



Climate Change Advisory Council Adaptation Committee Meeting – MINUTES
<p>Date: 23.01.2025</p> <p>Start time: 09:30</p> <p>Venue: MS Teams</p>
<p>Present: Prof. Peter Thorne (Chair); Mark Adamson; Dr. Julie Clarke; Prof. Robert Devoy; Dr. Ina Kelly; Dr. Keith Lambkin; Jillian Mahon; Sean McKeown; Prof. Conor Murphy; John Spink; Roger Street; Dr. Conor Quinlan (alternate, EPA).</p> <p>Secretariat: George Hussey; Dr. Stephen Flood; Claire Camilleri; Philip O’ Brien; Bryn Canniffe; Jodie Colgan; Ciara Hilliard.</p> <p>Apologies: Helen Hoyle; David Joyce.</p> <p>Agenda Item 3: Michael Mullan, Iris Mantovani, Konstantin Blondeau (all OECD), Rory McElligott (Central Bank), Conor O’ Raghallaigh, Sean Hurley (Department of Taoiseach).</p>

1. Opening of Meeting (09:30)

The Chair opened the meeting by welcoming everyone present.

a. Minutes for the Adaptation Committee

The minutes of the Committee meeting held on the 19th December 2024 were approved.

b. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted without amendments.

c. Disclosures of Interest

There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Secretariat Update (09.40)

The Secretariat provided a verbal update of the main events that took place since the previous Adaptation Committee meeting. The main items covered were:

- Preparations for the 2025 Adaptation Committee workshop
- Sectoral Adaptation Plans
- National Climate Change Risk Assessment
- Upcoming Events

3. Thematic Session on Adaptation Investment (09.50)

The thematic session on adaptation investment involved a presentation from the OECD representatives on the Policy Framework for Investment in Adaptation that was launched at UNFCCC COP29 in November 2024; presentation from the Central Bank representative on relevant work it is doing in the area of adaptation, a response from the Department of Taoiseach as well as an open discussion on the challenges to adaptation investment in Ireland.

The Chairperson thanked the representatives from the OECD, Central Bank and Department of the Taoiseach for the contribution to the session and emphasized the need for further follow up work in this area.

4. Advanced Draft of Our Changing Climate in 2024 Annual Review (11.50)

The Committee discussed the advanced draft of Our Changing Climate which is planned to be published in March 2025 as the first of the 2025 Annual Review publications. Comments were provided on the draft recommendations that were presented and it was noted that the draft was open for written feedback and would be updated and revised for submission to the February meeting of the Climate Change Advisory Council.

5. AOB, agreed outcomes and plans for next meeting (12.25)

a) Next Meeting

The next Committee meeting was scheduled for 27th March 2025 and is to be held virtually on MS Teams.

b) Aran Islands Meeting

The Secretariat provided an update on preparations for the May Adaptation Committee meeting and in-person trip to the Aran Islands.

The meeting closed at 12.25.

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Signed electronically on 27.03.2025