



PCR development for Green Coffee Project Newsletter

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This project is designed to develop a Product Category Rule (PCR) for the calculation of the greenhouse gas emissions from green coffee production. Developed through a transparent and engaging process with stakeholders, this PCR will be the recognised method for use by the sector and others when quantifying the emissions associated with the production of green coffee and to better understand the real impact of mitigation actions.

Este proyecto esta disenado para desarrollar las Reglas de la Categoria del Producto (RCP) para el calculo de la emision de gases de efecto invernadero en la produccion de café verde. Desarrollado a traves de un proceso transparente y participativo con los diferentes stakeholders, este RCP sera el metodo reconocido por el sector y otros para cuantificar las emisiones asociadas con la produccion de cefe verde y para entender mayor el impacto real de las acciones para mitigarlas.

Este projeto foi designado para desenvolver a Regra de Categoria de Produto (RCP) para o cálculo das emissões de gases efeito estufa na produção de café verde. Desenvolvida através de um envolvimento transparente dos Stakeholders, esta RCP será o método reconhecido para uso do setor produtivo e outros setores, quando se determinarem as emissões associadas à produção de café verde. Desta forma haverá uma melhor compreensão do real impacto das ações de mitigação.

Technical Working Group Progress:

The Technical Working Group (TWG) has used the month of August to 'act' on the actions agreed at the previous TWG calls and subsequently detailed in the August newsletter. The next 'meeting' of this Group will take place on September 20 and will not only move these key methodological challenges forward though will also consider other important areas such as boundaries, documentation, data quality.

One area that we will be discussing is the co-products (such as bananas or pepper) of green coffee production. The TWG has now generated a global list of co-products for consideration – If you have any lists (or individual 'items') of such, please do send them through and we will ensure that they are captured.

The conference call will also have a more detailed look behind the 'front page' of existing resources such as the Cool Farm Tool in an effort to be better aligned (where feasible) and ensure that the industry has every opportunity of implementing the PCR once published.



As part of this PCR development project also involves undertaking case studies, engagement at an early stage with ‘tool provider’s is a necessity if we are going to maximise this opportunity.

I will report back in the October newsletter regarding the progress that we make on these points and next steps.

PCF World Forum – Berlin, September 26-27

<http://www.pcf-world-forum.org/summit/8th-pcf-world-summit/>

If you are attending the PCF World Forum, please look out for Sabine Deimling of PE International, member of the Project Technical Working Group and Stefan Dierks of Tchibo, member of the Project Steering Committee and Technical Working Group who will be presenting at the conference.

Sabine will be speaking on the first day, providing delegates with an update on project progress to date, the challenges we are facing and how we are addressing these.

Stefan is speaking on day two and will be sharing his views on carbon foot printing which will complement Sabine’s presentation from the previous day.

It is great to have a range of individuals communicating about this project and getting our positive message out there. This will hopefully encourage others to engage!

Steering Group News

Recognising the importance of Certification organisations in both the development and implementation of this project, the Steering Group, under the leadership of Cornel Kuhrt of Tchibo is currently exploring opportunities for engaging with these organisations in a more proactive and high level. Though still in the development phase, this is an extremely positive action which will ensure that the project has every chance of success throughout the sector.

This approach will not be at the expense of the certification organisations involvement at the TWG level, which is greatly valued.

Watch this space for news of further developments.

LCA XII Conference:

The American Centre for Lifecycle Assessment is holding a conference later this month in Tacoma Washington USA (you don’t know how challenging it was to find this location out?!).



The conference will cover many issues relating to LCA development right through supply chains.

You can access the conference programme by following: <http://www.lcacenter.org/lca-xii-program.aspx>

If any of you are able to attend and would be willing to write a brief report for this newsletter on any coffee relevant topics, I would be happy to include it in a future edition.

LCA Food Conference

INRA, the French **National Institute for Agricultural Research**, will host LCA-FOOD 2012, the International Conference on LCA in the Agri-Food sector from 2 to 4 October 2012.

I will be attending this conference as a major part of the program <https://colloque4.inra.fr/lcafood2012/Program> covers very relevant issues directly related to our PCR project such as:

- Emissions modeling
- Reduction of uncertainty
- Methodological challenges associated with crop production

If you are going to this conference, please let me know and we can arrange to meet up and importantly debate coffee relevant points.

I will report back any key developments in a future newsletter.

Deliverables for phase 2 – Months 2 and 17

We are now in the second phase of the project which is where the main thrust of the project is focused. I have listed below the key deliverables for this phase.

- **Implementation of the communication plan**
- **Development of the PCR for Green Coffee in line with the PCR development process required by Environdec**
- **Consultation on the draft PCR with the global green coffee sector**
- **Engagement with the PCF World Forum**
- **Engagement with Tool Providers for implementation case studies**