



Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting - MINUTES

Date: 23.11.2022

Start time: 09:30

Venue: Gaol Room, Hilton Hotel, Kilmainham, Dublin & MS Teams

Present:

In person: Prof. Peter Thorne (Chair); Keith Lambkin; Roger Street; Jillian Mahon; David Joyce (for Item 8);

Virtual: Prof. Conor Murphy (to Item 8), Prof. Robert Devoy (to Item 8); Dr. Ina Kelly; Sinéad O'Brien (to Item 8); John Spink (alternate, Teagasc); Mary Frances Rochford (alternate, EPA)

Apologies: Mark Adamson; Julie Clarke

Agenda Item 4: Peter Medway (In person) & Dug Cubie (virtual)

Agenda Item 6: Justina Corcoran (virtual) & Seosamh O Laoi (virtual)

Secretariat: In Person - George Hussey; Stephen Flood; Claire Camilleri; Jodie Colgan; Bryn Canniffe; Ciara Hilliard. Virtual – Syed Faiz-ul Islam; Phillip O'Brien; Eleanor Mathews.

Opening of Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present. Bryn Canniffe was introduced and welcomed to the Resilience Team of the Secretariat.

It was noted that Paddy Mahon has stepped down from his position on the Adaptation Committee. The Chair thanked Paddy Mahon for his service. A nomination for a replacement Committee Member will be provided by CCMA in due course.

a. Minutes for the Adaptation Committee

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 7th of September 2022 were agreed.

b. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted with the following changes:

Agenda Item 7: Progress relating to Climate Ireland was deferred to the January 2023 meeting.

Agenda Item 6: It was noted that Seosamh O'Laoi would attend in place of Kevin McCormick.

c. Disclosures of interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

1. Council Update

The Secretariat briefed the Committee on the Climate Change Advisory Council meetings of 15th of September and 27th of October.

2. Secretariat Update

The Secretariat gave verbal updates on the following:

- **Update on small-scale study: International Adaptation Lessons for Ireland (Jodie Colgan)**

Pius Yanda has returned a further draft of the report. Another internal review is being undertaken and should be complete this coming week. The draft report will be circulated to the Committee ahead of finalisation.

- **Summary list of EPA adaptation proposals**

The negotiation phase of the research call was in progress in Q4. A finalised list of funded proposals and summaries would be circulated for the next Committee meeting.

- **Terms of Reference update**

It was noted that the Adaptation Committee Terms of Reference were approved by Council at the meeting on the 27th of October and the final version would be circulated to Committee Members.

- **OECD Adaptation Indicators event and Secretariat Presentation 21/09/22**

It was noted that Stephen Flood gave a presentation at the OECD Expert Workshop on Developing Meaningful Adaptation Policy Indicators.

- **Summary Climate Change Advisory Council /New Zealand Climate Change Commission Adaptation Engagement**

The Committee noted that Karen Lavin (Adaptation Lead at the NZ CCC) is visiting Ireland from Nov 28th until Dec 2nd. The Secretariat have set up a number of events including:

- a) A New Zealand Embassy reception on Mon Nov 28th.
- b) An online workshop in Dublin with the NZ CCC and UNDP on data and indicators for adaptation monitoring on November 28th.
- c) A roundtable event (co-host) with the All Island Climate and Biodiversity Research Network (AICBRN) on Realising Synergies between Climate Change Adaptation Action and Nature-based Solutions at TCD, Dublin on November 29th.
- d) A field trip to the Maharees, Co. Kerry along with Secretariat members to take part in observing fieldwork with Eugene Farrell of NUIG on dune restoration and community coastal resilience on November 30th.

The Committee welcomed the bilateral engagement with the New Zealand CCC. It requested a specific agenda item at the meeting in January 2023, to report on the outcomes of the New Zealand engagements and encouraged similar interactions with other international Councils to learn about best practices.

- **Mission Adaptation engagement summary**

It was noted that a meeting was held with Johannes Klumpers, DG CLIMA, European Commission and colleagues. Committee members discussed the potential role of the Committee in encouraging and promoting future involvement in horizon projects and noted the need to develop expertise and capacity in this area.

- **Verbal update on ECCA 2023 Engagement**

The Committee noted that there has been communication with the EPA regarding arrangements for the ECCA 2023 conference. With regard to the updates presented, the Committee thanked the Secretariat for their extensive work in the adaptation area since the last Committee meeting.

3. EPA Research Report Presentation

Peter Medway and Dug Cubie presented the outcomes of the EPA research report on *Enhancing Integration of Disaster Risk and Climate Change Adaptation into Irish Emergency Planning*. The Committee thanked Peter and Dug for their presentation and congratulated them on the report.

4. Adaptation Workshop

The Committee noted that the adaptation workshop subgroup met on 7th of September 2022. The abstract, objectives and participant list for the workshop will be finalised at the next subgroup meeting on 13th December 2022. A 'save the date' will be issued in early January.

5. Interaction with Department of Environment, Climate & Communications on progress of National Adaptation Framework review

Justina Corcoran and Seosamh O Laoi, Department of Environment Climate and Communications, presented the key issues raised from the review of the National Adaptation Framework (NAF), public consultation process. It was noted that the Minister for Environment, Climate and Communications has approved the development of a new NAF to highlight the increasingly important role of Climate adaptation policy and action.

The Department agreed to return the report on the Review of the NAF and the draft Request for Tender for Technical Assistance to the Committee for comment before finalising. The Committee stated that it would welcome the opportunity to comment on any further documentation that the Department would deem appropriate in the future.

6. AOB, agreed outcomes and plans for next meeting

a) Resilience Team Workplan

The Secretariat outlined the workplan for 2023. The Committee noted that this workplan would be refined in coming months and would be presented to the Committee at a future meeting. The Secretariat also requested that the Committee return comments on the workplan.

b) Next meeting

The next Committee meeting will be held virtually on the 26th of January 2023. It was noted that the previously scheduled June 2023 meeting would need to be rescheduled.

c) ECCA Conference

It was noted that Roger Street is a member of the organizing committee at European level for the ECCA Conference that is to take place from 19-21st June 2023. It was further noted that Climate Services Ireland is spearheading the preparations for the Conference at national level. The need for the Adaptation Committee to be engaged with the ECCA conference was highlighted and it was requested for the Secretariat to address this in more detail at January 2023 meeting.

d) COP27

The Committee noted that it would be interesting to hear from those who attended and/or participated in COP27. Of specific interest to the Committee is to hear of any side events or developments that may be of interest and/or to hear from others that are experiencing and addressing similar challenges.

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Signed by Prof. Peter Thorne, Committee Chair (electronically) on 26th January 2023