

OECD Global Forum on PFAS

12 - 13 February 2024

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46 Quai Alphonse Le Gallo, Boulogne-Billancourt, France

Draft agenda

Day 1 – Monday 12 February 2024	
9.30-9.45	Welcoming remarks – Jo Tyndall, Director, Environment Directorate, OECD
9.45 – 11.00	<u>Session I: Setting the scene</u> <i>PFAS Exposure, Testing, and Clinical Follow-Up</i> <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> <i>Overview of current uses of PFAS</i> <i>Martin Scheringer, Department of Environmental Systems Science, ETH Zürich</i> <i>Chemical industry perspective</i> <i>Ronald Bock, Chairman of the Plastics Europe Fluoropolymer Group</i> <i>Discussion with the audience</i>
11.00-11.20	Coffee Break
11.20-13.00	<u>Session II: Sharing of risk management approaches</u> 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.). <i>Presentations from countries followed by an exchange with participants on challenges of approaches used and what could help at the international level.</i> <i>Jeff Morris, US Environmental Protection Agency</i> <i>Jianguo Liu, College of Environmental Sciences and Engineering, Peking University, China</i> <i>Presentation from Japan</i> <i>Additional countries TBC</i>

13.00-14.30	Lunch Break
14.30-16.00	<u>Session III: Moving to safer alternatives: Where are the innovation needs for alternatives?</u> 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. <i>Landscape of alternatives and areas where innovation is particularly needed</i> <i>Anna Lennquist, Senior Toxicologist, ChemSec</i> <i>Discussants – Where are the needs and challenges for development of sustainable alternatives? What are the main sectors and applications at stake?</i> <i>Jeff Morris, US Environmental Protection Agency</i> <i>Valentina Bertato & Martijn Beekman, European Commission</i> <i>Franz-Manfred Schuengel, Merck KGaA, European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries and Associations</i> <i>Representative from another industry sector (TBC)</i> <i>Discussion with the audience and potential future work at OECD</i> How can OECD work on alternatives help? What work should OECD do in the future?
16.00-16.20	Coffee Break
16.20-18.00	<u>Session IV: Strategies for effective risk communication</u> 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. <i>Communicating Risk and Uncertainty</i> <i>Tom Jansen, Scientific researcher risk perception and communication, National Institute for Public Health and the Environment, the Netherlands</i> <u>Snapshots of case examples:</u> <i>Experience of IPEN (International Pollutants Elimination Network) & PFAS Communication</i> <i>Sara Brosché, science adviser, IPEN</i> <i>Flanders's HBM study in Zwijndrecht, no regret measures, as well as PFAS mapping and action plan</i> <i>Speaker TBC</i> <i>Discussion with the audience and potential future work at OECD</i>
Cocktail	

Day 2 – Tuesday 13 February 2024

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

9.30-11.00

1. Environmental monitoring of PFAS

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 Kärman, Associate professor, Örebro University, School of Science and Technology, Sweden

Discussion with the audience and potential future work at OECD

11.00-11.20

Coffee Break

11-20-13.00

2. Disposal and Incineration of PFAS wastes

Main technical issues for managing PFAS in waste streams and for recycling as well as examples of country approaches for managing PFAS in waste.

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

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13.00-14.30

Lunch break

14.30-16.00	3. Approaches to managing contamination and remediation Measures for the prevention/limitation of losses of PFAS into the environment and means of protection of the potentially affected communities, as well as measures for organizing response for decontamination and remediation. <i>Managing contamination and remediation - case study from the Flemish region's experience</i> <i>Johan Ceenaeme, Public Waste Agency of Flanders, Belgium</i> <i>Discussants</i> <i>Annegret Biegel-Engler, German Environment Agency</i> <i>Additional discussants TBC</i> <i>Exchange with the audience and potential future work at OECD</i>
16.00-17.00	<u>Session VI: Recap of the different sessions and opportunities for further work at OECD</u> The OECD Global PFC Group is currently working on the following work streams: ▪ Collection of Information on Alternatives ○ collecting information on the commercial availability and current uses of alternatives & on their hazard profile; ○ organisation of webinars to share information on shifting to safer alternatives & on broader considerations to generate knowledge on PFASs • Understanding the life cycle of polymeric PFASs • Collection of information on risk reduction initiatives and update of the OECD PFAS Webportal This session will draw from the two days of discussions to identify potential future work at the OECD on PFAS.