

Conference programme Day 1 Thursday 15th October

09.30 Environmental policy

Chair: Owen McQuade, Environment Ireland

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Environmental challenges in Ireland: 2020 and beyond
Eamon Ryan, TD, Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications

The IPCC Special Report on Global Warming of 1.5°C

Professor Jim Skea, Co-Chair, Working Group III, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC)

Moving Northern Ireland's environment forward

Minister Edwin Poots MLA, Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs, Northern Ireland

Outlook for European environment legislation

Deborah Spence, Partner, Arthur Cox

Questions & answers / panel discussion

10.45 Comfort break

11.15 Natural capital

Overview of EU Biodiversity Strategy for 2030

Dr Micheal O'Briain, Deputy Head of the Nature Unit, DG Environment, European Commission

The role of biodiversity in an Environmental Management System

Bruce Harper, Consultant, Antaris Consulting

Irish Natural Capital Accounting for Sustainable Environments (INCASE) project

Professor Jane Stout, Botany, Trinity College Dublin

Conserving and protecting Irish wildlife

Pádraic Fogarty, Campaign Officer, Irish Wildlife Trust

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

13.00 Break for lunch

14.00 Resource efficiency and circular economy

Chair: Ciarán Galway, Environment Ireland

Scotland's progress towards becoming a circular economy

Iain Gulland, Chief Executive, Zero Waste Scotland

Ireland's waste policy: An overview

Philip Nugent, Assistant Secretary, Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications

The role of remanufacturing in the European circular economy

David Fitzsimons, Director, European Remanufacturing Council

No Home for Plastic: Changing plastic use in Irish households

Abigail O'Callaghan-Platt, Project Lead, VOICE Ireland

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

15.15 Comfort break

15.30 Water

Water for sustainable development: Implementing SDG 6

Gilbert F. Hougbo, Chair, UN-Water and President, IFAD

Water quality in Ireland

Professor Mary Kelly-Quinn, Associate Professor, School of Biology and Environmental Science, University College Dublin

Supporting the implementation of River Basin Management Plans

Seán Keating, Director of Services, Local Authority Waters Programme

Inishowen Rivers Trust: Community engagement & water education

Trish Murphy, Project Officer, Inishowen River Trust

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

17.00 Conference close for day one

Conference programme Day 2 Friday 16th October

09.00

Climate Ireland

Chair: Owen McQuade, **Environment Ireland**

Climate change policy in Ireland

Brian Carroll, Assistant Secretary General of Climate Action and Environment, **Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications**

Climate justice in Ireland

Oisín Coghlan, Director, **Friends of the Earth Ireland**

Tackling the climate emergency

John FitzGerald, Chair, **Climate Change Advisory Council Ireland**

Questions & answers / panel discussion

10.10

Comfort break

10.20

Climate Ireland

Forecasting extreme weather events in a warming world

Evelyn Cusack, Head of Forecasting, **Met Éireann**

The role of local authorities in combating climate change

Ciarán Hayes, Chair, **National Local Authority Climate Action Steering Group**

Adapting to the impacts of climate

Professor Conor Murphy, Department of Geography, **Maynooth University**

Questions & answers / panel discussion

11.30

Comfort break

11.45

Health and the environment

Healthy environment, healthy lives: How the environment influences health and well-being in Europe

Martin Adams, Head of Health and Sustainable Resource Use, **European Environment Agency**

Healthy Ireland: The relationship between public health and the environment

Greg Straton, Assistant Principal, **Department of Health**

The impact of nano plastics and microplastics on the human body

Professor Christopher Elliott, Professor of Food Safety, **Queen's University Belfast**

Eco-health: Ecosystem benefits of greenspace for health

Professor Mark Scott, Professor of Planning and Dean of Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy, **University College Dublin**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

13.15

Break for lunch

14.15

Planning and the environment

Integrating environment issues into planning

Paul Scott, Environmental Planning Manager, **Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage**

Creating green cities

Oriana Romano, Head, Water Governance and Circular Economy – Cities, Urban Policies and Sustainable Development Division, **OECD**

Community engagement in planning projects

Petra Biberbach, Chief Executive, **Planning Aid Scotland**

The role of local authorities in planning: Waterford greenway

Michael Quinn, Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Services for Planning and Economic Development, **Waterford City & County Council**

Questions & answers / Panel discussion

15.45

Conference close