

Policy Forum for Ireland conference:
Next steps for climate adaptation in Ireland - governance, funding and resilience
Timing: Morning, Wednesday, 20th January 2027
*****Taking place online*****



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- 8.30 Registration
- 9.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 9.05 **Climate change in Ireland - trends, projections and implications for adaptation**
Eoin Moran, Director, Met Éireann
Questions and comments from the floor
- 9.30 **Priorities for effective adaptation - regulation, funding and delivery**
assessing progress and outstanding barriers in meeting National Adaptation Framework objectives | effectiveness of the Climate Adaptation Taskforce in strengthening coordination and resolving barriers between sectors | priorities emerging from the CCAC's anticipated Adaptation Annual Review 2026 | strengthening governance, accountability and oversight | responsibilities, resourcing and capacity for delivery across national and local government | practicalities for funding climate adaptation and mobilising investment | respective roles of public and private finance and barriers to developing deliverable projects | mainstreaming adaptation within the Climate Action Plan | measuring resilience outcomes and improving monitoring and evaluation | implications of the European Commission's proposed European Climate Resilience and Risk Management Integrated Framework for adaptation policy and preparedness in Ireland
Senior representative, investment
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, business
Senior representative, consultancy
Senior academic
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.20 **Assessing key risks to communities, critical infrastructure and the wider economy**
Kieran Craven, Senior Manager, Climate Adaptation and Behavioural Insights, Environmental Protection Agency
Questions and comments from the floor
- 10.45 **Chair's closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 10.50 Break
- 11.00 **Chair's opening remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
- 11.05 **Delivery of 2025-30 Sectoral Adaptation Plan ambitions**
translating adaptation strategies into practical action and measurable resilience outcomes | responding to lessons from recent extreme weather events | embedding adaptation within operational planning, investment and service delivery | dependencies between sectors and critical systems, including implications for continuity of essential services | strengthening coordination across sectors and organisations | addressing sector-specific challenges | skills, capacity and resourcing for delivery | supporting biodiversity and nature-based solutions | accountability and priorities for further implementation
Senior representative, water
Senior representative, agriculture
Senior representative, environment
Senior representative, transport
Questions and comments from the floor
- 11.50 **Building resilience to flooding, coastal erosion and extreme weather**
Senior representative, infrastructure
- 12.00 **Community resilience, preparedness and long-term adaptation**
strengthening community preparedness and resilience to climate impact | supporting coastal communities at risk of erosion and flooding | property resilience, recovery and compensation frameworks | delivery of Local Authority Climate Action Plans | implications of the revised National Planning Framework and emerging land-use governance arrangements for local planning and housing delivery | safeguarding public health and wellbeing | insurance availability and affordability, protection gaps and the roles of government and insurers | allocation of costs and responsibilities for long-term resilience | nature-based solutions | managed retreat and other longer-term responses to coastal risk | provision of clear information and involvement of communities in locally significant adaptation decisions
Senior representative, local authority
Senior representative, health
Senior representative, insurance
Senior representative, legal
- 12.20 Questions and comments from the floor
- 12.45 **Embedding climate adaptation into policy, planning and investment**
Senior representative, policy
Questions and comments from the floor
- 13.10 **Chair's and Policy Forum for Ireland closing remarks**
Senior Member of the Oireachtas
Harry Nelson, Policy Forum for Ireland