



<b>Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting</b>
<b>Date:</b> 07.09.2023 <b>Start time:</b> 09:30 <b>Venue:</b> MS Teams
Present: Prof. Peter Thorne (Chair); Jillian Mahon; John Spink (alternate, Teagasc); Dr. Ina Kelly; Roger Street; Keith Lambkin; Dr. Conor Quinlan (alternate, EPA); Prof. Conor Murphy; Prof. Robert Devoy; David Joyce; Dr. Julie Clarke; Mark Adamson; Liam Conneally.  Secretariat: George Hussey; Dr. Stephen Flood; Jodie Colgan; Bryn Canniffe; Ciara Hilliard; Claire Camilleri; Aoife McKeon.  <b>Agenda Item 4:</b> Dr. Claire Scannell, Principal Meteorological Officer in Weather and Climate Services, Met Éireann

### **1. Opening of Meeting (09:30)**

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present.

Liam Conneally, Chief Executive of Galway County Council introduced himself to the Committee.

#### **a. Minutes for the Adaptation Committee**

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of June 2023 were agreed with minor amendments.

#### **b. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted.

### **c. Disclosures of Interest**

There were no disclosures of interest.

However, Keith Lambkin, Met Éireann informed the meeting that he was Chair of the TRANSLATE Project Board and Prof. Thorne also informed the meeting that he is a member of the TRANSLATE Project Advisory Committee.

## **2. Council Update (09:40)**

The Secretariat briefed the Committee on the Climate Change Advisory Council meeting of 19<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> of July 2023.

- The meeting was informed that Sinéad O' Brien has resigned from the Council and the Adaptation Committee and that she would be replaced accordingly.
- The Council approved two small scale studies undertaken on (i) international best practice for residential retrofit programmes and (ii) strategies for the adoption of sustainable agriculture practices at farm level.
- Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer presented the advice of the European Scientific Advisory Board that was given to the EU Commission on the EU-wide 2040 climate targets and a greenhouse gas budget for 2030-2050. A report is expected in the autumn on how the EU policy architecture will be aligned with the targets.
- The Council gave final inputs and approved the 2023 Annual Review, Summary for All and press release for the Annual Review. A session was also held on the plan for communications and messaging around the Annual Review.

## **3. Secretariat Update (09:45)**

The Secretariat provided a verbal update of the main events that took place since the previous Adaptation Committee meeting.

- **Feedback from DECC engagements**

The Committee noted that there had been several engagements between DECC and the Secretariat on the recommendations in the Adaptation and Just Transition chapters of the Annual Review. The Committee noted their appreciation for this level of engagement from DECC and agreed to invite DECC to present to the Committee in an upcoming meeting.

- **Adaptation Futures**

The Committee noted that Dr. Stephen Flood would attend the Adaptation Futures Conference in Montreal and that he would update the Committee on the sessions he participated in at the next Committee meeting.

- **International Climate Councils Network (ICCN)**

The Committee noted that the ICCN Adaptation Working group voted to progress two topics for discussion for the coming year, monitoring, evaluation and learning (MEL) and transboundary climate risks. The UK CCC will present on a newly-developed MEL framework at the September 19th meeting and there will be time for cross-council discussion.

- **Upcoming webinars**

The Committee noted that a Climate and Health Alliance Webinar would take place on 25<sup>th</sup> October and would focus on the position paper “Fixing Food Together- Transitioning Ireland to a healthy and sustainable food system”.

The Council and Adaptation Committee received a request from the Water Forum to present recommendations from recently commissioned research to evaluate if and how Ireland’s national policies address the future risk to water resources from climate change. The Committee noted that efforts were being made to arrange a webinar with the Water Forum on this issue during the week of 27<sup>th</sup> November and that a proposed time and date is awaited from the Water Forum.

- **Scorecard workshop**

The Secretariat updated the Committee on preparations for the scorecard workshop which would be held at the Ashling Hotel on September 26th, 2023.

#### **4. TRANSLATE Update (10:05)**

Dr. Claire Scannell, Principal Meteorological Officer in Weather and Climate Services, Met Éireann presented to the Committee on the Met Éireann-led TRANSLATE project initiative to standardise future climate projections for Ireland and develop climate services that meet the climate information needs of decision makers.

The committee noted the scale of the work involved in the project and congratulated the team on its work.

#### **5. Role of Regional Climate Models (11.05)**

Further to the TRANSLATE presentation, the Adaptation Committee had a general discussion on the role and application of regional climate model projections. The potential for collaboration opportunities with other data providers was also discussed.

#### **6. 2024/2025 Workplan (11:30)**

The Secretariat outlined the proposed Adaptation Committee workplan for 2024/2025, including potential speakers for meetings or webinars and suggested research priorities for consideration. The Committee was asked to submit feedback on the document to the Secretariat.

#### **7. Workshop Planning (11:40)**

The Secretariat outlined a short list of workshop topics for the 2024 adaptation workshop which had been circulated in advance of the meeting. The Committee discussed the proposed topics and provided additional ideas. It was agreed that the Secretariat would amend the proposed topics accordingly and recirculate to the Committee for preferential votes to be submitted for final decision.

#### **8. Workshop Report (11:50)**

The Secretariat provided an overview of the draft report of the workshop on critical energy infrastructure held in May 2023. It was agreed that a shared word document would be circulated for the Committee's comment with a view to finalizing the report in time to submit it for approval by the Council at the November Council meeting.

**9. AOB, agreed outcomes and plans for next meeting**

**a) Next Meeting**

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 2023 and would be held virtually on MS Teams.

P.W. 

signed electronically on 14.12.2023