

**Policy Forum for Ireland keynote seminar:  
Next steps for climate change adaptation and resilience in Ireland**

*Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024*

**\*\*\*Taking Place Online\*\*\***



*Agenda subject to change*

- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
**Tiernan Phipps**, Policy Forum for Ireland
- 9.05 **Assessing Ireland's current ability to adapt, and incorporating findings from Ireland's Climate Change Assessment**  
**Professor Conor Murphy**, Professor, Department of Geography, Maynooth University; and Author, *ICCA Volume Three: Being Prepared for Ireland's Future Climate*  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.35 **Priorities for a fair and just adaptation**  
**Dr Stephen Flood**, Resilience Team Lead, Irish Climate Change Advisory Council Secretariat
- 9.45 **Stakeholder priorities for an updated National Adaptation Framework**  
*implementing local adaptation plans / long-term clarity for business and investors / communicating benefits of a strong approach to adaptation and transitioning to a low carbon economy / widening inclusion of the private sector in adaptation*  
**Mark Christal**, Divisional Manager, Food and Sustainability, Enterprise Ireland  
**Dr Barry O'Dwyer**, Director, KPMG Sustainable Futures  
**Oliver Kinnane**, Lead Academic, Building in a Climate Emergency Research Group, University College Dublin  
**Dr Sabrina Dekker**, Climate Action Coordinator, Dublin City Council
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 Break
- 11.00 **Assessing wider European approaches to climate change adaptation and resilience**  
**Blaz Kurnik**, Head, CET2, Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Group, European Environment Agency  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.25 **Priorities and next steps for improving adaptation**  
*nature-based approaches / biodiversity protection / priorities for adaptation in urban dwellings / adaptation planning and sustainable development / flood risk management and responses to recent extreme weather events*  
**Cliona Kimber SC**, Member, Inner Bar; and Chair, Comhshaol, the Climate Bar Association  
**Dr Grace Cott**, Principal Investigator, Blue Carbon Group, University College Dublin  
**Matt Kennedy**, Sustainable Development Leader, Europe and Global Leader, Climate Strategy, Arup  
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**  
**Tiernan Phipps**, Policy Forum for Ireland