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Social Impact Assessment: Methodology and Practice for Sustainable Value Chains

Message from the Guest Editors

The European Union, United Nations and frontrunners corporations have acknowledged the importance of social sustainability in moving forward. Therefore, corporations have developed tools to measure social value creation of their products, or follow certification schemes to promote social responsibility within. In addition, intergovernmental organizations, such as the UN, have developed tools to investigate social risks and benefits of products, systems and services, such as Social Life Cycle Assessment (S-LCA).

Due to marketing globalization nowadays, global, national and regional supply chain management becomes crucial for corporations and supply chains may result in significant environmental, economic and social effects on a product's footprint. Therefore, identifying relevant and important social risks and governance issues can assist decision makers with forming policies to improve the social performance of environmentally friendly products.

This Special Issue aims to explore the role of S-LCA and other social impact assessment methodologies in terms of:

supply chain management and environmentally friendly products;
certification schemes;
sustainability assessments.

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