

Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting - MINUTES

Date: 27.03.2025

Start time: 09:30

Venue: MS Teams

Present: Prof. Peter Thorne (Chair); Mark Adamson; Dr. Julie Clarke; Prof. Robert Devoy; Helen Hoyle; Dr. Ina Kelly; Dr. Keith Lambkin; Jillian Mahon; Sean McKeown; Prof. Conor Murphy; John Spink; Roger Street.

Secretariat: Claire Camilleri; Bryn Canniffe; Marta Carrasco; Dr. Stephen Flood; Ciara Hilliard; George Hussey.

Apologies: David Joyce; Dr. Conor Quinlan (alternate, EPA).

Agenda Item 5: Jodie Colgan, Meabh Gallagher, Gina Kelly (CCAC Secretariat).

Agenda Items 7 and 8: Amy Cox; Michael Curtin; Michael Horan; Ruth NicGinneá (all Insurance Ireland); Kealan McMoreland (Department of Defence); Peter Medway (Cork City Council); Sean O' Leary (Irish Planning Institute).

1. Opening of Meeting (09:30)

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present.

a. Minutes for the Adaptation Committee

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 23rd January 2025 were approved.

b. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

c. Disclosures of Interest

Mr. Adamson disclosed that he was overseeing the OPW's Flood Risk Management Sectoral Adaptation Plan and that he would excuse himself for the agenda item and discussion of the Sectoral Adaptation Plans.

2. Council Update (09.34)

The Chairperson provided an update on the main outcomes from the Climate Change Advisory Council meeting dated 13th February 2025.

3. Secretariat Update (09.37)

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

- 2025 Adaptation Committee Workshop
- Sectoral Adaptation Plans
- National Climate Change Risk Assessment
- National Climate Damage Register
- Upcoming Webinars

4. Skills Paper (10.10)

The Secretariat presented a summary of the main elements of a thematic paper that the Secretariat is developing for the April Council meeting on skills needed for the climate transition. The Committee provided comments in the meeting and were also invited to comment on the draft paper via SharePoint.

5. Annual Review (10.30)

The Secretariat presented the draft recommendations for the 2025 Annual Review on:

- Electricity
- Transport
- Agriculture, Forestry and Other Land Use

Committee members were invited to provide comment on the draft recommendations via SharePoint.

6. Thematic Session on Planning for Climate Change (11.10)

Michael Curtin and Michael Horan from Insurance Ireland provided a presentation on Insurance Ireland's role in addressing climate risk. Kealan McMoreland from the Department of Defence provided a presentation on the Strategic Emergency Management Framework. Response statements were given by Sean O' Leary from the Irish Planning Institute on the linkages between climate resilience and broader planning and Peter Medway (Cork City Council) on the aspect of integrating resilience in the emergency planning and the response framework.

7. Discussion on Planning Session (12.15)

The Committee and invited speakers discussed the issues raised in the presentation and response statements. The Chair thanked the speakers for their contributions.

8. Sectoral Adaptation Plans Review (12.45)

The Committee members were invited to provide any comments and suggestions on the draft checklist of generic key issues to assist Adaptation Committee members and Secretariat when reviewing the draft Sectoral Adaptation Plans.

9. AOB, agreed outcomes and plans for next meeting

a) Support for Adaptation Committee members for speaking engagements

The Secretariat informed the Committee members that it is available to provide support for Committee members for media appearances and speaking engagements.

b) Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for 27-28th May 2025 in Galway and the Aran Islands and also virtually on MS Teams. The Secretariat will communicate further information on the logistical arrangements in the coming weeks.

The meeting closed at 12.52.

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Signed electronically on 27.05.2024