



LAW SOCIETY OF IRELAND CLIMATE JUSTICE CONFERENCE

POLICIES AND ACTIONS FOR A CLIMATE
RESPONSIVE JUSTICE SECTOR

MONDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2023 | 2PM - 6PM

Presidents' Hall, Law Society of Ireland,
Blackhall Place, Dublin 7

PROGRAMME

"You are all climate lawyers now, whether you want to be or not." John Kerry, US Special Presidential Envoy for Climate



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TIME	EVENT
13.15-14.00	Registration
14.00-14.05	Welcome and introduction
14.05-14.20	Keynote address: Matej Accetto, President of the Constitutional Court of Slovenia
Plenary session one	
14.20-14.40	CLIMATE AND PLANNING Rachel Minch SC, Partner at Philip Lee: <i>Practitioner's Perspective on the Planning & Development Bill 2023</i>
14.40-15.00	Senior Official from the Office of the Planning Regulator: <i>Climate Action and the Office of the Planning Regulator</i>
Plenary session two	
15.00-15.15	BIODIVERSITY AND THE CLIMATE CRISIS Dr. Brian MacSharry, Head of Group of Biodiversity at the European Environment Agency: <i>The EU's Biodiversity Strategy for 2030: Actions and Commitments for Reversing Biodiversity Loss</i>
15.15-15.30	Danielle Conaghan, Head of the Environment and Planning Group, Arthur Cox: <i>Renewable Projects, Biodiversity & Imperative Reasons of Overriding Public Interest</i>
15.30-16.00	Tea and coffee break
Panel discussion	
16.00-16.30	ETHICS IN PRACTICE Panel discussion to include Alasdair Cameron, Climate Change Policy Adviser, Law Society of England and Wales: <i>Climate Conscious Lawyering: Impact of Climate Change on Legal Practice and Lawyers Ethical Duties</i>
Plenary session three and Q&A	
16.30-17.30	CLIMATE LITIGATION Dr. Andrew Jackson, Environmental and Planning Lawyer, UCD Sutherland School of Law Gerry Liston, Senior Lawyer, Global Legal Action Network Catherine Higham, Grantham Research Institute, LSE: <i>Strengthening Legal Avenues for Climate Justice and Protecting the Environment for Future Generations</i>
17.30-17.40	Law Society of Ireland Climate Change Resolution
17.40-17.45	CLOSING ADDRESS FOLLOWED BY DRINKS RECEPTION IN THE BLUE ROOM