

Morning Plenary Session

Conference Chair - Seán Finan – IrBEA - CEO

9.15am: Open & Welcome
- Des O’Toole: IrBEA President

9.25am: Bord na Móna
- Tom Egan: Head of Powergen & Bioenergy Operations
Mobilising reliable Indigenous Biomass Supply

9.35am: Department of Communications, Climate Action & Environment
- Minister’s address

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Session 1 - The Vision for Bioenergy – Transition from 2020 to 2030

9.50am: IrBEA
- Seán Finan - CEO - IrBEA
- Noel Gavigan - Project Executive - IrBEA
IrBEA’s work and vision for the bioenergy sector

10.05am: Bord na Móna
- John MacNamara - Head of Regulatory Affairs
The Contribution of Sustainable Biomass to Ireland’s Renewable Targets

10.20am: Ethanol Europe
- James Cogan - Industry & Policy Analyst
Fuel obligations and role of biogas and bioliquids sectors for climate action in transport

10.35am: SFI MaREI Research Centre and UCC
- Professor Brian Ó Gallachóir - Director
How can we ensure growth in the Bioenergy sector and become a significant part of renewable mix in Ireland

10.50am: Hawkins Wright Ltd, UK
- John Bingham - Senior Advisor
World and European model for growth and trends for the bioenergy sector

11.05am - Q&A
11.15am - Refreshment Break

Session 2 – Irelands climate emergency – Bioenergy doing the heavy lifting

Chaired By: Seán Finan - CEO of IrBEA
11.45am – 1.00pm

Conversational dialogue followed by panel discussion with panelist:

- Thomas Duffy: Macra na Feirme –President
Agriculture dealing with climate emergency

- Laura Burke: EPA – Director General
Policy context for bioenergy

- Nick Cotter: Cotter Bros Firewood – Co Director
Building a biomass fuel business and mobilising private forestry in rural Ireland

- Billy Costello B Agr Sc: Green Generation Limited – Managing Director
The untapped potential of biogas in Ireland

- Barry Cowen T.D: Member of the Dáil Eireann for Laois/Offaly Constituency
Ensuring the midlands remains an Important energy provider as it moves from Peat to Biomass

- Donal Hayes: Tipperary Cheese – Managing Director
Offsetting fossil fuel with biogas in industry

- Donna Gartland: Irish District Heating - CEO
District Heating - The opportunity in Ireland

1.00pm – Lunch Break

Session 3 – Offsetting fossil fuel with bioenergy in industry

2.00pm: SEAI
- Ray Langton - SSRH Program Manager
Feedback to date on SSRH

2.20pm: Wood Fuel Quality Assurance Scheme
- Eugene Hendrick - Forest Policy Analysis
WFQA Campaign to reduce air emissions from wood fuel

2.40pm: Turboden S.p.A
- Tom Marren - Manager
Opportunities for CHP in Ireland

3.00pm: Pinsent Masons (Ireland)
- Garrett Monaghan – Partner
Developing and financing projects in the bioenergy sector

3.20pm: McCauley Wood Fuels Ltd
- Kenny McCauley - Director
Community: Building local loops of demand and supply in the wood heat market

Panel Discussion followed by Q&A

Closing Conference – Des O’Toole - IrBEA President

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