



# WEBINAR ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN ALTERNATIVES TO LONG CHAIN PFCS

*OECD-UNEP GLOBAL PFC GROUP*

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[www.oecd.org/ehs/pfc](http://www.oecd.org/ehs/pfc)





# Background

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## **SAICM ICCM2 Resolution II/5 invited relevant stakeholders to**

- promote PFC stewardship programmes and to contribute to:
- Information-gathering activities, such as the recently developed OECD survey of product content and environmental release information on PFOS, PFOA, their related substances and products and mixtures containing these substances;
- Information exchange on alternatives currently in use, including short-chain-length fluorocarbons, and potentially safer alternative substances or technologies for their use;

## **SAICM ICCM3 Resolution III/3 that**

- Takes note of establishment of Global PFC Group
- Invites OECD/UNEP Global PFC Group to carry on and report progress to ICCM4
- Requests close cooperation with Stockholm convention and UNIDO



# Work programme 2012-15

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- Key activities:
  - **Activity 1: PFC Web Portal**  
Regular updates, [www.oecd.org/ehs/pfc](http://www.oecd.org/ehs/pfc)
  - **Activity 2: Synthesis papers**  
On scientific evidence, regulatory approaches, alternatives to long-chain PFCs
  - **Activity 3: Webinars and other events**  
Focus on the topics of the synthesis papers
  - **Activity 4: PFC survey**  
Reach out to main PFC producers; agree on survey methodology in an expert workshop; implement survey; publish survey
  - **Activity 5: Information about uses of PFCs**
  - **Activity 6: Cooperation with the Stockholm Convention and UNIDO**



## Additional Resources

- Synthesis paper on PFCs  
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- 2009 OECD PFC survey report available at
  - <http://www.oecd.org/officialdocuments/displaydocumentpdf/?cote=env/jm/mono%282011%291&doclanguage=en>



# OECD/UNEP PFCs Webinars

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**Webinar #1: Overview of PFCs Landscape – Key issues and insights - 20 November 2013**

**Webinar # 2: Major uses of PFCs and scientific evidence - *29 January 2014***

**Webinar # 3: Recent Developments in Alternatives to Long Chain PFCs – 30 April 2014**

**Webinar # 4: Risk reduction approaches – TBD (fall/winter 2014)**



# Today's Webinar on Recent Developments in Alternatives to Long Chain PFCs

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**Objective:** This webinar aims to give an insight into recent developments in alternatives to long chain PFCs. It is organised around expert talks. Attendees will also have an opportunity to discuss with the speakers and ask questions in an interactive setting.

## Speakers:

- **Sylvie Poret**, Principal Administrator, OECD and **Kaj Madsen**, Senior Program Officer, UNEP (*Introduction - 10 minutes*)
- **Jessica Steinhilber**, Executive Director, FluoroCouncil (*10 minutes*)
- **Nicholas Nairn-Birch**, Environmental Protection Specialist, Environmental Protection Agency, United States (*10 minutes*)
- **Melisa Lim**, Programme Officer, Secretariat of the Stockholm Convention (*10 minutes*)
- **Q&A** (*20 minutes*)



# OECD Portal on Perfluorinated Chemicals

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