



**IRELAND 2040: THE NATIONAL PLANNING FRAMEWORK IN AN ALL-ISLAND CONTEXT**

A SEMINAR JOINTLY CONVENED BY  
THE INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR LOCAL AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT (ICLRD) AND ULSTER UNIVERSITY (UU)

**The Great Hall, Ulster University – Magee Campus  
Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

**PROGRAMME**

<b>09.00-09.30</b>	<b>Registration &amp; Refreshments</b>
<b>09.30-09.35</b>	<b>Welcome by Dr Malachy Ó Néill, Provost, Magee Campus</b>
<b>09.35-09.45</b>	<b>Opening Remarks by Chair: Planning for All-Island Challenges and Opportunities</b> Prof. Alastair Adair, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Ulster University
<b>Session 1</b>	<b>Ireland 2040: Feeding into the National Planning Framework</b>
<b>09.45-10.00</b>	<b>People &amp; Place: The Current State of Play</b> Mr. Justin Gleeson, Director, All Island Research Observatory
<b>10.00-10.25</b>	<b>Ireland 2040: The Development Of A New National Planning Framework For Ireland</b> Mr. Niall Cussen, Principal Adviser – Planning, Department of Housing, Planning, Community & Local Government
<b>10.25-10.45</b>	<b>2040: Opportunities for Northern Ireland</b> Ms. Fiona McCandless, Chief Planner, Department for Infrastructure
<b>10.45-11.00</b>	Q&A
<b>11.00-11.20</b>	Refreshments
<b>Session 2</b>	<b>Ireland 2040: Exploring Key Themes</b>
<b>11.20-11.35</b>	<b>Planning for Effective Regional Development</b> Mr. Seamus Neely, Chief Executive, Donegal County Council & Mr. John Kelpie, Chief Executive, Derry City and Strabane District Council
<b>11.35-11.50</b>	<b>Planning for Sustainable Growth</b> Ms. Angela McGowan, Chief Executive, CBI NI & Mr. Terry MacNamara, Regional Director, IBEC



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<p><b>11.50-12.20</b></p>	<p><b>Roundtable Discussions</b> <i>3-4 Broad Questions for delegates to consider in terms of priority areas for enhanced cooperation, North and South</i></p>
<p><b>12.20-12.35</b></p>	<p><b>Roundtable Feedback</b></p>
<p><b>12.35-13.30</b></p>	<p><b>Networking Lunch</b></p>
<p><b>Session 3</b></p>	<p><b>Connective Approaches to Spatial Planning and Development</b></p>
<p><b>13.30-13.35</b></p>	<p><b>Welcome by Chair</b> Mr. Niall Cussen, Principal Adviser – Planning, Department of Housing, Planning, Community &amp; local Government</p>
<p><b>13.35-14.20</b></p>	<p><b>Implementing the National Planning Framework: Strengths and Opportunities</b> Mr. Eunan Quinn, Senior Planner, Donegal County Council Mr. Chris Boomer, Head of Planning, Mid-Ulster Council Ms. Máire Cullinan, Economic Development Officer, Monaghan County Council Dr. Fiona Chambers, University College Cork &amp; Prof. Deirdre Brennan, Ulster University - Founders of All Island All Active</p>
<p><b>14.20-14.40</b></p>	<p>Q&amp;A</p>
<p><b>Session 4</b></p>	<p><b>Planning for a Changing External Environment</b></p>
<p><b>14.40-16.00</b></p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion</b> Moderated by Ms. Caitriona Mullan, Chair, International Centre for Local and Regional Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Mr. Sean O’Leary</b>, Executive Director, Irish Planning Institute</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Seamus Cleary</b>, Policy &amp; Research Forum Member, RTPI Northern Ireland</li> <li>• <b>Mr. Michael Darcy</b>, Programme Lead, IBEC/CBI NI Joint Business Council</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Susie Brown</b>, Director of Corporate Development, Tourism NI</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Jo Aston</b>, Director – Wholesale Markets, Utility Regulator of Northern Ireland</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Kate Clifford</b>, Director, Rural Community Network</li> <li>• <b>Ms. Anne Donaghy</b>, Chair, SOLACE &amp; Chief Executive, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council</li> <li>• <b>Mr. John Kelpie</b>, Chief Executive, Derry &amp; Strabane District Council</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Closing Comments</b></p>
<p><b>16.00-16.15</b></p>	<p><b>Closing Comments</b> Mr. Niall Cussen, Principal Adviser – Planning, Department of Housing, Planning, Community &amp; local Government</p>
<p><b>16.15</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>-CLOSE-</b></p>