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MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2023

MORNING SESSION

09:00

REGISTRATION AND NETWORKING COFFEE

Registration open from 9:00am, with light refreshments available

10:00

OPENING SESSION

THEME: The economy in 2030: enabling a sustainable future for all


OVERALL CHAIR: Professor Carol Newman

STREAMING: Session will be live streamed at WWW.GOV.IE./NED


10:00 Welcome and introduction

 Chair: Professor Carol Newman


10:05 Opening address

 An Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar T.D.

10:20 Scene setter: economic and fiscal context

 Minister for Finance, Michael McGrath T.D.

10:30 Scene setter: Expenditure policy to support delivery of better public services and infrastructure

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

10:40 Direction to breakout rooms

 Chair: Professor Carol Newman

10:45

COMFORT BREAK / TEA AND COFFEE

11:00

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS (7)

Details Overleaf

13:00

NETWORKING LUNCH

Lobby Area – Printworks

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MORNING SESSION – MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2023 – BREAKOUT SESSIONS

11:00

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT 1: SUSTAINABLE PUBLIC FINANCES & MEDIUM-TERM GROWTH

CHAIR: Minister for Finance, Michael McGrath T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Mr Seamus Coffey

VENUE: Plenary Hall, Printworks

BREAKOUT 2: BETTER PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY: MAXIMISING THE IMPACT OF PUBLIC SPENDING

CHAIR: Minister for Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform, Paschal Donohoe T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Professor Orla Doyle

VENUE: Poddle Room, Printworks

BREAKOUT 3: CHARTING A SUSTAINABLE PATH TOWARDS ACHIEVING OUR NATIONAL CLIMATE ACTION OBJECTIVES

CHAIR: Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Professor Eleanor Denny

VENUE: Castle Room, Bedford Tower

BREAKOUT 4: BUILDING A COMPETITIVE BUSINESS ENVIRONMENT

CHAIR: Minister for Enterprise, Trade and Employment, Simon Coveney T.D., and

Minister for Further and Higher Education, Research, Innovation and Science, Simon Harris T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Dr Conor O'Toole

VENUE: Plenary Hall, Hibernia Building

11:00

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS CONCLUDE

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BREAKOUT 5: DELIVERING HOUSING FOR ALL: LONG-TERM TRENDS AND CHALLENGES

CHAIR: Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, Darragh O'Brien T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Professor Michelle Norris

VENUE: La Touche Room, Hibernia Building

BREAKOUT 6: MOVING TO A SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEM

CHAIR: Minister of State at the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine, Martin Haydon T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Professor Michael Wallace

VENUE: President's Room, Hibernia Building

BREAKOUT 7: LEVERAGING DIGITAL IN THE FUTURE OF WORK AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICE DELIVERY

CO-CHAIR: Minister for Social Protection and Minister for Rural and Community Development, Heather Humphreys T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Professor Philip O'Connell

VENUE: Courtyard Room, Printworks

13:00

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS CONCLUDE

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AFTERNOON SESSION – MONDAY 12TH JUNE 2023 – PLENARY SESSION

14:00


OPENING SESSION

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14:00 Introduction from Chair

 Professor Carol Newman

14:05 Opening address

 Tánaiste and Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Minister for Defence, Micheál Martin, T.D.

14.20 Feedback from the parallel thematic breakout sessions

 Rapporteurs

15:10


COMFORT BREAK / TEA AND COFFEE


15:20

PLENARY SESSION

OVERALL CHAIR: Professor Carol Newman
STREAMING: Session will be live streamed at WWW.GOV.IE./NED

Questions can be put to:

 Minister for Finance, Michael McGrath T.D.

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


16:35

CHAIR'S SUMMARY

 Professor Carol Newman

16:45

CLOSING REMARKS

 Minister for the Environment, Climate and Communications and Minister for Transport, Eamon Ryan T.D.

17:00

END OF EVENT

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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT

ROLE OF THE OVERALL CHAIR

The overall Chair, who is 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 note. The decision of the Chair in calling on participants to speak and in deciding on time limits will be final.

ROLE OF THE BREAKOUT SESSION CHAIRS

The breakout sessions will be chaired by members of the Government. 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,
- Respecting the limited time available for the session.

ROLE OF THE RAPPORTEURS

An independent Rapporteur has been appointed for each of the breakout sessions. The role of each Rapporteur includes:

- Introducing the Chair, welcoming participants, setting out the structure for the breakout session discussion, and providing support to the Chair to facilitate inputs from participants.

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- Supporting the breakout session Chair in ensuring that the discussion remains focussed on the main topic and the guiding questions set out in the thematic background paper.
- 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.
- Intervening during the session to highlight relevant issues which may be overlooked.
- Drawing together the key strands of the discussion to produce a short summary note and to deliver a short oral report to the plenary session in the afternoon of the Dialogue. This summary note will be incorporated into the overall Chair's report of the Dialogue, which will be publicly available.

The assistance of officials will be provided to the Rapporteur, for note taking and in preparing the summary note.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- Mutual respect should be shown to all participants; and attendees 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 will also be kept. Contributions during the plenary sessions may be attributed.
- In light of the limited duration of the Dialogue, there will not be an opportunity for statements during the morning plenary session.
- When intervening with a question during the afternoon plenary session, participants are asked to provide concise inputs to maximise the opportunities for all participants. Interventions will be strictly limited to 3 minutes.
- Breakout sessions will not be live streamed. Rapporteurs' summaries from breakout sessions will not attribute individual contributions.

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- 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 on www.gov.ie/ned and open to full media coverage.
- The hashtags for the virtual Dialogue are: #Budget2024, and #NED23

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BIOGRAPHIES

CHAIR

CAROL NEWMAN, TCD

Carol Newman is a Professor in Economics at the Department of Economics, Trinity College Dublin. She is an applied microeconomist whose research examines household and enterprise behaviour with a particular focus on developing countries. She is a co-founder of the Trinity Impact Evaluation (TIME) Research Centre and is engaged in research projects across Africa and South-East Asia. She completed a B.A. (Mod) at Trinity in 1998 and PhD in 2001 and joined the staff of the Department of Economics in 2002. She was a visiting scholar at the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago in 2007, at the University of Copenhagen in 2006 and for the 2013-2014 academic year, and at the University of Bologna in 2018. She is also a non-resident Senior Research Fellow of United Nations University – World Institute for Development Economics Research (UNU-WIDER), a research associate of the Development Economics Research Group at the University of Copenhagen and a consultant to the World Bank. She is currently Chair of the Board of Partnership for Economic Policy (PEP), a Southern-led global organization dedicated to supporting development in the Global South.

RAPPORTEURS

SEAMUS COFFEY, UCC

Seamus Coffey is a lecturer in the Department of Economics in University College Cork. His research and writing focuses on the performance of the Irish economy. He was a member of the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council from 2016 and was Chair of the Council from January 2017 until December 2019. In October 2016, he was appointed the independent expert by the Minister for Finance to undertake a review of Ireland's Corporation Tax code. He is also a member of The National Economic and Social Council, the external advisory board to the Irish Governmental Economic Evaluation Service, and of the council of the Irish Economic Association. He is a sometime contributor to print, broadcast and online media relating to the Irish economy including fiscal outcomes, corporation tax, household debt, national accounts and other economic issues.

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ELEANOR DENNY, TCD

Eleanor Denny is Bursar and Director of Strategic Innovation at Trinity College Dublin. She is a Professor in Economics and her research interests are in energy, behavioural and environmental economics and she has published widely in these fields. She sits on numerous advisory boards including the external advisory board of the Irish Government Economic Evaluation Service (IGEES) and previously as independent expert on the National Economic and Social Council (NESC).

ORLA DOYLE, UCD

Orla Doyle is an Associate Professor in the School of Economics and a Research Fellow at the UCD Geary Institute for Public Policy. The core focus of her research is the economics of human behaviour. She has developed, led, and consolidated a large research programme dedicated to evaluating the effectiveness of early childhood intervention programmes using experimental designs. She has generated over €2m in research funding to-date and has published over 50 academic articles across multiple disciplines. Dr. Doyle is currently the Director of the UCD Childhood and Human Development Research Centre and president of the Irish Economics Association.

MICHELLE NORRIS, UCD

Michelle Norris is Professor of Social Policy and Director of the Geary Institute for Public Policy at University College Dublin. Her teaching and research interests focus on housing policy and urban regeneration. She has led over 30 research projects on these issues and produced 200 publications on the results. She has very strong links with policy makers in Ireland and internationally. This has included being a member of the National Economic and Social Council, chairing the board of the Housing Finance Agency, and being appointed a member of both the Land Development Agency and the housing commission by the Minister for Housing. In 2021 she was one of three lead authors of the Housing2030 report on how policy makers improve affordable housing outcomes, commissioned by the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE), UN Habitat and Housing Europe. In 2022 she was appointed to a UNECE expert advisory group tasked with planning for rebuilding housing and urban centres in post-war Ukraine. In recognition of the outstanding policy impact of her research she was awarded the Irish Research Council's research impact award in 2021.

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PHILIP O'CONNELL, UCD

Philip J. O'Connell is Emeritus Professor at UCD. He was Director of the UCD Geary Institute and Professor of Applied Social Science at University College Dublin from 2013 to 2021. Prior to that, he was Research Professor and Head of Social Research at the ESRI and Adjunct Professor of Sociology at Trinity College Dublin. He received his doctorate from Indiana University, Bloomington and taught at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He has served as a consultant to the European Commission and the OECD. He is a government-appointed member of the Irish national Labour Market Council. Most of his work focuses on the labour market and on migration. He has an enduring interest in equality at work and in access to employment, publishing papers in the leading journals on wage inequality, on working conditions and workplace practices, on the transition from unemployment to work, and on the experience of migrant workers in Ireland.

CONOR O'TOOLE, ESRI

Conor O'Toole is an Associate Research Professor at the Economic and Social Research Institute where he works in the areas of housing and household financing, corporate finance and banking. He also works with the ESRI's macroeconomic forecasting group as a contributing author to the Quarterly Economic Commentary. 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. 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.

MICHAEL WALLACE, UCD

Michael Wallace is Professor of Agriculture and Food Economics at UCD School of Agriculture and Food Science. 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.

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HOUSEKEEPING

REGISTRATION

Registration desks will open from 9:00am, with light refreshments available before the start of the Dialogue.

WI-FI

The network *DC_Conference* can be accessed using access code: *June-2023*

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 and departmental websites.

LIVE STREAM

Attendees should note that the NED will be live streamed.



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