

**Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting  
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017

**Start time:** 09:00

**Venue:** McCumiskey House, Richview, Clonskeagh Road, Dublin 14

**Present:** Laura Burke, EPA; Prof. Robert Devoy, UCC; Prof. John FitzGerald, Chair; Ciarán Hayes, CCMA; Dr Ina Kelly, HSE; Eoin Moran, Met Éireann;

**Apologies:** Mark Adamson, OPW; Prof. Gerry Boyle, Teagasc; Jim Gannon, SEAI; Roger Street, UKCIP; Dr Conor Murphy, Maynooth University;

**Secretariat:** Gemma O'Reilly, Dr. Róisín Moriarty, Phillip O'Brien, Claire Camilleri.

**Presenters:** Seán O'Leary, Climate Adaptation, Soil, GMOs & Chemicals Division, Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment.  
Maria Talbot, Jack Nolan, John Muldowney and Andrew Flood, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine.  
André Jol, Head of Climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation, European Environment Agency.

## **1. Opening of Meeting**

Prof. John FitzGerald opened the meeting.

### **1.1 Minutes of the Adaptation Committee Meeting 24.05.2017**

The minutes of the meeting 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017 were accepted.

### **1.2 Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda for the meeting was accepted.

### **1.3 Disclosure of Interests**

There were no disclosures of interests declared.

## **2. Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment**

Seán O'Leary, Climate Adaptation, Soil, GMOs and Chemicals Division from the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment provided a presentation on the draft National Adaptation Framework to the Committee. Mr O'Leary provided information on the structure of the Framework and identified sectoral cross-cutting themes. He also outlined the available resources, governance arrangements and adaptation research that will help support the Framework. A discussion followed on from the presentation highlighting areas of governance and financing the National Adaptation Framework. Further discussion on specific feedback would be addressed later in the meeting.

## **3. Council Update**

The Committee heard key outcomes from the meeting held on the 6<sup>th</sup> of September, including a proposal from the Council to establish a more formal feedback process from each Committee meeting. The Committee agreed that this would be a significant step in highlighting specific adaptation issues to the Council and agreed to implement the process.

#### **4. Periodic Review Report**

A short update on the launch of the Periodic Review Report was provided to the Committee, including media coverage of the report.

#### **5. Sectoral Adaptation Plan – Agriculture Update**

Following the publication of the Agriculture Sectoral Adaptation Plan, the Department of Agriculture provided a presentation on what they have learned through the process and next steps for the Department following the publication of the Draft National Adaptation Framework. A discussion around some of the key consultation points followed.

#### **6. Response to the National Adaptation Framework Consultation**

Following on from the earlier presentation, the Committee discussed the draft National Adaptation Framework, and agreed on the major issues to be addressed. The Committee then agreed to send feedback to the Council for consideration.

#### **7. Draft Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Electricity and Gas Networks Sector**

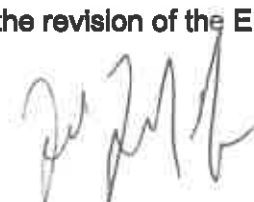
The Committee discussed the draft Sectoral Adaptation Plan for the Electricity and Gas Networks Sector, and agreed on the feedback to be provided to the Council for consideration.

#### **8. Update on National Climate Dialogue and Regional Climate Change Offices**

The Committee received an update on the National Climate Dialogue from Ciarán Hayes, who is a member of the Advisory Group on the National Dialogue on Climate Action. He also highlighted the Local Authority Sector's proposals for Regional Climate Change offices, and the progress made to date. The Committee then discussed inter-county border issues, including the complexities and linking between jurisdictions in regards to adaptation measures and emergency responses.

#### **9. EEA Report on Climate change, impacts and vulnerability in Europe**

André Jol, Head of Climate change impacts, vulnerability and adaptation at the European Environment Agency (EEA) presented the key findings from the EEA's 'Climate change, impacts and vulnerability in Europe' report. Mr Jol also provided an overview of the preparation for the revision of the EU Adaptation Strategy.



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