

**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\*\*\*



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**  
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 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**  
Senior commentator
- 9.45 **Stakeholder priorities for an updated National Adaptation Framework**  
*implementing local adaptation plans | priorities for key sectors | communicating benefits of a strong approach to adaptation and transitioning to a low carbon economy | widening inclusion of the private sector in adaptation for a whole-of-society approach*  
**Mark Christal**, Divisional Manager, Food and Sustainability, Enterprise Ireland  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, built environment  
Senior commentator
- 10.10 Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.40 **Chair's closing remarks**  
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 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 of the Inner Bar and Chair of Comhshaol, the Climate Bar Association  
Senior representative, local authority  
Senior representative, marine ecosystems  
Senior representative, biodiversity  
Senior academic  
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