

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

Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 26th June 2024

Taking Place Online



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senator Mary Seery Kearney, Member, Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- 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
Senior commentator
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senator Mary Seery Kearney, Member, Oireachtas Committee on Housing, Local Government and Heritage
- 10.45 Break
- 10.55 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 11.00 **Assessing wider European approaches to climate change adaptation and resilience**
Blaz Kurnik, Head of 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 for Europe and Global Leader for Climate Strategy, Arup
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, biodiversity
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.20 **Policy priorities for Ireland's approach to climate change mitigation and a new National Adaptation Framework**
Brian Carroll, Assistant Secretary, Environment, Climate, Air Quality, EU and International Policy, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications
Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.55 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
Tiernan Phipps, Policy Forum for Ireland