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Welcoming remarks

Jo Tyndall, Director of the Environment Directorate



Since 15 September 2022, Jo Tyndall is Director, Environment Directorate at the OECD where she oversees the implementation of the Directorate's programme of work, covering a broad range of environmental issues, including: green growth; climate change; biodiversity; quality of ecosystems; eco-innovation; circular economy; and, resource productivity.

She was, most recently, New Zealand High Commissioner (Ambassador) to Singapore from February 2019 to September 2022. Prior to that, Jo served as New Zealand's Climate Change Ambassador, commencing this role in June 2010. From 2016 to December 2018, she also co-chaired the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change's (UNFCCC) Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA). As Climate Change Ambassador, she was head of delegation to the United Nations climate negotiations with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Prior to her role as Climate Change Ambassador, Ms Tyndall was Director of the Broadcasting Unit in the Ministry for Culture and Heritage. From 1999 to 2006, she was Chief Executive of the public broadcasting funding body, NZ On Air. She has also served as Chief Executive of two screen industry organisations - the Screen Production and Development Association (SPADA) and Project Blue Sky (1994 to 1999).

Ms Tyndall began her career as a multilateral trade policy specialist with the then Department of Trade and Industry and subsequently the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

Jo is a New Zealand national.

Session 1: Setting the scene

Bruce N. Calonge, Professor of Epidemiology and the Associate Dean for Public Health Practice at the Colorado School of Public Health, Chair of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine ad hoc committee on PFAS



Ned Calonge, MD, MPH, is a Professor of Epidemiology and the Associate Dean for Public Health Practice at the Colorado School of Public Health and is the Chief Medical Officer for the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. He is an Associate Professor of Family Medicine at the University of Colorado (CU) School of Medicine. He has an MD from the University of Colorado School of Medicine and an MPH in epidemiology from the University of Washington School of Public and Community Medicine.

Nationally, Dr. Calonge chairs the Health Resources and Services Administration's Advisory Committee on Heritable Disorders of Newborns and Children in the Maternal Child Health Bureau. He also chairs the Board on Population Health and Public Health Practice for the National Academy of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine's (NASEM's) Health and Medicine Division, for whom he's served on and chaired several study committees on topics including health equity, genetic testing in clinical care, the quality and safety of abortion services, evidence-based public health emergency preparedness and response, and the Veteran's Administration's Presumption Decision Process for determining disability associated with service related environmental exposures.

He is a past chair of Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC's) Community Services Task Force, past chair of the Agency for Health Research and Quality's U.S. Preventive Services Task Force, and past chair of CDC's Evaluating Genomic Applications in Practice and Prevention Working Group. He chaired the NASEM Consensus Study that developed and released the 2022 report, "Guidance on PFAS Exposure, Testing and Clinical Followup. He was elected to the National Academy of Medicine in 2011.

Martin Scheringer, Professor of Environmental Chemistry at the Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic and Senior Research Scientist at ETH Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland

Martin Scheringer is a professor of environmental chemistry at the Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic, and a senior research scientist at ETH Zürich, Zürich, Switzerland. He holds a doctoral degree in environmental chemistry from ETH Zürich and has published more than 300 peer-reviewed scientific publications and three books. Martin Scheringer has worked in the fields of chemical hazard and risk assessment, environmental fate modeling for chemicals, and human exposure assessment since 1994. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) have been a focus of his work for more than 15 years and he is a founding member of the Global PFAS Science Panel (GPSP). In addition to his scientific research, Martin Scheringer has worked extensively at the science-policy interface. He has conducted several projects with UNEP, the United Nations Environment Programme; he is a lead author of the chapter on chemicals and waste in UNEP's 5th Global Environment Outlook (GEO-5). Martin Scheringer is a founding member of the International Panel on Chemical Pollution, IPCP, and is currently the chair of the IPCP. From 2015 to 2020 he was an Associated Editor of the ACS journal, Environmental Science & Technology, the leading international journal in the field of environmental chemistry.



Ronald Bock, Chairman of the Plastics Europe Fluoropolymer Group

Ronald has been working for over 20 years in the field of international chemical and pharmaceutical regulations. Over the last 12 years, Ronald has been liaising with key stakeholders around the world to communicate on issues related to the regulation of fluorinated compounds. Since 2017, Ronald has chaired the Fluoropolymer Group of Plastics Europe, an organization representing Europe's leading fluoropolymer producers and experts, committed to promoting innovation, safe use, and sustainable manufacturing and stewardship across the industry for all their products. Ronald recently joined AGC Chemicals Europe, a major Japanese fluoropolymer manufacturer as Senior Advocacy & Regulatory Manager. Prior to joining AGCCE, he worked for Chemours Fluoroproducts (a spin-off of DuPont) as their EMEA Regulatory Advocacy Program Manager. Ronald was born in Geneva, Switzerland. He has a Ph.D. in Molecular Biology from the University of Geneva, and has spent many years performing fundamental research, both in Switzerland at the University of Geneva and in the US at the University of California, Berkeley.



Session 2: Sharing of risk management approaches

Jeff Morris, Director of the Existing Chemicals Risk Assessment Division, US EPA



Jeff Morris is director of the Existing Chemicals Risk Assessment Division (ECRAD) in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Pollution Prevention and Toxics (OPPT). Jeff began his EPA career in 1992 in the Office of Pesticide Programs and spent 13 years in the Office of Research Development before joining OPPT in 2011 as deputy director responsible for chemical management programs under the Toxic Substances Control Act. Jeff served as OPPT director from 2016 until 2020, when he retired after 30 years of federal service. He rejoined the EPA as ECRAD director in February of 2022, and in his current position is responsible for the

assessment of existing chemical substances under TSCA.

Liu Jianguo, Associate Professor, College of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Peking University



Ph.D, Associate Professor with Tenure, College of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Peking University. Prof. Liu has been devoted to multidisciplinary studies on modeling and monitoring of the environmental release, distribution and exposure of chemicals of emerging concern, and related socio-economic analysis and policy-making. The research covers persistent organic pollutants (POPs), endocrine disruptors (EDCs), pharmaceuticals and personal care chemicals (PPCPs), and persistent, mobile and toxic chemicals (PMTs). He has been involved in the negotiations of the Stockholm Convention, SAICM and Minamata Convention for many

years, as well as the Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) and the Science-Policy Panel on Chemicals and Waste (SPP) in recent years. He has worked on developing the emission inventories of PFOS and PFOA in China, monitoring the FTOH emission from municipal WWTPs, modeling the global distribution potential of F-53b, and exploring FTPs as a major source of precursors of PFACs in the global environment. He serves as a member of the Expert Committee for Risk Assessment of Chemical Substances of Ministry of Ecology and Environment of China (MEE), the National Coordinating Expert Committee for the Implementation of the Stockholm Convention on POPs and the Minamata Convention on Mercury, and the Expert Committee on Chemicals Risk Control of Chinese Society for Environmental Science (CSES).

Itsuki Kuroda, Vice Chair of the Implementation and Compliance Committee of the Minamata Convention Environmental Health Department, Ministry of the Environment, Japan



Itsuki (Suki) Kuroda has been in charge of chemicals and waste related matters including Global Framework on Chemicals (GFC) and Minamata convention as well as implementation of the related international cooperation projects since 2019 at the Environmental Health Department, Ministry of the Environment, Japan (MOEJ). She is the elected Regional Focal Point of GFC representing Asia-Pacific region. Before joining MOEJ, she worked for the Japanese food condiment company and Ministry of Foreign Affairs for 10 years in several countries including

Egypt, Jordan, UK and USA. She received an MSc in Environmental Studies from University College London in the UK.

Kristin Schreiber, Director for Chemicals, Health, Retail and Agrifood, European Commission

Kristin Schreiber leads the Directorate Ecosystems I: Chemicals, Food, Retail, Health in DG GROW, the Directorate General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs of the European Commission.



After obtaining the Diplôme de l'Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (with a special focus on International Relations, Economics and European Law), a Master's degree from the University of Kent at Canterbury and the Diplôme d'Etudes Approfondies of the College of Europe in Bruges, she worked as a Graduate Lecturer at the University of Kent in Canterbury and a researcher on the Single Market in Bonn. Kristin Schreiber joined the European Commission in 1990 and was appointed to her current position in March 2021 after serving as Director for Governance of the Single Market and International Affairs in DG Internal Market (until 2015) and Director for SME policy in DG GROW (until March 2021).

Previously in the European Commission, Kristin Schreiber was Head of Cabinet of Employment Commissioner Vladimír Špidla, Deputy Head of Cabinet of Internal Market Commissioner Michel Barnier and member of the Cabinets of Enlargement Commissioner Günter Verheugen and Competition Commissioner Karel Van Miert. She also served as Head of Unit for International Affairs in the DG for Employment and Social Affairs and was a member of the Merger Task Force of DG Competition.

Kristin speaks German, French, English and Spanish, some Italian and has notions of Czech and Slovak.

Valentina Bertato, Policy Officer, European Commission

Valentina Bertato has been working in the European Commission since 2011, dealing mainly with chemicals policy. She is currently focusing on REACH restrictions for environmental risks (including microplastics, lead and PFAS) and on international work on chemicals. Her background is in environmental chemistry. Her previous working experiences are on technical and regulatory issues of chemicals, waste management and environmental management systems.



Specifically on PFAS, she is the main author of the PFAS action plan, which is included in the European Commission Chemicals Strategy for Sustainability. She is working on the REACH restrictions on PFAS and on the proposals for listing in the Stockholm Convention. She is closely following all developments related to PFAS in the different EU legislations.

Bastian Zeiger, Regulatory Officer, Risk Management I Unit, European Chemicals Agency

Bastian Zeiger joined ECHA in 2020. He is a Regulatory Officer in the Risk Management I unit, which is responsible for preparing restriction proposals and managing the restriction process under REACH. He is currently supporting ECHA's Risk Assessment Committee during the opinion-making on the universal proposal to restrict PFAS in the EEA. Other restriction proposals he has worked on include the proposal to restrict PFAS in firefighting foams.



He has a BSc in Environmental Sciences and an MSc in Resource and Environmental Management. Next to his experience in chemical risk management, he has more than 10 years of experience working with industrial pollutants at European level. Beyond his involvement with the REACH Regulation, he has also worked within the framework of the Industrial Emission Directive, the European Pollutant Release and Transfer Register, the F-gas Regulation and the ODS Regulation.

He is a member of the Global PFC Group and has participated in many Open-ended Working Groups under the Montreal Protocol. He has also served as a member of the OECD Working Party on PRTRs and took part in events like in the third UNEP/OECD Global Round Table on PRTRs.

Bastian is German.

Session 3: Moving to safer alternatives

Anna Lennquist, Senior Toxicologist, ChemSec



Anna Lennquist holds a PhD in Ecotoxicology and a degree in Journalism from the University of Gothenburg in Sweden. She joined ChemSec in 2011 and has since focused on substitution of hazardous chemicals. As part of this, she has managed the development of a number of tools for substitution, including SUBSPORT, the SIN List, the Marketplace and the PFAS Guide.

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Martijn Beekman, Policy Officer, DG Grow, European Commission

Since 2022, Mr Beekman is responsible for the PFAS related REACH restriction proposals at the European Commission, DG Grow. From 2001, he was involved in the Dutch national and international chemical policy - initially at the Ministry of Environment and later within the National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM). From 2016 till 2020, he was head of the Dutch Bureau REACH and CLP and responsible for -among others- substance evaluation, restriction and authorization dossiers in the Netherlands. He was educated in environmental chemistry at the University of Utrecht.



Franz-Manfred Schuengel, Merck Healthcare KGaA, Germany

In more than 20 years of experience in the chemical and pharmaceutical industry, I worked in regulatory, quality and operations. I am a chemist by education and currently responsible for chemicals related regulations in Merck Healthcare. The role involves external collaboration with industry peers, authorities, and federations. A key partner is the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations (EFPIA) that I speak for. I am based in Darmstadt, Germany.



My current responsibility has a strong focus on emerging regulations and their impact on our industry. The regulatory developments around PFAS, including the different regional approaches by the U.S. and Europe, and the changing definitions describing this group of substances have been a focal point for years. Our coverage is not limited on pharmaceuticals, as the industry cannot exist without suppliers for manufacturing equipment, chemicals, electronics, or packaging materials. The inclusion of the supply chain therefore allows for a broader industry perspective.

Kim Jansen, Program Lead Product Safety and Environment – Canon Production Printing

Kim received his master in Chemical Engineering at the University of Twente in the Netherlands. In 2004 he joined the Research&Development department of printer manufacturer Océ, that was later taken over by Canon.

He moved to the Product Safety & Environment department of Canon Production Printing in 2014 and has responsibilities in the area of chemical safety, compliance, regulatory affairs and he has a leading role in the implementation of new legal requirements in the company. Prohibited substances and since a few years PFAS in particular are his main topic.



Kim is chairing the chemicals working group at DIGITALEUROPE, an association representing digitally transforming industries in Europe. He is also leading the work DIGITALEUROPE is doing related to the proposed Reach PFAS restriction.

Session 4: Strategies for effective risk communication

Tom Jansen, Scientific Researcher risk perception and communication, Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM)



Tom Jansen has a background in Psychology of Conflict, Risk and Safety and holds a PhD in Environmental health risk perception and -communication. He is a scientific researcher at the Dutch National Institute for Public Health and the Environment (RIVM). His research focuses on (public) perceptions, decision making and communication about environmental health risks. In his research, Tom aims to bridge natural, biomedical and social sciences on these risks. Main topics of interest are perception, decision making and communication of epistemic uncertainty and of risks of chemical substances.

Sara Brosché, Science Advisor, International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN)



Sara Brosché joined the International Pollutants Elimination Network (IPEN) in 2012 after finishing a MSc in Chemistry and a PhD in Environmental Science, focused on the ecotoxicology of pharmaceutical pollution and mixture toxicity. In IPEN, her work is focused on scientific evidence to promote advancement of health protective global and local policies on chemical safety.

In her role as Science Advisor she works with civil society partners to support their work locally, with a focus on low-and middle-income countries. She is also engaged in a wide range of international policies and their technical and scientific work, including the newly adopted Global Framework on Chemicals, the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm Conventions, and the establishment of a Science Policy Panel on chemicals waste and pollution.

IPEN is a global network of public interest NGOs in more than 120 countries working together for a world in which toxic chemicals are no longer produced or used in ways that harm human health and the environment.

Session 5: Additional topics that could be explored in the Global PFC Group

Session 5.1: Environmental monitoring of PFAS

Amila O. De Silva, Research Scientist, Aquatic Contaminants Research Division, Water Science and Technology Directorate, Environment and Climate Change Canada

Dr. Amila O. De Silva (she/her) is a research scientist in the Government of Canada (Environment and Climate Change Canada). Dr. De Silva's main area of focus is on the environmental chemistry, fate, and transport of organic contaminants including PFAS. Using innovative methods, Dr. De Silva has advanced the field of environmental contaminant chemistry and is a leader in contaminant fate and transport in the Canadian Arctic. Dr. De Silva applies findings on contaminants from the ecosystem level to global implications. Dr. De Silva's expertise has contributed to international and domestic policy on chemicals management in the context of environmental protection. Dr. De Silva has published over 74 peer-reviewed papers on her research. Dr. De Silva serves on the Editorial Board for the Royal Society of Chemistry journal *Environmental Science: Processes and Impacts*, is a Board of Director member for the Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry North America, is an elected member in the Royal Society of Canada's New College, and is the 2021 winner of the inaugural Environment Division Early Career Research Award in the Chemical Institute.



Stéphane Horel, Journalist, Le Monde

Stéphane Horel is an investigative journalist at Le Monde. Author of several documentaries and books, she specialises in corporate harm, toxic industries, conflict of interest and scientific disinformation, as well as in innovative investigation methodologies. In early 2023, she supervised the European map of PFAS contamination of the "Forever Pollution Project", a cross-border and cross-field investigation awarded in Europe and in the U.S. Her years-long investigation on the European regulation of endocrine disruptors was shortlisted for the Albert Londres Prize (2016) and received the Louise Weiss Prize for European Journalism (2017). Her series of articles on the "Monsanto papers", co-authored with Stéphane Foucart was awarded the 2018 European Press Prize for Investigation. In the past years, she has worked on environmental pollution, pesticides, Big Tobacco and Big Alcohol.



Anna Kärrman, Associate professor, Örebro University, School of Science and Technology

Anna Kärrman is an associate professor in chemistry at Örebro University, Sweden. She has studied PFAS since 2002 in Sweden, Japan, and the US within the field of analytical and environmental chemistry, with around 80 international publications focusing on analytical methods, distribution in the environment, sources, and human exposure. She is currently involved in writing the technical guideline for PFAS determination under the EU drinking water directive, and several European and national research projects. Besides PFAS, she also studies microplastics and plastic-related chemicals. Her main research agenda is to unravel the chemical identity of drivers of toxicity by seeking relevant and sensitive methods including non-targeted methodologies using mass spectrometry, and non-specific methods to determine group of compounds. She works together with toxicologists to apply effect-directed analysis, combining chromatography separation and mass spectrometry detection with in-vitro bioreporter gene effect assays, to



detect harmful chemicals and create warning systems for deviations in exposure and emissions of chemicals. Some of this work is performed in The Toxicological Council, a Swedish expert group acting as an early warning system for the identification of chemical substances that can be harmful to human health or the environment.

Session 5.2: Disposal and Incineration of PFAS wastes

Nicolas Humez, Director Performance and Business Lines Guidance, SARP Industries - Veolia



Nicolas HUMEZ holds a Ph D in Chemistry. With 27 years of experience in hazardous waste management in different positions: R&D, operations, public affairs, and today as head of Strategy, Performance and Innovation Department, he gets a transversal and comprehensive overview of this sector in Europe and worldwide.

Very active at National, European and International levels in the hazardous waste networks, convinced of the importance of the environmentally sound management of waste for the protection of health and the environment, he dedicates his energy in promoting best practices and technologies in order to tackle the issue of contamination with substances of concern and stop dispersion in the environment and in material loops for a safe and sustainable circular economy.

PFAS are one of the main concerns of the moment for the waste sector. Nicolas drives the strategy of his company for:

- a better knowledge in the input wastes,
- the development of relevant analytical methodologies for all kinds of waste and contaminated soils and for the monitoring emissions into the air and water bodies and
- the development of most performant treatment technologies.

Erin Shields, Office of Research and Development, US EPA



Erin Shields is a Physical Scientist in the Industrial and Control Technology Branch in the Air Methods and Characterization Division of the U.S. EPA's Office of Research and Development. His current research focuses on methods to evaluate PFAS destruction technologies. In 2020, Erin was part of the EPA's PFAS Innovative Treatment Team (PITT) and helped evaluate and research methods to remediate various PFAS contaminated media. Erin is the principal investigator for ORD's SERDP PFAS project and other source characterization and pollution control evaluation projects with the EPA. He joined the EPA as a Federal Postdoc in 2019, after obtaining his Ph.D. in Analytical Chemistry at the University of Pittsburgh.

Deepak Kapoor, Vice President, Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited



Deepak Kapoor studied Chemical Engineering with specialization in Polymer Science and Masters in Business Administration. He has overall 23 years of industry experience in Business and Strategy roles. Currently, Deepak is working with Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited – one of the leading Fluoropolymers & Chemicals producer globally. He is leading company's global strategy for fluoropolymers, advocacy and government affairs. He is also the Managing Director of company's subsidiary

located in Germany.

Session 5.3: Approaches to managing contamination and remediation

Johan Ceenaeme, Soil expert and policy coordinator in the Soil Management Department of OVAM, the Public Waste Agency of Flanders, Belgium

Johan Ceenaeme is bio-engineer and environmental remediation engineer. He works as a senior soil expert and policy coordinator in the Soil Management Department of OVAM, the Public Waste Agency of Flanders (Belgium). He is responsible for the coordination of the Flemish policy on contaminated soils. Johan is involved in the international contacts related to soil remediation policy and is representative in the European Soil Expert Group and the network of contaminated land policy makers and regulators Common Forum. His main domains of expertise are legislation on soil remediation and impact of soil contamination on real estate value. He started with colleagues and other partners EmConSoil (the emerging soil contaminants network) and chairs the Common Forum's PFAS team.



Annegret Biegel-Engler, Head of “Measures of Soil Protection” at the German Environment Agency.

Dr. Annegret Biegel-Engler has a doctorate in biochemistry and specialised in the field of chemical structure-activity relationships. She gained experiences in remediation of contaminated sites at the Technical University of Cottbus in Germany from 2006 to 2008. From 2008 to 2018 Annegret Biegel-Engler worked as a scientific officer at the German Environment Agency with a focus on regulation of PFAS and other emerging pollutants under REACH. Since 2018 Annegret Biegel-Engler is head of the section “Measures of Soil Protection” at the German Environment Agency.



With regard to PFAS, her team's work focuses on the determination of PFAS levels in soils, the transfer of PFAS from soil to groundwater, food crops and animal feed and the soil-related PFAS uptake by humans. She and her team are also working on solutions for the management of contaminated sites and on the development of limit values for PFAS in soil.

Alun James, PFAS lead for the UK Environment Agency

Dr Alun James is an environmental geochemist who specialises in the occurrence, fate and transport of contaminants in the environment. He is currently in the role of PFAS lead for the UK Environment Agency and is coordinating a PFAS working group bringing together specialists in planning, contaminated land, water quality, environmental regulation, and toxicology.

With a strong technical background, he has focused on developing and implementing a PFAS evidence strategy that involves rapid evidence reviews, coordinating monitoring and the synthesis of scientific evidence. Over the past decade he has specialised in environmental remediation, catchment planning and in the development of conceptual models.



Chairs

Eeva Leinala, Principal Administrator, Environment Directorate, OECD



Eeva Leinala is the Principal Administrator for three work areas within OECD's Chemicals Programme: Risk Management; Good Laboratory Practices and Mutual Acceptance of Data; and Chemical Accidents. Topical areas related to risk management include approaches to chemical risk management, substitution of harmful chemicals, sustainable chemistry and risk management for PFAS chemicals. Eeva is also collaborating on projects related to design of sustainable plastics, improving socioeconomic assessment of chemicals management, chemicals policy and the chemicals/waste policy interface. Prior to the OECD, Eeva worked at Health Canada (Government of Canada) for 12 years on chemicals policy and risk assessment and she holds a Ph.D. in biochemistry from

Queen's University in Canada.

Kei Ohno Woodall, Senior Coordination Officer, Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam and Stockholm conventions



Kei, a Senior Coordination Officer at the Secretariat of the Basel, Rotterdam, and Stockholm Conventions, coordinates activities related to plastics and industrial chemicals under the BRS conventions. She also oversees the scientific and technical work of the conventions' subsidiary bodies, the POPs Review Committee and the Chemical Review Committee, facilitating the review of new chemicals proposed for listing under the Conventions. Her expertise includes risk assessment, chemicals and waste management, inventory development, national action plans, science-policy interface, and environmental monitoring. She recently coordinated the publication titled 'Global Governance of Plastics and Associated Chemicals'. Kei holds a Ph.D. in environmental analytical chemistry.

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