



Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting

Date: 07.09.2022

Start time: 10:00

Venue: MS Teams

Present: Prof. Peter Thorne (Chair); Keith Lambkin; Prof. Conor Murphy; Roger Street; Jillian Mahon; Mark Adamson; Prof. Robert Devoy; Dr. Ina Kelly (to Agenda Item 6); David Joyce; Dr. Julie Clarke; John Spink (alternate, Teagasc); Conor Quinlan (alternate, EPA); Sinéad O'Brien.

Apologies: Paddy Mahon

Agenda Item 5: James Fitton (MaREI, UCC) Enda O' Brien (ICHEC); Paul Nolan (ICHEC)

Agenda Item 6: Kelly de Bruin (ESRI) and Loïc Henry (ex ESRI)

Agenda Item 7: Frank McGovern, (EPA & Joint Programme Initiative (JPI) on Climate).

Secretariat: George Hussey; Phillip O'Brien; Claire Camilleri; Stephen Flood; Jodie Colgan; Ciara Hilliard.

1. Opening of Meeting

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present. Claire Camilleri was welcomed back from maternity leave and Stephen Flood and Jodie Colgan were welcomed to the adaptation team of the Secretariat.

It was noted that Julie Clarke will be on leave until mid 2023.

a. Minutes for the Adaptation Committee

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 4th of May 2022 were agreed.

b. Adoption of agenda

The agenda for the meeting was adopted.

c. Disclosures of interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

It was noted that Council had received legal advice on declarations of interest which had been circulated with the meeting papers.

Keith Lambkin declared that he is steering the Translate project which would be presented as Agenda Item 5.

2. Council Update

The Secretariat briefed the Committee on the media coverage of the Annual Review 2022 which was launched on the 6th of September.

The lack of adaptation-specific coverage was noted by the Committee although there was acknowledgment of the significant media coverage of the recent Council submission to the National Adaptation Framework Review which was based on the adaptation chapters of the Annual Review 2022.

The Committee were advised that invitations would soon be issued for the launch of the OECD report *Redesigning Irish Transport: Towards Irish Transport Systems that work for People and the Planet* launch event on October 5th 2022.

Council Discussed a Proposed joint CCAC, NI and CCC workshop on issues relating to the All-Ireland Single Electricity Market.

Stephen Treacy, EPA, presented the latest greenhouse gas emission projections to Council, including implications for carbon budgets and the National Climate Objective.

The Chair of the Communications subgroup, Cara Augustenborg, gave an update on the current work on the Communications strategy. It was suggested that she be invited to an upcoming meeting of the Adaptation Committee to update on the progress of the Communications Strategy.

3. Secretariat Update

- Update on small-scale study: The *International Adaptation Lessons for Ireland* report has been returned and will be circulated to those who attended the recent briefing on the study for comment

- **Terms of Reference update**

The previously circulated and approved TOR document has been subject to minor amendment further to legal advice which was sought on disclosures of interest. A tracked changes version of the document will be circulated to the Committee under silence procedure.

- Secretariat gave a verbal update on the EPA research report *Enhancing Integration of Disaster Risk and Climate Change Adaptation into Irish Emergency Planning Summary*. The Committee welcomed the report but noted that decisive action is now required to progress the report recommendations. The Committee had extensive discussion on the report and would welcome a more detailed agenda item on this to include a presentation and discussion with the authors of the report, at an upcoming meeting.

4. Adaptation Workshop

The Committee noted that the workshop had been rescheduled to May 2023 further to discussion with the workshop subgroup and Council.

It was noted that a planning session was scheduled with the Committee's workshop subgroup to finalise the purpose and objective of the workshop and that the wider Committee would have the opportunity to input to this plan at a later stage.

5. Discussion on climate projections

Keith Lambkin, James Fitton (MaREI, UCC) Enda O' Brien (ICHEC) and Paul Nolan (ICHEC) presented an update on Met Éireann TRANSLATE project. The Committee welcomed the project and the outputs of same. The Committee also stressed the need for sustainability of long term funding and investment in resources including human resources and monitoring equipment.

6. Update on the CCAC/ESRI fellowship

Kelly de Bruin and Loïc Henry updated the Committee on the fellowship including the resource issues that have arisen as a result of Dr. Henry's departure. Dr. Henry gave a presentation on the project findings to date.

7. Update on ECCA 2023

Frank McGovern, in his role as Chair of JPI Climate, updated the Committee on the ECCA conference to be held in Dublin on 20th/21st June 2023. The Committee noted the

importance of the event, expressed their interest in supporting Irish participation in the event and highlighted the opportunity to showcase Irish research.

8. Committee Meeting Schedule for 2023

Dates were adopted as proposed.

9. AOB, agreed outcomes and plans for next meeting

- a) The next Committee meeting will be held on the 23rd November and will be a hybrid event held in Dublin and on MS Teams. A physical venue is yet to be confirmed.
- b) The Secretariat advised that DECC had released a press release on Joint gas and electricity emergency training exercises that morning.
- c) The upcoming 'Sea Level Rise Conference', which will be held in mid-October was noted as it may be of interest to Committee members. A request was made to collate a list of research projects which will take place under the EPA Research Programme along with projects taking place under the Horizon Europe and Mission Adaptation where there is Irish participation and/or direct relevance to Ireland's adaptation challenge.

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signed electronically on 24.11.2022