	6,000

*** GST extra as applicable**

Physical participants			
Price in USD	Early bird (30.06)	Standard (25.07)	Late (15.08)
Normal	110	150	190
Students	75	100	125
FSLCI members	85	115	145
Virtual participants			
Normal	55	75	95
Students	40	50	60
FSLCI members	45	60	75

LCIS 2026 Host

LCIS 2026 will be held at Goa Institute of Management (GIM) in the scenic state of Goa on India's western coast. Goa is well known for its rich biodiversity, coastal ecosystems, and unique cultural heritage. A global tourism destination, the region is increasingly engaged in addressing sustainability challenges around coastal management, sustainable tourism, waste management, and climate resilience.



GIM campus, Sanquelim, North Goa

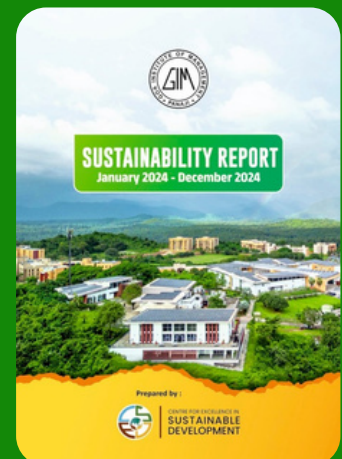
GIM offers not only a perfect venue for LCIS 2026, but also represents a leader in driving sustainability in India with a modern, environmentally conscious setting for academic exchange and collaboration. Through its Centre for Excellence in Sustainable Development (CESD), GIM actively integrates sustainability into research, education, and practice. In order to integrate sustainability into practice, CESD has developed a sustainable events framework and an event carbon footprint calculator that measures green house gas (GHG) emissions associated with campus events and institutional activities.



Biodiversity Awareness Programs



Co-LIFE Project (Erasmus+)



Sustainability Reporting Initiative 7

LCIS 2026 Organizers

FSLCI, Berlin

Established in 2015, **Forum for Sustainability through Life Cycle Innovation e.V. (FSLCI)** (<https://fslci.org>), is a non-profit incorporated in Germany with members being organizations and professionals from industry, academics, science, policy with an interest in applying Life Cycle approaches to enhance the sustainability of economic activities. It provides a global platform to its members through workshops, summer schools, webinars and other events. FSLCI has extensive experience in creating thought-scapes and interactive spaces where sustainability professionals come together to share knowledge, build networks, and advance application of LCA approaches. Well-versed in organizing classic insight sessions, workshops and innovative formats like our barcamp-style discussions, FSLCI also has a strong base in India with a significant proportion of our office bearers being Indians.

GIM Sanquelim, Goa

Established in 1993, **Goa Institute of Management (GIM)** (<https://gim.ac.in/>) is a leading not-for-profit business school in India committed to responsible and sustainability-driven management education. With strong academic rigour, global accreditations, and a vibrant community of faculty, students, and over 6,000 alumni across 15+ countries, GIM integrates sustainability across teaching, research, and practice. The Centre for Excellence in Sustainable Development (CESD) (<https://gim.ac.in/institute/centresofexcellence>) at GIM serves as a dedicated platform for advancing sustainability through research, capacity building, and policy engagement. Working across areas such as climate action, water, circular economy, and sustainable cities, CESD collaborates with academic, industry, and government partners. With experience in international initiatives such as Erasmus+ Co-LIFE, CESD fosters interdisciplinary learning, stakeholder engagement, and practice-oriented solutions, translating sustainability into measurable and impactful outcomes.

CRPG, New Delhi

Established in 2019, **Council for Research on Policy and Governance (CRPG)** (<https://crpgglobal.org>) a non-profit think tank incorporated in New Delhi is working in the areas of Governance, Development, Inclusion, and Sustainability through range of interventions viz. capacity building, research, advocacy, consultancy, strategy formulation, project design and implementation. Currently CRPG is developing an LCA hub for enhancing basic LCA literacy and enabling experiential learning through hands-on exercises and games.



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