

OECD Global Forum on the Environment dedicated to Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS)

12-13 February 2024 | Hybrid event

Programme



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Draft programme

Day 1 – Monday 12 February 2024	
Co-chairs: Eeva Leinala, OECD & Kei Ohno Woodall, BRS Secretariat	
9.30-9.45	Welcoming remarks – Jo Tyndall, Director, Environment Directorate, OECD
9.45 – 11.00	<p><u>Session I: Setting the scene</u></p> <p><i>PFAS Exposure, Testing, and Clinical Follow-Up</i></p> <p><i>Bruce N. Calonge, University of Colorado School of Medicine and School of Public Health; Chair, National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine Ad hoc Committee on PFAS</i></p> <p><i>Overview of current uses of PFAS</i></p> <p><i>Martin Scheringer, Department of Environmental Systems Science, ETH Zürich</i></p> <p><i>Chemical industry perspective</i></p> <p><i>Ronald Bock, Chairman of the Plastics Europe Fluoropolymer Group</i></p> <p><i>Exchange with the audience</i></p>
11.00-11.30	Coffee Break
11.30-13.15	<p><u>Session II: Sharing of risk management approaches</u></p> <p>This session will discuss how PFAS are being addressed in different countries and the commonalities and differences in approaches that have been developed, for example when PFAS are approached as several categories versus one large class; and means used for grouping/sorting (structural activity, data availability, market share, use, regulatory status, etc.).</p> <p><i>Presentations from countries followed by an exchange with participants on challenges of approaches used and what could help at the international level.</i></p> <p><i>Jeff Morris, US Environmental Protection Agency</i></p> <p><i>Jianguo Liu, College of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Peking University, China</i></p> <p><i>Itsuki Kuroda, Ministry of the Environment, Japan</i></p> <p><i>Kristin Schreiber, Director for Chemicals, Health, Retail and Agrifood, DG GROW, European Commission; Valentina Bertato, DG Environment, European Commission; Bastian ZEIGER, European Chemicals Agency</i></p> <p><i>Exchange with the audience</i></p>
13.15-14.30	Lunch Break

14.30-16.15	<p><u>Session III: Moving to safer alternatives: Where are the innovation needs for alternatives?</u></p> <p>This session will provide a keynote on the current landscape of alternatives for PFAS. Discussants will then highlight current needs and challenges for development of alternatives.</p> <p><i>Landscape of alternatives and areas where innovation is particularly needed</i></p> <p><i>Anna Lennquist, Senior Toxicologist, ChemSec</i></p> <p><i>Discussants – Where are the needs and challenges for development of sustainable alternatives? What are the main sectors and applications at stake?</i></p> <p><i>Jeff Morris, US Environmental Protection Agency</i></p> <p><i>Valentina Bertato & Martijn Beekman, European Commission</i></p> <p><i>Franz-Manfred Schuengel, Merck KGaA, European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations</i></p> <p><i>Kim Jansen, Canon, DIGITAL EUROPE</i></p> <p><i>Discussion with the audience and potential future work at OECD</i></p> <p>How can OECD work on alternatives help? What work should OECD do in the future?</p>
16.00-16.30	<p>Coffee Break</p>
16.30-18.00	<p><u>Session IV: Strategies for effective risk communication</u></p> <p>This session will present examples of strategies for communicating regarding the risk of PFAS, in particular with the public and communities. This session will cover general communication on the risk of PFAS and in response to a contamination.</p> <p><i>Communicating Risk and Uncertainty</i></p> <p><i>Tom Jansen, Scientific Researcher Risk Perception and Communication, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, the Netherlands</i></p> <p><i>Experience of IPEN (International Pollutants Elimination Network) & PFAS Communication</i></p> <p><i>Sara Brosché, Science Adviser, IPEN</i></p> <p><i>Discussion with the audience and potential future work at OECD</i></p>

Cocktail

Day 2 – Tuesday 13 February 2024

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

9.30-11.00

1. Environmental monitoring of PFAS

This session will provide an overview of the latest progress in measuring and monitoring PFAS in the environment and discussion of remaining challenges.

Spatial and Temporal Trends of PFAS in Global Ocean, Coastal Waters and Air

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

Tracking PFAS across Europe – Forever Pollution Project

Stéphane Horel, Journalist, Le Monde

Current and emerging analytical techniques for the determination of PFAS in the environment

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

Discussion with the audience and potential future work at OECD

11.00-11.30

Coffee Break

11.30-13.00

2. Disposal and Incineration of PFAS wastes

This session will cover the main technical issues for managing PFAS in waste streams and in recycling.

International regulations for disposal of PFAS & Destruction technologies in waste industry

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

Developing innovative treatment technologies for PFAS-containing wastes

Erin Shields, Office of Research and Development, US EPA

Addressing the concerns related to Fluoropolymers during their lifecycle and new destruction methods

Deepak Kapoor, Vice President (Fluoropolymers Strategy & Marketing), Gujarat Fluorochemicals Limited

Discussion with the audience and potential future work at OECD

13.15-14.30	Lunch break
14.30-16.00	<p>3. Approaches to managing contamination and remediation</p> <p>This session will focus on a case study regarding measures for the prevention/limitation of losses of PFAS into the environment, the means of protection of the potentially affected communities, as well as measures for organizing decontamination and remediation response.</p> <p><i>Managing contamination and remediation - case study from the Flemish region's experience</i> <i>Johan Ceenaeme, Public Waste Agency of Flanders, Belgium</i></p> <p><i>Discussants</i> <i>Annegret Biegel-Engler, German Environment Agency</i> <i>Alun James, UK Environment Agency</i></p> <p><i>Exchange with the audience and potential future work at OECD</i></p>
16.00-17.00	<p><u>Session VI: Recap of the different sessions and opportunities for further work at OECD</u></p> <p>The OECD has been addressing topical areas on PFAS for more than 20 years. An overview of this work is provided in the accompanying report for the workshop.</p> <p>This session will draw from the two days of discussions to identify potential future work at the OECD on PFAS.</p>

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