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# SDG Stakeholder Forum

## Second Meeting



- Dept. of Communications, Climate Action and Environment
- 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018



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# Timeframe for To-day

9.30-10.30	Presentations
10.30-11.00	Coffee Break
11.00-12.45	Breakout Rooms
12.45 -13.30	Lunch and networking
13.30-16.00	Presentation and Discussion.
16:00	Conclusion Coffee and networking



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# Topics:

- SDG Voluntary National Review 2018 (VNR) & High-level Political Forum 2018 (HLPF)
- Feedback from First Stakeholder Forum
- CSR Forum Presentations
- Breakout Rooms and discussion topics
- SDG Awareness , opportunities for co-operation
- DCCAE 2019 SDG activities



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# Ireland's Voluntary National Review

- In July at the UN High Level Political Forum, Ireland presented its First Voluntary National Review (VNR), on the implementation of the SDGs.
- The Review provided a comprehensive overview of Ireland's progress towards meeting each of the 17 SDGs and of how Ireland is supporting the SDG's global achievement. An important secondary aim was to establish a baseline for Ireland's future SDG reporting.



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# Ireland's Voluntary National Review

- Specifically, the Review identifies Ireland's strengths in relation to those SDGs dealing with education, health, economic growth, innovation, some environmental issues such as air quality, and the enjoyment of a peaceful and safe society.



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## Ireland's Voluntary National Review

- However, we also face challenges in many areas, including addressing high levels of obesity, meeting our own national poverty targets, achieving sustainable consumption and production, protecting our marine and terrestrial habitats, and achieving full gender equality in Irish society.
- The Review drew attention to housing and homelessness and climate action as two major challenges facing Ireland.



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## High Level Political Forum (HLPF )2018

- 9 – 18 July 2018  
(high-level segment 16 – 18 July).
- Theme: Transformation towards Sustainable and Resilient Societies
- Goals under review:





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# Results of Feedback from First Stakeholder Forum

- First National Stakeholder Forum held in June
- Over 140 people attended.
- Breakdown of those attended by category was:

Environmental	10	Economic	7
—Civil Society	48	Government	5



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# We asked for your feedback on 12 items.

- Thank you for the responses.
- Some of which we have already acted upon.
- **Question 1:** For future Forums would you favour a more thematic approach. Looking at clusters of SDGs?
- **Results were very split on this 50:50**



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# SDG Forum Feedback Continued

- **Question 2:** In terms of presentations, what would you like to see more of?
- **Results were again split on this 50:50 in favour of less presentations and more discussion opportunities**
- **Question 3:** Would you favour greater attendance by Government Departments?
- **Results were 100% in favour on this one.**



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# SDG Forum Feedback Continued

- **Question 4:** Opportunity to discuss common trends across projects and shared experience?
- **Results were 90% in favour on this one.**
- **Question 5:** Would you be willing to present at future Forum meetings?
- **Results were very positive in favour on this one, we will issue invites to those who have expressed an interest for the January and April meetings.**



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# SDG Forum Feedback Continued

- **Question 6/7/8: SDG Champions-**
- Focus on a limited number of SDGs?
- **Results were 50:50 on this particular question.**
- How could the Champions best carry out the role?
- **Results were mixed again here, public speaking, raising awareness, recognition of title , networking opportunities.**
- Level of Support for Champions?
- **Results were mixed again here, training, funding, salary, support from Government Departments.**



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# SDG Forum Feedback Continued

- **Question 9:** Regional meetings?
- **Results were 50:50 on this particular question. Ease of public transport for travel to and from regional location key.**
- **Question 10:** Establishment of SDG Working Groups?
- **Results were positive here with the general view being in favour with an urgent need to raise national awareness and engage with education . Cross over with SDG Champions also worth exploring in Working Group formation and purpose.**



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# SDG Forum Feedback Continued

- **Question 11:** What Organisations/Sectors were missing from Forum?
- **Results were 90% in favour of a greater Government Departmental attendance and engagement with other groups such as ICA or more vulnerable groups homeless people, unemployed people.**
- **Question 12:** One key suggestion to make sure Forum achieves its potential? We are examining these, some changes suggested have already being introduced, Breakout Rooms, firm commitment to future Forum dates.



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# SDG Next Steps and proposed 2019 activities

- In January 2019 , we will advertise for SDG Champions to further advance the awareness and engagement on the SDGs.
  - Aim to have Champions appointed following January SDG Forum Meeting.
- In order to demonstrate a clear coordinated approach across all Government departments on SDG activity a communications protocol is under development initially with DCCAE.
- Once finalised and agreed aim to present to Inter Departmental Working Group for respective SDG Departmental activity.



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## SDG Next Steps and proposed 2019 activities continued.

- After the January Forum 2019 , we will aim to establish SDG Focused Working Groups to look in particular at :
  - raising national awareness of SDGs,
  - engagement with local communities on SDG awareness
  - Looking at existing Schools projects, i.e., Green Schools to seek opportunities for SDG awareness raising. Ideally to seek a TV opportunity for SDG awareness for 2019/20.



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## SDG Next Steps and proposed 2019 activities continued.

- Prepare an SDG Communications package of materials promoting the SDGs in terms of awareness, and promotion of existing SDG related activity.
- Establishment of an SDG calendar of upcoming events which will be shared with all Government Departments so that appropriate support can be given in terms of promotion, participation and attendance. Specific **SDG@ Department name** will be established shortly for SDG contacts.



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## SDG Next Steps and proposed 2019 activities continued.

- Examine the development of an SDG.gov.ie portal site to capture all SDG activity planned for Q4 2019 subject to agreement.
- Plan for the 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the SDGs to coincide with the development of a new National Implementation Plan 2021-2025.



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# Questions and inputs please.



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# Please keep in Touch

- For reference: Next meeting is 31<sup>st</sup> January in Dublin Castle
- Please share upcoming SDG plans and activities with us;
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