

PCF World Forum

International dialogue on product carbon footprinting: assessing, reducing and communicating GHG emissions in the value chain





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About the PCF World Forum

Consumption of goods and services contributes to a large share of worldwide GHG emissions. Solutions are needed to help companies manage and communicate the climate and environmental impact of their products. They are also needed to provide consumers with the necessary information to make climate-conscious consumption decisions.

The **Product Carbon Footprint (PCF) World Forum** is a neutral platform to share practical experiences and knowledge towards climate-conscious consumption and production. The international platform provides orientation in current standardisation processes and creates opportunities for discussing international corporate best practices and emerging tools to support low carbon and climate-conscious consumption models.

The **PCF World Forum** was created out of the ambition to talk **with** each other and not just **about** each other. There is an increasing number of initiatives around the world, but the real understanding of respective approaches and activities is limited. Over the past years, representatives from a range of organisations and initiatives have come together at the PCF World Summits, PCF World Forum Update Workshops and dedicated Dialogue Forums Low Carbon Society to give insights into their own work, discuss and interpret current developments and explore possible common pathways.

The **PCF World Summits** have stimulated several working groups such as the current Task Force on international harmonisation of **Product Category Rules (PCR)** and direct collaboration between participants.



Programme

Implementing the International PCF Standards: Building Credibility in Carbon Footprint Information

Carbon footprinting plays an increasingly important role in environmental and sustainability strategies of companies. The upcoming international standards constitute an important milestone in its uniform implementation for carbon management and for communication with customers and stakeholders. Addressees of such information, be it customers, end-consumers or stakeholders need to have trust in the information provided. This is particularly important when carbon footprint information is used in marketing claims and corporate communication. But also the data infrastructure needs to be robust enough and reliable so that companies undertaking carbon footprint calculations have trust in their underlying integrity.

The **5th PCF World Summit** will address the issue of *Credibility in Carbon Footprint Information*, as related to **assurance and verification**, the **emerging international standards**, its consideration in different **international initiatives** and **programmes** and its **practical relevance** and implication for **emerging economies** and **international trade**.





PROGRAMME



Chair: Jacob Bilabel Managing Director THEMA1, Germany

Day 1, Thursday, 7 April 2011

08:00 Registration, Coffee

09:00 Welcome and Keynotes



Doris Leuthard Member of the Swiss Federal Council, Head of the Federal Department of Environment, Transport, Energy and Communication



Hans-Peter Fricker CEO of WWF Switzerland



The Carbon Conscious Retailer Herbert Bolliger President of the Executive Board MIGROS



Low Carbon Products: The Communication Challenge Markus Naegeli CEO Canon Switzerland



10:00 Building Credibility into Carbon Footprint Information

The session will highlight issues around credibility, assurance and verification of carbon footprint information:

- · How should carbon footprint assessments be organised for maximum credibility?
- · What levels of assurance for carbon footprint data and information are possible and desirable?
- · How can consumers' trust in climate-related product information?
- · How do common databases treat data quality and consistency?
- · How can exchange of credible carbon footprint data be facilitated?



Introduction to the Issue of Credibility in Carbon Footprint Information Rasmus Priess PCF World Forum / THEMA1, Germany



Sound Carbon Footprint Assessment as the Basis for Verification and Credible Communication Ahmad Ansari SGS, Germany



Insights and Recommendations on Carbon Footprint Assurance from the GHG Protocol Initiative Holly Lahd World Resources Institute / GHG Protocol Initiative



Earthster: Facilitating Exchange of Credible Environmental and Social Data in the Supply Chain Greg Norris Sylvatica and New Earth, USA

11:30 Coffee

12:00 Building Credibility in Carbon Footprint Information (cont'd)



Critical Review - Quo Vadis? Walter Klöpffer LCA Consult & Review, Germany (to be confirmed)



Building Credibility into Data: The ecoinvent Database Approach to Completeness, Transparency and Consistency Roland Hischier ecoinvent Centre, Switzerland

13:00 Conversation Lunch



14:30 Open Space Discussion

Open Space Discussions provide participants with the opportunity to raise and facilitate issues of broader interest, which may help to stimulate collaboration and innovation. Participants who would like to host and address a particular topic in the Open Space Discussions at the Summit can get in touch with Rasmus Priess (priess@ thema1.de) prior to the Summit or announce their topic at the Summit.

16:00 Case Studies

Case Studies highlighting practical experience with carbon footprinting and communication will be shared with participants. Particular emphasis is placed on credibility and assurance.



Developing Low Carbon Cement Products: The Role of Commonly Accepted Calculation Tools Bruno Vanderborght Holcim Senior Vice-President Climate Change



From Understanding into Practice: Reducing the Life Cycle Impact of Fruits Ralph Huggel Chiquita Country Manager Switzerland



Robustness in Carbon Footprint Results: Evidence and Recommendations from a Comparative Study of Beer Heinz Schmid Managing Director of Climatop

17:00 Perspectives on Carbon Footprinting and Updates

Perspectives and updates on international standardisation processes and developments in carbon footprinting will be provided, e.g. on **GHG Protocol Product and Scope 3 Standard, PAS 2050, ISO 14067** and **Product Category Rule (PCR)** development. Particular emphasis will be placed on their treatment of assurance and verification:

- · What new provisions have been incorporated in the draft standards and revisions?
- · How do the standards treat the need for assurance and / or verification of models, data and claims?
- · How is the need for product category specifications currently incorporated?



Update and Considerations Arising in the Review of PAS 2050 Maureen Nowak Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (defra), UK





Assurance and Verification in the French Environmental Labelling Scheme Sylvain Chevassus Ministry of Sustainable Development, France



Environmental Performance of Food and Drink Products: Towards Harmonised Rules for Assessment and Communication Pascal Gréverath Vice-President Environmental Sustainability of Nestlé and Co-Chair of European Food SCP Roundtable



Product Category Rules to Underpin Carbon Footprint Communication and Comparison – Update from the Task Force Product Category Rules Rasmus Priess PCF World Forum / THEMA1, Germany

18:00 Closing Day 1

20:00 Low Carbon Network Dinner (premium registration required)

As a tradition at the PCF World Summits, the Low Carbon Network Dinner on the evening of the first conference day gives the participants a special opportunity to network in a relaxed atmosphere while experiencing exquisite low carbon cuisine.

Day 2, 8 April 2011

08:00 Registration, Coffee

09:00 Carbon Footprinting in Emerging Economies and International Trade

The emergence of carbon footprint standards from an emerging economy and small farmer point of view will be explored and implications for international trade considered.



Carbon Footprinting and International Trade José-Antonio Monteiro World Trade Organisation



Challenges and perspectives in applying carbon footprint methodologies to a developing country and small farmer context Katharina Plassmann Institute of Agricultural Climate Research of the Federal Research Institute for Rural Areas, Forestry and Fisheries, Germany





Building Credibility into Standards: The ISEAL Alliance Code of Assurance Norma Tregurtha ISEAL Alliance



SECO Capacity Building in South America for Low Carbon International Trade Hans-Peter Egler Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO Economic Cooperation and Development

11:00 Coffee

11:30 Discussion "The Future of Credibility in Carbon Footprinting"

Providing and using carbon footprint information in a credible and relevant manner is a challenge for verification and corporate communications. In a panel and plenary discussion the future of assurance in carbon footprinting will be considered. Particular emphasis will be placed on the general trend of increased demand for value chain transparency:

- What kind of assurance can be provided in the future?
- · What are the pros and cons for comprehensive transparency versus verification?
- · Can verification reduce the need for transparency?
- · What are the limits of verification? What are the limits of disclosure?



Chair:

Rasmus Priess PCF World Forum / THEMA1, Germany

Panellists:

- Ahmad Ansari, SGS
- · Cynthia Cummis, World Resources Institute/ GHG Protocol Initiative
- Moritz Nill, PricewaterhouseCoopers
- · Greg Norris, Sylvatica and New Earth
- · Mayta Villafane, DNV Climate Change and Environmental Services

12:30 Conversation Lunch

14:30 Open Space Discussion Rounds

As on Day 1 the Open Space Discussion provide participants with the opportunity to raise an facilitate issues of interest. Sessions from the first Day can be continued and concluded or new ones announced incorporating the input gathered during the Summit. Open Space outcomes are shared with the main plenary.



Break Out Group Debate: The Credibility and Relevance of Carbon Offsetting

Carbon offsetting is considered by many as an important and reasonable measure for reducing GHG emissions and contributing to climate change mitigation and has thus entered business climate strategies. There are however also voices that question the integrity and relevance of offsetting as a measure to "balance" actual emissions in value chains. In a special break out group during the open space discussion rounds the advantages, disadvantages and challenges of carbon offsetting will be debated and implications for business climate strategy considered.



Chair: Richard Walker Producer/Anchor, Deutsche Welle TV

16:00 Perspectives on Carbon Footprinting and Updates

Continuing from Day 1 perspectives and updates on international developments in carbon footprinting and low carbon consumption and production will be given.



Product Carbon Footprinting in Thailand: Experiences from an Exporting Nation Shabbir H. Gheewala King Mongkut's University of Technology Thonburi, Thailand



Building Assurance in the Use of the Upcoming ISO standard "Carbon Footprint of Products" Klaus Radunsky Federal Environment Agency, Austria and Convener ISO 14067



Updated Provisions in the GHG Protocol Product and Value Chain (Scope 3) Standards Cynthia Cummis World Resources Institute/ GHG Protocol Initiative



Supporting Credible Footprint Communication in the EU Pavel Misiga DG Environment, European Commission

17:00 Closing Day 2

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Venue

GDI – Gottlieb Duttweiler Institute Langhaldenstrasse 21, CH-8803 Rüschlikon/Zurich, www.gdi.ch



Venue - Low Carbon Network Dinner

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PCF Word Summits

- 1st PCF World Summit, International Approaches to Product Carbon Footprinting and Carbon Labelling - The Road Ahead for Business Berlin, February 2009.
- 2nd PCF World Summit, On the Road to Harmonisation? Business Responses to Diverging Approaches Berlin, September 2009.
- 3rd PCF World Summit, Sector Approaches to Product Carbon Footprinting Berlin, March 2010.
- 4th PCF World Summit, Product Carbon Footprinting: From Standardisation to Communication Berlin, October 2010.

The PCF World Forum was initiated by the Berlin based think-do-tank THEMA1.

The previous PCF World Summits attracted interest and commitment from more than 450 stakeholders from 30 countries and stimulated wide-ranging discussions.

All summits are fully documented. Complete DVDs and individual presentations are available at www.pcf-world-forum.org

For the last two years the PCF World Forum has brought together international stakeholders including senior executives from:

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