

Climate Technology Conference & Stakeholder Event
24th November, Wilton Park House, Dublin

Climate technologies are all technologies of relevance to addressing the challenges of climate change through mitigation of greenhouse gas emissions and adaptation to its impacts. The worldwide market in climate technologies has been estimated at €2-4 trillion. This event, at which findings from an EPA funded project on climate technologies will be presented, provides an opportunity to share knowledge and experience on climate technology research, developments and explore opportunities in Ireland and abroad. Speakers from a research, industry and policy background will discuss and share experiences of climate technology issues. A panel and audience discussion will consider key questions on how to avail of climate technology opportunities and will consider options to inform next steps in this area. The target audience includes the researcher community, government departments and agencies, and industry and business groups with an interest in climate technology.



Event Agenda

Registration (09.30-10:00)

Where do climate technologies fit? (10:00-11:30)

Brian Ó Gallachóir	<i>Introduction & Chair</i>	5min
Frank McGovern	<i>The Message from Science</i>	20min
John Ashton	<i>Climate Change & the End of Business-As-Usual</i>	30min
John McKiernan	<i>Winners & Losers in the Low Carbon Economy</i>	20min
Audience	<i>Discussion & Questions</i>	15min

Tea & Coffee Break (11:30 - 11:50)

Are climate technology opportunities real? (11:50-13:20)

Ian Hughes	<i>Introduction & Chair</i>	5min
Fionn Rogan	<i>Climate Technology Opportunities in Ireland</i>	30min
Matthew Kennedy	<i>Opportunities from the UNFCCC Climate Technology Center and Network</i>	20min
Richard Templer	<i>Evidence that Climate Innovation Works</i>	20min
Audience	<i>Discussion & Questions</i>	15min

Lunch (13:20 - 14:20)

Panel Discussion (14:20-15:00)

Panel discussion on how can Ireland capitalise on emerging climate technology opportunities and what tangible steps can we take to advance the same.

John Ashton	Joe Curtin	Matthew Kennedy
John McKiernan	Gemma O'Reilly	Aideen O'Hora
Fionn Rogan	Richard Templer	

Audience Discussion (15:00-15:40)

Audience discussion on how can Ireland capitalise on emerging climate technology opportunities and what tangible steps can we take to advance the same.

Wrap-Up (15:40-15:45)

Paul Bolger	<i>Closing Words</i>	5min
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Speaker Biographies

John Ashton is an independent speaker, commentator and adviser with a particular focus on climate change. From 2006-12 John served as Special Representative for Climate Change for three successive UK Governments. He holds visiting professorships at the London School of Economics and the London University School of Oriental and African Studies.

Paul Bolger is manager of UCC's Environmental Research Institute and is a co-PI of the Climate Technology Fellowship.

Joe Curtin is a senior research fellow with responsibility for climate change policy at Institute of International and European Affairs (IIEA) and project leader of the Climate-Smart Agriculture project.

Ian Hughes works at the Department of Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation.

Matthew Kennedy is Senior Energy Technology and Climate Change Expert at SEAI. He is a member of the Technology Executive Committee of the UNFCCC and Vice Chair of the Advisory Board of the Climate Technology Centre and Network.

Frank McGovern is head of Climate Change Research and Science with the EPA.

John McKiernan is Head of External Collaboration, ESB. This new role within ESB, seeks to develop strategic partnerships to find innovative solutions for the key challenges and opportunities facing the Irish power utility.

Brian Ó Gallachóir is a senior lecturer in Energy Engineering in UCC and Principal Investigator of Energy Policy and Modelling Research in UCC's Environmental Research Institute. He is a co-PI of the EPA Climate Technology Fellowship.

Aideen O'Hora is executive director of the Green Way, a collaborative cleantech cluster that aims to stimulate economic development in the clean technology sector in Ireland.

Gemma O'Reilly is a research fellow working on Climate Finance for the EPA.

Fionn Rogan is a post-doc researcher currently undertaking the EPA Climate Technology Fellowship at UCC.

Richard Templer is the Director of Climate-KIC UK and the Hofmann Professor of Chemistry in Imperial College London. Climate-KIC is Europe's largest public-private innovation partnership, working together to address the challenge of climate change.