

# National Economic Dialogue 2019

Building on Progress at a Time of Change

PRINTWORKS CONFERENCE CENTRE, DUBLIN CASTLE, 26-27 JUNE 2019

## Detailed Programme:

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019

08:45

REGISTRATION

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09:45

OPENING SESSION

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THEME: BUILDING ON PROGRESS AT A TIME OF CHANGE  
OVERALL CHAIR: Professor Alan Barrett  
VENUE: Plenary Hall, Printworks  
STREAMING: Session will be live streamed


09:45 Opening Address

 An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D.

10:00 Address from Overall Chair


 Professor Alan Barrett

10:10 Understanding the Context: Economic Perspectives  
Macroeconomic Outlook

 Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform,  
Paschal Donohoe T.D.

10:30 Discussion facilitated by overall Chair

12:30 Opportunities and Challenges of being a Small Open Economy

 Dr Michael O'Sullivan, Author of *The Levelling: What's next after Globalisation*

13:00

LUNCH

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14:15

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS COMMENCE

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TEA & COFFEE AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT

16:15

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS (6) CONCLUDE

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DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019 – BREAKOUT SESSIONS

14:15

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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## 1. BREAKOUT 1 – ACHIEVING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

**CHAIR:** Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform,  
Paschal Donohoe T.D.

**RAPPORTEUR:** Professor Stephen Kinsella

**VENUE:** Poddle Room, Printworks

## 2. BREAKOUT 2 – DIVERSIFYING OUTPUTS AND MARKETS

**CHAIR:** Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Michael Creed, T.D.

**RAPPORTEUR:** Professor Michael Wallace

**VENUE:** Guard Room, Hibernia

## 3. BREAKOUT 3 – FUTURE JOBS: ENSURING OUR ENTERPRISES AND WORKERS ADAPT SUCCESSFULLY IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

**CHAIR:** Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation, Heather Humphreys, T.D.

**RAPPORTEUR:** Dr Larry O’Connell

**VENUE:** La Touche, Hibernia

## 4. BREAKOUT 4 – PROGRESS ON AFFORDABLE AND BALANCED HOUSING SUPPLY

**CHAIR:** Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government,  
Eoghan Murphy T.D.

**RAPPORTEUR:** Dr Conor O’Toole

**VENUE:** Courtyard Room 1, Printworks

16:15

Parallel Breakout Sessions Conclude

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DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019 – BREAKOUT SESSIONS (CONTINUED)

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## PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS

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### 5. BREAKOUT 5 – THE GOVERNMENT’S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN: ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

**CHAIR:** Secretary General of the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Mark Griffin

**RAPPORTEUR:** Dr Lisa Ryan

**VENUE:** President’s Room, Hibernia

### 6. BREAKOUT 6 – SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENTS IN INCOME AND LIVING CONDITIONS

**CHAIR:** Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection, Regina Doherty, T.D.

**RAPPORTEUR:** Professor Dorothy Watson

**VENUE:** Hibernia Plenary Hall

16:15

Parallel Breakout Sessions Conclude

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DAY 2 – THURSDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2019

08:30

ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

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09:00

PLENARY SESSION

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THEME: Feedback from Breakout Sessions

OVERALL CHAIR: Professor Alan Barrett

VENUE: Plenary Hall, Printworks

STREAMING: Session will be live streamed

09:00 Reports from rapporteurs on breakout sessions

09:35 Discussion of emerging themes followed by policy reflections

11:00

COFFEE BREAK

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11:30

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

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OVERALL CHAIR: Professor Alan Barrett

VENUE: Plenary Hall, Printworks

STREAMING: Session will be live streamed

11.30 Chair's summary

11:45 Closing Remarks

 Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform,  
Paschal Donohoe T.D

12:00

END OF EVENT - LUNCH PROVIDED

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## RULES OF ENGAGEMENT:

### ROLE OF THE OVERALL CHAIR

The Overall Chair, who will be independent, will be responsible for:

- Chairing all plenary sessions
- Ensuring that discussions remain on track and within the overall framework
- Inviting participants to speak
- Imposing strict time limits as necessary
- Preparing the Chair's Summary of Discussions for publication

The assistance of officials will be provided to the Chair, if requested, for note taking and in preparing the Summary Document.

The decision of the Chair in calling on participants to speak and in deciding on time limits will be final.

### ROLE OF THE BREAKOUT CHAIRS

The breakout sessions will be chaired by Members of the Government and in one instance a Secretary General of a Government Department. With the support of rapporteurs they will be responsible for:

- Chairing the breakout sessions
- Ensuring that discussions remain on track and within the overall framework
- Ensuring that as far as possible all participants in breakout sessions have an opportunity to contribute
- Enforcing time limits

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## ROLE OF THE RAPPORTEURS

An independent rapporteur will be appointed for each of the breakout sessions. The role of each rapporteur will include:

- Supporting the session Chair in ensuring that the discussion remains focussed on the main topic and guiding questions.
- Intervening during the session to highlight commonalities, contradictions or inconsistencies between different contributions.
- Intervening during the session to ensure that the discussion does not lose sight of the overall budgetary framework and the EU fiscal rules.
- Intervening during the session to highlight relevant issues which may be overlooked.
- Drawing together different strands of the discussion for the summary.
- Producing (overnight) a written summary report of the breakout session discussion. This will be incorporated in the overall Chair's report of the Dialogue, which will be publicly available.
- Drawing on this written summary report of the breakout session to deliver an oral report of the discussion to the plenary sessions on the second day of the Dialogue.

The assistance of officials will be provided to the rapporteur, if requested, for note taking and in preparing the summary document.

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## GENERAL RULES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- Mutual respect should be shown to all participants and participants should not interrupt other participants.
- Time limits imposed by Chairs or rapporteurs should be respected in order to ensure that all participants have the opportunity to contribute.
- Plenary sessions will be public and live streamed. A recording of the plenary sessions may also be kept.
- Contributions on the plenary sessions may be attributed.
- Breakout sessions will not be live streamed.
- Rapporteurs' summaries from breakout sessions will not attribute individual contributions.
- Both the rapporteurs' summaries and the Overall Chair's summary will be produced under the sole authority of the rapporteur / Overall Chair and should not be perceived or understood in anyway as agreed documents.
- Attendance at breakout sessions will generally be on a first requested / first facilitated basis. It may, however, be necessary to restrict attendance in some sessions owing to size constraints and to ensure a good mix of participants across all sessions.

## MEDIA ATTENDANCE

- Plenary sessions will be live streamed and open to full media coverage.
- A media room and interview space will be provided. Media will be free to use the interview space for engagements with participants as wished.
- Media will try to ensure that their movements and activities do not interfere with the flow of discussion of participants.

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## BIOGRAPHIES

### CHAIR

#### PROFESSOR ALAN BARRETT

Alan Barrett is Director of the Economic and Social Research Institute (ESRI). He began his career with the ESRI in 1994, following the completion of his doctoral studies at Michigan State University. Between 2001 and 2003 he was seconded to the Department of Finance. Between 2011 and 2013, he spent another period on secondment, this time at Trinity College Dublin. He is a Research Fellow with the Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA) in Bonn, Germany and an Honorary Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland. He was a member of the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council from 2011 to 2015.



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## SPEAKER

### DR MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

Michael O'Sullivan is the author of *The Levelling: What's Next After Globalisation*. The Levelling provides an analysis of the transition in world economics, finance, and power as the era of globalisation ends and gives way to new power centres and institutions. Michael is the former Chief Investment Officer for the International Wealth Management Division at Credit Suisse. He joined Credit Suisse in July 2007 from State Street Global Markets. Prior to joining Credit Suisse Michael spent over ten years as a global strategist at a number of sell-side institutions and has also taught finance at Princeton and Oxford Universities. He was educated at University College Cork in Ireland and Balliol College in Oxford, where he obtained M.Phil and D.Phil degrees as a Rhodes Scholar. Michael was an independent member of Ireland's National Economic Social Council from 2011 to 2016.

## RAPPORTEURS

### PROFESSOR STEPHEN KINSELLA

Stephen Kinsella is Associate Professor of Economics at the University of Limerick's Kemmy Business School.

### PROFESSOR MICHAEL WALLACE

Michael Wallace is Professor of Agriculture and Food Economics at UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science, University College Dublin. He has BSc and PhD degrees in Agricultural Economics from Queen's University Belfast and an MSc in Economics from the University of Warwick. He has previously held academic positions in quantitative agricultural economics at Queen's University Belfast, and Newcastle University, UK. His research interests include the modelling of innovation and technical change in the agricultural sector, particularly in the context of business economics and managerial decision-making. He also researches extensively on the impacts of agricultural and environmental policies on farm households and rural communities. His recent work has included empirical analysis of the potential impacts of Brexit on the agri-food sector.

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## DR LARRY O'CONNELL

Dr Larry O'Connell is the Senior Economist at the National Economic and Social Council (NESC). His areas of work include Ireland's transition to a low-carbon and more digital future; housing, urban development and land use; and climate change. He is a member of the BioEconomy Implementation Group, the D/HPLG Housing Analytics Group; the Rural Development Programme (RDP) Monitoring Committee 2014-2020; and the Gas Innovation Advisory Group. He has a degree in Agricultural Economics, PhD from University College Dublin and was the Greencore Newman Scholar in Competitiveness.

## DR CONOR O'TOOLE

Conor is a Senior Research Officer at the Economic and Social Research Institute where he works in the areas of banking, financing and the housing market. He previously held the position of Manager – Real-Financial Linkages Team and Senior Economist at the Financial Stability Division of the Central Bank of Ireland. He is currently a member of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe, Real Estate Markets Advisory Committee and the CSO Census Advisory Group. Previously, Conor was a member of the European Central Bank's Macroprudential Policy Group Taskforce on Operationalising Macroprudential Research. Prior to joining the Central Bank, Conor worked as a postdoctoral research fellow in the ESRI, a PhD researcher at the United Nations University –World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER) in Helsinki, Finland and as an economist for London Economics and Indecon Economic Consultants. His research has been published in a range of international journals including the *Review of Finance*, *Journal of Corporate Finance*, *Journal of Banking and Finance*, and the *Journal of Housing Economics*. Conor is currently co-editor of the ESRI's Quarterly Economic Commentary.

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## DR LISA RYAN

Lisa Ryan is a lecturer in energy economics in the School of Economics at UCD and leads energy economics research in the UCD Energy Institute. Previously she was the senior energy economist in the Energy Efficiency Unit at the International Energy Agency (IEA) in Paris where she led projects relating to energy efficiency finance, transport, and cross-sectoral energy policy. From 2006-2009 she was the Director of Research at Comhar Sustainable Development Council and has also worked as an engineer in Volkswagen AG, Germany. Lisa is also currently a Board Member of the Sustainable Energy Authority of Ireland.

## PROFESSOR DOROTHY WATSON

Dorothy Watson is a Research Professor at the Economic and Social Research Institute and Adjunct Professor of Sociology at Trinity College Dublin. She is co-Principal Investigator of the Growing Up in Ireland study. Her areas of interest are childhood and youth, social inclusion, equality and quality of life. She has a B. Soc. Sci. from University College Cork and an MA and PhD in Sociology from University of Wisconsin-Madison. She has published extensively in the area of social inclusion and equality, with recent publications on the significance of social risk and social class for trends in poverty and deprivation since 2004; inequalities in access to services and the impact of the Great Recession on the lives of children in Ireland.

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## DIRECTIONS TO BREAKOUT ROOMS

### 1. BREAKOUT 1 – ACHIEVEING SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC GROWTH IN A CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

- CHAIR:** Minister for Finance and Public Expenditure and Reform,  
Paschal Donohoe T.D.
- VENUE:** Poddle Room, Printworks
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### 2. BREAKOUT 2 – DIVERSIFYING OUTPUT AND MARKETS

- CHAIR:** Minister for Agriculture, Food and the Marine,  
Michael Creed, T.D.
- VENUE:** Guard Room, Hibernia
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### 3. BREAKOUT 3 – FUTURE JOBS: ENSURING OUR ENTERPRISES AND WORKERS ADAPT SUCCESSUFLLY IN A CHANGING GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT

- CHAIR:** Minister for Business, Enterprise and Innovation,  
Heather Humphreys, T.D.
- VENUE:** La Touche, Hibernia
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## 4. BREAKOUT 4 – PROGRESS ON AFFORDABLE AND BALANCED HOUSING SUPPLY

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## 5. BREAKOUT 5 – THE GOVERNMENT’S CLIMATE ACTION PLAN: ACTIONS TO ACHIEVE A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

- CHAIR:** Secretary General of the Department of Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Mark Griffin
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## 6. BREAKOUT 6 – SUPPORTING IMPROVEMENTS IN INCOME AND LIVING CONDITIONS

- CHAIR:** Minister for Employment Affairs and Social Protection,  
Regina Doherty, T.D.
- VENUE:** Hibernia Plenary Hall
- DIRECTIONS:** The Hibernia Plenary Hall is on the lower ground floor of the Hibernia Building in the Upper Courtyard to the right. Follow signs to Hibernia. Look for staff with session signs who will direct you to the session.

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## HOUSEKEEPING

### WI-FI

The network '*Conference*' can be accessed using the code: **June-2019**

### CLOAKROOM

Cloakroom facilities are available in the lobby of the Printworks Building.

### INFORMATION DESK

Please contact staff at the information desk in the lobby of the Printworks if you have any queries or require any assistance.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

#### PHOTOGRAPHY

Please be advised that a photographer will be taking photographs during this event. Photographs may be published in the media and on [budget.gov.ie](http://budget.gov.ie) and departmental websites.

#### LIVE STREAM

Attendees should note that the NED will be live streamed.