



National Biodiversity
Conference 2022

ACT NOW *for* NATURE

8th & 9th June — Dublin Castle



| DAY | SESSION DESCRIPTION | TIME SLOT | TALK / SESSION THEMES | LOCATION |
|-------|---------------------|---------------|---|------------------------------|
| Day 1 | Registration | 08.00 – 09.00 | Breakfast refreshments | |
| | | 09.15 – 09.20 | Welcome address - Assistant Secretary General, Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Niall Ó Donnchú | Plenary Hall, The Printworks |
| | | 09.20 – 09.30 | Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien, TD | |
| | | 09.30 – 09.45 | Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform Malcolm Noonan, TD | |
| | | 09.45 – 10.00 | Minister of State for Land Use and Biodiversity Senator Pippa Hackett | |
| | | 10.00 – 10.15 | UN CBD perspectives, Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary UN CBD | |
| | | 10.15 – 10.35 | EU perspectives, Stefan Leiner, Head of Biodiversity Unit, European Commission DG Environment | |
| | | 10.35 – 11.30 | Refreshments and Networking | |
| | Plenary | 11.30 – 11.50 | National Biodiversity Perspectives, Andy Bleasdale, NPWS | Plenary Hall, The Printworks |
| | | 11.50 – 12.10 | Review, Reflect, Renew – Transforming the National Parks and Wildlife Service, Ciara Carberry, NPWS | |
| | | 12.10 – 12.30 | Overview of the NBAP process, Orlaith Delargy, KPMG | |
| | | 12.30 – 13.30 | Buffet service | |
| | Lunch | | | |

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| | Parallel Sessions 1 | 13.30 – 15.00 | Changing Oceans: Working together to protect and restore our marine and coastal environment | Bedford Hall, Main Room |
| | | | Biodiversity Action on a Shared Island: Building Partnerships for People and Nature | Poddle Room, The Printworks |
| | | | Food, Forests and the Future 1: The role of forestry in driving nature recovery | Plenary Hall, The Printworks |
| | Break | 15.00 – 15.30 | Refreshments | |
| | Parallel Sessions 2 | 15.30 – 17.00 | Enhancing the Evidence base: Research and Data4Nature | Bedford Hall Main Room |
| | | | Food, Forests and the Future 2: The role of agriculture in driving nature recovery | Poddle Room, The Printworks |
| | | | Actions for Nature – NPWS partnerships and initiatives | Plenary Hall, The Printworks |
| | | | Places for People and Planet: The role of Zoos, Gardens and Aquaria in supporting the NBAP | Bedford Hall Room E207/E208 |
| | Plenary | 17.00 – 17.10 | IPBES perspectives – Ana Maria Hernandez Salgar, Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services | Plenary Hall, The Printworks |
| | | 17.10 – 18.00 | Panel discussion: The Biodiversity Emergency and the Media | |
| | | 18.00 – 18.30 | Networking and refreshments | |
| | Excursion | 18.30 – 20.30 | Dublin Zoo field trip | |

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| Day 2 | Registration | 08.00 – 08.45 | Breakfast refreshments | |
| | Plenary | 08.00 – 08.45 | NBAP Breakfast clinic | The Printworks |
| | Plenary | 09.00 – 09.15 | Keynote Speech, Taoiseach Micheal Martin, TD | Plenary Hall, The Printworks |
| | | 09.15 – 09.40 | Networking | |
| | Parallel Sessions Group 3 | 09.40 – 11.10 | Communities in Action: Villages, towns, farms and townlands | Bedford Hall Main Room |
| | | | Connecting National Priorities 1: Biodiversity, Culture and Social Well-being | Poddle Room, The Printworks |
| | | | Connecting National Priorities 2: Climate Action and Biodiversity | Plenary Hall, The Printworks |
| | | | Financing Restoration: The role of blended finance in catalysing restoration and investment | Bedford Hall Room E207/E208 |
| | Break | 11.10 – 11.40 | Refreshments | |
| | Parallel Sessions Group 4 | 11.40 – 13.10 | Water from Mountains to Coasts: Promoting recovery in freshwater and water-dependent ecosystems | Bedford Hall Main Room |
| | | | Education & Outreach – Inspiring Public Engagement | Poddle Room, The Printworks |
| | | | Connecting National Priorities 3: Biodiversity and the Planning System | Plenary Hall, The Printworks |
| | | | Business for Biodiversity: Driving nature-positive business models | Bedford Hall Room E207/E208 |
| | Lunch | 13.10 – 14.10 | Buffet service | |
| | Closing Plenary | 14.10 – 15.00 | Panel discussion: Voices for Nature – the role of NGOs | Plenary hall, The Printworks |
| | | 15.00 – 15.45 | National Biodiversity Forum: Wrap up, Feedback from sessions, NBF perspectives | |
| | | 15.45 – 16.00 | Closing remarks | |
| | | 16.00 – 16.45 | Networking and refreshments | |
| | | 16.45 | Departure | |

Morning

08.00 Registration opens. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served until 9.00am

Opening Plenary Session – PLENARY HALL, THE PRINTWORKS

09.15 – 09.20 Welcome address – Niall Ó Donnchú, Assistant Secretary General,
Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

09.20 – 09.30 Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage Darragh O'Brien, TD

09.30 – 09.45 Minister of State for Heritage and Electoral Reform Malcolm Noonan, TD

09.45 – 10.00 Minister of State for Land Use and Biodiversity Senator Pippa Hackett

10.00 – 10.15 Elizabeth Maruma Mrema, Executive Secretary of the UN Convention on Biological Diversity

10.15 – 10.35 Stefan Leiner, Head of Biodiversity Unit, European Commission Directorate General for Environment

10.35 – 11.30 BREAK AND NETWORKING

11.30 – 11.50 Andy Bleasdale, NPWS – National Biodiversity Perspectives

11.50 – 12.10 Ciara Carberry, NPWS – Review, Reflect, and Renew:
Transforming the National Parks and Wildlife Service

12.10 – 12.30 Orlaith Delargy, KPMG – Ireland's 4th National Biodiversity Action Plan

12.30 – 13.30 BUFFET LUNCH



Detailed session plan

Wednesday 8th June 2022

13.30 – 15.00 Parallel Sessions Group 1

BEDFORD HALL MAIN

Changing Oceans: Working together to protect and restore our marine and coastal environment

CHAIR: Richard Cronin, Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage, **SPEAKERS:** Tasman Crowe, University College Dublin; Grainne Ni Chongaile, Caomhnu Arann; Ditte Mandøe Andraesen, Taenketanken Hav; Seamus Bonner, Irish Islands Marine Resource Organisation; Dominic Pattinson, OSPAR

PODDLE ROOM, THE PRINTWORKS

Biodiversity Action on a Shared Island: Building Partnerships for People and Nature

CHAIRS: Shirley Clerkin, Heritage Officer, Monaghan Co. Co.; Lisa-Dee Collery, Dept. of the Taoiseach's Shared Island Initiative, **PANELLISTS:** Jeanne Moore, National Economic and Social Council; Collette O'Flynn, National Biodiversity Data Centre; Derek McLoughlin, Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage; Sara McGuckin, Dept. of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs – Northern Ireland

PLENARY HALL, THE PRINTWORKS

Food, Forests and the Future 1: The role of forestry in driving nature recovery

CHAIR: Orla Fahy, Dept. of Agriculture, Fisheries and the Marine, **SPEAKERS:** Kevin Collins, Dept. Agriculture, Food and the Marine; David Fallon, Irish Water; Tadhg MacIntyre, Maynooth University; Ciaran Fallon, Coillte; Fergus Moore, Dept. Agriculture, Food and the Marine

BEDFORD E207/E208

15.00 – 15.30 BREAK AND NETWORKING

15.30 – 17.00 Parallel Sessions Group 2

Enhancing the Evidence base: Research and Data4Nature

CHAIRS: Jane Stout (Trinity College Dublin) and Catherine Farrell (Dept. Housing, Local Government and Heritage), **SPEAKERS:** Liam Lysaght, National Biodiversity Data Centre; Aoife Delaney, Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage; John Connolly, Trinity College Dublin; Lisa Coleman, University College Dublin; Maeve

Food, Forests and the Future 2: The role of agriculture in driving nature recovery

CHAIR: Pamela Boyle, Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, **SPEAKERS:** Pamela Boyle, Dept. of Agriculture, Food and the Marine; Daire O'hUallachain, Teagasc; Douglas McMilan, Green Restoration Ireland Co-op; Patricia Deane, South Kerry Development Partnership

Actions for Nature – NPWS partnerships and initiatives

CHAIR: Chair: Ciara Carberry, NPWS **SPEAKERS:** John Carey, Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage; Susan Callaghan, Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage; Michael Davoren, The Burren Programme

Places for People and Planet: The role of Zoos, Gardens and Aquaria in supporting the NBAP

CHAIRS: Andrew Mooney, Dublin Zoo **SPEAKERS:** Christoph Schwitzer, Dublin Zoo; Kira Mileham, IUCN Species Survival Commission; Andrea Dempsey, West African Primate Conservation Action; Sean McKeown, Fota Wildlife Park; John Lusby, Birdwatch Ireland; Matthew Jebb, National Botanic Gardens, Dublin

Afternoon Plenary – PLENARY HALL, THE PRINTWORKS

17.00 – 17.10 Ana Maria Hernandez Salgar, Chair of the Intergovernmental Panel on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services

17.10 – 18.00 Panel discussion: The Biodiversity Emergency and the Media

CHAIR: Cara Augustenborg, University College Dublin
PANELLISTS: Jane Stout, Trinity College Dublin; Marcus Stewart, EcoEye; Philip Boucher-Hayes, RTE

18.00 – 18.30 NETWORKING AND REFRESHMENTS

18.30 Field excursion to Dublin Zoo

Detailed session plan

Thursday 9th June 2022

Morning

08.00 Registration opens. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be served until 9.00am

Plenary – PLENARY HALL, THE PRINTWORKS

08.00 – 08.45 NBAP Breakfast clinic. Facilitated by KPMG, NPWS, Natural Capital Ireland and Countryside

09.00 – 09.15 Keynote Speech, Taoiseach Micheál Martin, TD

09.15 – 09.40 Networking

09.40 – 11.10 Parallel Sessions Group 3

BEDFORD HALL MAIN

Communities in Action:
Villages, towns, farms, townlands

CHAIR: Tina Roche, The Community Foundation for Ireland
FAITH WILSON, Ecological Consultant; **FIONA MCGOWAN**, Ecologist / Community Wetlands Advisor; **CHRIS UYS**, Abbeylax Bog Project; **BRIGID BARRY**, Farming For Nature

PODDLE ROOM, THE PRINTWORKS

Connecting National Priorities 1:
Biodiversity, Culture and Social
Well-being

CHAIR: Martina Moloney, The Heritage Council
SPEAKERS: Paddy Woodworth, Sanctuary in Nature and Heritage; Audrey Tormey, National Council for the Blind of Ireland; Brendan Dunford, Burren Life; Helen Riddell, Bere Island Conservation; Brian Dunne, Wicklow Uplands Council; Aoibhinn Ni Shuilleabhain, University College Dublin; Caitriona Carlin, National University of Ireland, Galway

PLENARY HALL, THE PRINTWORKS

Connecting National Priorities 2:
Climate Action and Biodiversity

CHAIR: Gerry Clabby, Dept. of Environment and Climate Change, **SPEAKERS:** Eamon Haughey, Atlantic Technological University; Grace Cott, University College Dublin; Shirley Clerkin, Monaghan County Council; Aileen O'Sullivan, Coillte

BEDFORD E207/E208

Financing Restoration: The role
of blended finance in catalysing
restoration and investment

CHAIR: Shane McGuinness, University College Dublin, **SPEAKERS:** Paul Chatterton, Landscape Finance Lab; Renee Kervliet-Hermand, IUCN; Suzanne Nally, Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage; Adam Gibbon, AXA-IM

11.10 – 11.40 BREAK

11.40 Parallel Sessions Group 4

Water from Mountains to Coasts:
Promoting recovery in freshwater
and water-dependent ecosystems

CHAIR: Colin Byrne, Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage
MARGARET KEEGAN, Local Authority Waters Programme; **CORMAC MCCONIGLEY**, Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage; **CIARA O'LEARY**, Fisheries Ireland; **TRISH MURPHY**, Inishowen Rivers Trust; **ADRIAN CONWAY**, Local Authority Waters Programme

Education & Outreach – Inspiring
Public Engagement

CHAIR: Ella McSweeney, **SPEAKERS:** Virginia Teehan, The Heritage Council; Melinda Lyons, Technical University, Dublin; Liam Lysaght, National Biodiversity Data Centre; Nuala Madigan, Irish Peatland Conservation Council; Maura Kiely, Leave No Trace Ireland; Congella Maguire, Clare County Council

Connecting National Priorities
3: Biodiversity and the Planning
System

CHAIR: Enda Mullen, NPWS
SPEAKERS: Maeve Flynn, An Bord Pleanála; Henk van der Kamp, Planning consultant; Claragh Mulhern, Dept. of Housing, Local Government and Heritage; Annette Lynch, National Parks and Wildlife Service

Business for Biodiversity: Driving
nature-positive business models

CHAIR: Lucy Gaffney, Ireland's Business for Biodiversity Platform, **SPEAKERS:** Conor Kretsch, Natural Capital Ireland; Cillian McMahon, Business in the Community, Ireland; Mark McCorry, Bord na Mona; Tara Clifford, Musgraves; Maeve O'Reilly, Gas Networks Ireland

13.10 – 14.10 BUFFET LUNCH

Closing Plenary – PLENARY HALL, PRINTWORKS

14.10 – 15.00 Panel discussion: Voices for Nature – the role of NGOs

CHAIR: Karen Ciesielski, Irish Environment Network, **PANELLISTS:** Pádraic Fogarty, Irish Wildlife Trust; Oonagh Duggan, Birdwatch Ireland; Sadhbh O'Neill, Dublin City University; Michael McCarthy Flynn, Oxfam Ireland; Anabel O'Hora, ECO-UNESCO, Donal Griffin

15.00 – 15.45 National Biodiversity Forum: Wrap up, Feedback from sessions, and NBF perspectives

CHAIR: Tasman Crowe, University College Dublin and Chair of the National Biodiversity Forum

15.45 – 16.00 Closing remarks from NPWS

16.00 – 16.45 NETWORKING AND REFRESHMENTS

16.45 Departure



Nature does everything for us.
We can all do something for nature.

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