

Technical Helpdesk for National LCA Databases

Responsible Management Practices for LCA Databases – Training exercise

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Agenda

1. Part 1: Assess the USLCI database against the criteria
2. Part 2: Assess the proposed Peruvian Database management practices (not uploaded to Helpdesk)
3. Learning uptake (self-evaluation)

Part 1: LCA Commons Data Repository - management practices assessment

Instructions:

- Divide into groups of 3-5 people.
- Read the description of the practices of the U.S. LCA Data Commons database.
- Select 3-5 criteria, evaluate and justify.

Part 2: Assessing proposed Peruvian RMP (not uploaded)

Instructions:

In the same groups,

- Use same criteria selected in Part 1
- Write down the currently proposed management practices, evaluate them and justify
- If the score is higher than 1, what are the next feasible steps to improve it?

Discussion/self-learning

Instructions: Choose one person of each group to present briefly the results of each part.

- Which difficulties did you encounter?
- What lessons can you extract from the exercise in order to improve RMP practices in the Peruvian database?
- Q&A

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