



Call for Expressions of Interest in Climate Change Advisory Council's Adaptation Committee

January 2022

The Climate Change Advisory Council invites expressions of interest from suitably qualified and experienced people to serve on its Adaptation Committee. It is intended to fill at least two vacancies on the Adaptation Committee under this process.

At its meeting of the 6 April 2016, the Council agreed that a committee should be established to address relevant climate change adaptation issues. The Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act (as amended) now sets out the following arrangements for the Adaptation Committee:

- Section 9(16A) requires the Council to establish, under Section 9(16), a committee to be known as the Adaptation Committee to assist and advise it in relation to the performance of any or all of its functions in relation to adaptation.
- In accordance with Section 9(16) of the Act the Committee may consist in whole or in part of persons who are members of the Advisory Council.
- In accordance with Section 9(17) of the Climate Act, the chairperson of the Committee shall be a member (other than an ordinary member to whom subsection 2 applies, i.e. ex officio members) of the Advisory Council.

The current membership of the Committee, as agreed at the Council's meeting of 19 January 2022, is outlined below.

Suitable candidates would have qualifications, expertise and experience, at an appropriately senior level, in at least one of the following:

- a. Those areas listed at Section 9 (4)(a)(i)-(x) of the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act as amended¹, particularly in the areas of biodiversity and eco-system services or economics
- b. Climate adaptation science, climate vulnerability and risk assessment
- c. Climatology, climate monitoring, modelling, projections and scenarios
- d. Local or regional government
- e. Disaster risk reduction, emergency planning, sustainable development
- f. Built environment, planning, engineering, infrastructure
- g. Oceanography, coastal management, geography, environmental sciences
- h. Adaptation experts within sectors with sectoral adaptation plans under the Climate Action and Low Carbon Development Act, as amended²

¹ i.e. climate science; adaptation policy; transport policy; energy policy; agricultural policy; behavioural and communication science; biodiversity and eco-system services; economics; finance; political sociology or ethics in relation to climate.

² Following the laying of the 2018 NAF before the Oireachtas, the following sectors were directed to prepare sectoral adaptation plans in line with the Climate Act: Seafood; Agriculture; Forestry; Biodiversity; Built and Archaeological Heritage; Transport Infrastructure; Electricity and Gas Networks; Communications Networks; Flood Risk Management; Water Quality; Water Services Infrastructure; Health.



Interested individuals are asked to submit their Curriculum Vitae and a short (no more than 2 pages) statement of suitability to info@climatecouncil.ie by **12:00 (midday) on Monday 14 February 2022**.

There is no remuneration payable for this role. Travel and subsistence is payable for in-person meetings at the relevant Civil Service rates in line with the Council's operational guidance.

An Assessment Panel will be convened by the Council to consider and assess the expressions of interest received. The panel, comprising the Chair of the Council and the Chair of the Adaptation Committee, supported by a member of the Council Secretariat, will recommend suitable candidates to the Council for consideration. The Panel will:

- Review and discuss the expressions of interest received against the criteria above, having regard to the appropriate balance of knowledge and expertise most beneficial to the work of the Committee at this time.
- Assess potential candidates further by undertaking any or all of the following steps:
 - Consideration of the written applications; and/or
 - An online meeting with the potential candidate; and/or
 - References may be requested and checked; and/or
 - Any other selection or verification method deemed appropriate.

Please take care when submitting your expression of interest to ensure that the Assessment Panel is as informed as possible as to your suitability for appointment to the Adaptation Committee. As the Assessment Panel will generally make its recommendations based on consideration of the documentation submitted, it is most important that you ensure that your statement of suitability and supporting Curriculum Vitae clearly specifies how your particular background and experience meets the requirements set out in this call. The Council is not obliged to appoint from those who submit expressions of interest.

All applications and proceedings will be treated in strictest confidence. FOI requests received in relation to applications and proceedings will be subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act, 2014.

Assessment of your application will be managed by the Secretariat to the Climate Change Advisory Council. By submitting your personal data for consideration under this expressions of interest process (including your name, address, contact details and details of your education and work history contained in your Curriculum Vitae and statement of suitability and any additional supplementary information requested as part of the application process), you acknowledge that such data may be used by the Climate Change Advisory Council and those directly involved in the assessment process to assist and advise the Council in relation to the appointment(s) to the Adaptation Committee. Once it obtains your personal data, the Council will act as data controller of such data.

If you have any questions regarding the role or the application process, please email: s.oleary@epa.ie.

The current membership of the Adaptation Committee is as follows:

- Prof. Peter Thorne (Chair)
- Sinéad O'Brien



- Jillian Mahon
- Prof. Frank O'Mara
- Laura Burke
- Mark Adamson
- Prof. Robert Devoy
- Dr. Ina Kelly
- Keith Lambkin
- Paddy Mahon
- Prof. Conor Murphy
- Roger Street