



Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting - MINUTES

Date: 15.06.2023

Start time: 11:00

Venue: MS Teams

In attendance: Marie Donnelly (Chair), Professor John Fitzgerald (1:27pm), Patricia King(1:31pm), Jillian Mahon, Prof. Frank O' Mara (Teagasc) (2:16pm), Andrew Murphy (left meeting 15:33); Dr. Cara Augustenborg, Julie Sinnamon, Eoin Moran (Met Éireann); Prof Peter Thorne; Prof. Morgan Bazilian

Agenda Item 4: Hannah Daly & Andrew Smith, UCC (11:29) joined for this item

Agenda Item 6: Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications, Mr. Eamon Ryan TD & Karen Egan & Paul Kenny, Department of Environment, Climate and Communications (13:33) joined for this item.

Apologies: Prof. Ottmar Edenhofer; Laura Burke (EPA); Sineád O'Brien; William Walsh (observer)

Secretariat: George Hussey, Phillip O'Brien, Meabh Gallagher, Claire Camilleri, Gina Kelly, Stephen Flood, Ciara Hilliard, Syed Faiz ul Islam, Eleanor Matthews, Jodie Colgan, Kieran Craven, Simon Ngorok (Intern), Niamh McCarthy (Intern), Aoife McKeon (Intern)

1. Opening of Meeting (11:00)

The Chair welcomed members to the meeting.

The Chair extended congratulations to Eoin Moran on his election as the Second Vice-President to the World Meteorological Association. The Chair also congratulated Dr. Cara



Augustenborg on her Irish Women's Award for 'Services to Science & Technology'. The Council also welcomed Aoife McKeon as an intern in the Secretariat.

1.1 Minutes for the Climate Change Advisory Council Meeting 27.04.2023

The minutes were accepted.

Matters arising from the minutes

No matters arising from the minutes

Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendment.

Disclosure of Interests

No Disclosures of Interests.

2. Adaptation Committee update (11:10)

The Secretariat briefed Council members on the outcomes of the Adaptation Committee meeting held on 17.05.2023. The Council noted:

- The arrangements for the European Conference on Climate Change Adaptation scheduled for 19-21 of June 2023 in Dublin.
- The provisional Adaptation scorecard results have been circulated to respondents and acknowledged the work on the Secretariat conducting the scorecard analysis and the thoroughness of the approach.
- Committee review of the Resilience chapters for the Annual Review 2023.
- Workshop on Climate Resilient Critical Energy Infrastructure that was held on 17th May. A post workshop report is currently being drafted.

3. Communications (11:20)

An update was provided on the work of the Communications Subgroup, including progress on internal communications and guidance on communication activities of the Council. The Council were updated on preparations for communication outputs for the Annual Review 2023, and the launch of the Council's social media accounts on both Twitter and LinkedIn. The Council were also updated on the progress of the redesign of the Council's website.

4. Preliminary results from project on modelling to assess progress with sectoral emissions ceilings (11:29)



Professor Hannah Daly and Andrew Smith from UCC presented preliminary findings to the Council on a modelling project to assess the projected shortfall in emissions reductions to deliver the legislated Carbon Budgets 1 & 2, with policy proposals to bridge the gap. The Council discussed the presentation and thanked the researchers for their inputs. This project will be finalised and submitted for publication on the Council's website at a later date.

5. Carbon Budgets (11:23)

The Secretariat provided a verbal update from meeting 3 of the working group, including the membership of the Carbon Budgets Working Group as follows:

- George Hussey (Chair – Climate Change Advisory Council Secretariat)
- Stephen Treacy / James Murphy (EPA - National Emissions Inventories and Projections)
- Kevin Hanrahan / Trevor Donnellan (Teagasc - FAPRI-Ireland model)
- Hannah Daly / Brian O'Gallachoir (UCC - TIMES Ireland model)
- David Styles / Colm Duffy (NUIG/ UL - GOBLIN model)
- Jim Scheer / Emma Lynch (SEAI - NEMF model)
- Kelly de Bruin / Mert Yakut (ESRI - I3E model / Economics)
- Niall McLnerney (Central Bank – Cosmo model / Macroeconomics)
- Jeanne Moore (NESC – Socioeconomics / Just Transition)
- Kian Mintz-Woo (UCC - Climate Justice)
- Yvonne Buckley (TCD – Biodiversity)
- Oliver Geden (SWP – EU and International Climate Policy / Carbon Dioxide Removal)

Updates on upcoming meetings were provided to Council for information. A Carbon Budgets workshop is scheduled for September to help the working group develop a shared understanding of model inputs and expected outputs.

6. Minister for the Environment Eamon Ryan TD (13:37)

The Chair welcomed the Minister to the meeting.



The Chair conveyed to the Minister the depth and breadth of the climate challenge and the concern of the Council for Ireland to meet its climate obligations.

The Council and the Minister discussed the draft Long Term Strategy, just transition, district heating, census results and the impacts on the climate challenge and the allocations from LULUCF with the Minister. The Council thanked the Minister for his time.

7. Items for Formal agreement (14:35)

Two papers were agreed for publication on the Council website:

- Carbon Budgets Fellowship Final Report, Paul R Price.
- Climate Adaptation Research – Horizon Scan, Peter Medway.

8. Long Term Strategy (14:40)

The Council discussed a draft communication to the Minister on the draft Long Term Strategy. The Secretariat committed to incorporate feedback provided and to issue the letter to the Minister in the days following the meeting.

9. Annual Review 2023 (14:50)

The Chair noted the significant development of the Annual Review by the Secretariat. The Council discussed the Annual Review, including key recommendations for the report, the design of the report and the structure. The Secretariat will incorporate feedback provided from the Council over the weeks following the meeting and will present the final draft of the Annual Review to the Council in the July meeting.

10. Council Work Programme & Budget (16:30)

The Council discussed the Work Programme Update, noting the difficulty to acquire researchers to conduct some of the work packages. It was acknowledged that this is as a significant system-wide issue, with the length of contracts also being identified as a challenge for researchers. The Secretariat will try and to identify possible solutions and alternatives to the barriers. The Estimates 2024 request for an 11% increase for 2024 was approved by Council and will be submitted through the EPA process.

11. Chair's Report of Council Activities (16:45)

The Council noted the report of Council activities. The Council discussed their recent participation at the National Economic Dialogue.



12. AOB (16:54)

The following items were discussed:

- EPA Operational Liaison Group will now take place in July
- Future meetings and inputs: both the July and September meetings will be held in person
- COP 28
- The Council noted Climate and Health Alliance correspondence received.

Next meeting: It was noted that the next Council meeting will be on 19th and 20th of July 2023 and will be held in person in the Maryborough Hotel in Cork.

Marie L. Donnelly

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