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PRINTWORKS CONFERENCE CENTRE, DUBLIN CASTLE, 27-28 JUNE 2016

Detailed Programme:

DAY 1 – MONDAY 27TH JUNE 2016

08:45

REGISTRATION

PRINTWORKS

09:30

OPENING SESSION

PRINTWORKS

THEME: The Landscape for Budget 2017

OVERALL CHAIR: Professor Alan Barrett

VENUE: Plenary Hall, Printworks

STREAMING: Session will be live streamed

09:30 Welcoming Remarks

 An Taoiseach, Enda Kenny T.D.

09:45 Understanding the Context: Economic Perspectives

Macroeconomic Outlook

 Professor Kieran McQuinn, Economic and Social Research Institute

10:05 Discussion facilitated by overall Chair

12:30

LUNCH

PRINTWORKS LOBBY

14:00

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS (9) COMMENCE

PRINTWORKS, BEDFORD HALL

SEE DETAILS OVER

15:30

COFFEE BREAK

PRINTWORKS, BEDFORD HALL

16:00

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS (9) RECONVENE

PRINTWORKS, BEDFORD HALL

17:30

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS (9) CONCLUDE

PRINTWORKS, BEDFORD HALL

DAY 1 – MONDAY 27TH JUNE 2016 – BREAKOUT SESSIONS

14:00

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS

PRINTWORKS, BEDFORD HALL

1. TAX REFORM FOR BALANCED ECONOMIC GROWTH

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

RAPPORTEUR: Dr. Donal de Buitléir

VENUE: Poddle Room, Printworks

2. SENSIBLE SPENDING

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

RAPPORTEUR: Dr. Stephen Kinsella

VENUE: Courtyard Room 1, Printworks

3. PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE – A DIGITAL ECONOMY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

CHAIR: Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment,
Denis Naughten T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Antóin Ó Lachtnáin

VENUE: Courtyard Room 2, Printworks

4. ECONOMIC POLICIES TO BEST ACHIEVE OUR FULL EMPLOYMENT GOAL

CHAIR: Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation,
Mary Mitchell O'Connor T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Brigid McManus

VENUE: Balcony Room, Bedford Suites, Upper Courtyard

5. THE ROLE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN SECURING OPPORTUNITY

CHAIR: Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Dr. Aidan Kane

VENUE: European Room, Bedford Suites, Upper Courtyard

DAY 1 – MONDAY 27TH JUNE 2016 – BREAKOUT SESSIONS (CONTINUED)

14:00

PARALLEL BREAKOUT SESSIONS

PRINTWORKS, BEDFORD HALL

6. DELIVERING ON FOODWISE 2025

CHAIR: Minister of State for Food, Forestry and Horticulture,
Andrew Doyle T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Joe O'Toole

VENUE: Guard Room, Bedford Suites, Upper Courtyard

7. HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, URBAN REGENERATION AND PLANNING

CHAIR: Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government,
Simon Coveney T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Dr. Rory O'Donnell

VENUE: Room E207, Bedford Suites, Upper Courtyard

8. SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

CHAIR: Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Shane Ross T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Dr. Edgar Morgenroth

VENUE: Room E214, Bedford Suites, Upper Courtyard

9. OCCUPATIONAL PENSION COVERAGE – ISSUES AND OPTIONS

CHAIR: Minister for Social Protection, Leo Varadkar T.D.

RAPPORTEUR: Jane Williams

VENUE: Room E213, Bedford Suites, Upper Courtyard

DAY 2 – TUESDAY 28TH JUNE 2016

09:00

ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS

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09:30

PLENARY SESSION

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THEME: Feedback from Breakout Sessions

OVERALL CHAIR: Professor Alan Barrett

VENUE: Plenary Hall, Printworks

STREAMING: Session will be live streamed

09:30 Reports from rapporteurs on breakout sessions

10:15 Discussion of emerging themes followed by policy reflections

11:30

COFFEE BREAK

PRINTWORKS LOBBY

12:00

CLOSING PLENARY SESSION

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OVERALL CHAIR: Professor Alan Barrett

VENUE: Plenary Hall

STREAMING: Session will be live streamed

12:00 Chair's summary

12:15 Closing Remarks

 Minister for Finance, Michael Noonan T.D.

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

12:30

LUNCH

PRINTWORKS LOBBY

14:00

CLOSE

PRINTWORKS LOBBY

RULES OF ENGAGEMENT:

ROLE OF THE OVERALL CHAIR

The Overall Chair, who will be 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 document.

The decision of the Chair in calling on participants to speak and in deciding on time limits will be final.

ROLE OF THE BREAKOUT 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
- Enforcing time limits

ROLE OF THE RAPPORTEURS

An independent rapporteur will be appointed for each of the breakout sessions. The role of each rapporteur will include:

- Supporting the session chair in ensuring that the discussion remains focussed on the main topic and guiding questions
- 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 and the EU fiscal rules.
- Intervening during the session to highlight relevant issues which may be overlooked.
- Drawing together different strands of the discussion for the summary.
- Producing (overnight) a written summary report of the breakout session discussion. This will be incorporated in the overall chairs report of the Dialogue, which will be publicly available.
- Drawing on this written summary report of the breakout session to deliver an oral report of the discussion to the plenary sessions on the second day of the Dialogue.

The assistance of officials will be provided to the rapporteur if requested for note taking and in preparing the summary document.

GENERAL RULES FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS

- Mutual respect should be shown to all participants and participants 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 may also be kept.
- Contributions on the plenary sessions may be attributed.
- Breakout sessions will not be live streamed.
- Rapporteurs' summaries from breakout sessions will not attribute individual contributions.
- 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 and open to full media coverage.
- A media room and interview space will be provided. Media will be free to use the interview space for engagements with participants as wished.
- Media will try to ensure that their movements and activities do not interfere with the flow of discussion of participants.

BIOGRAPHIES

CHAIR

MR ALAN BARRETT

Alan Barrett is Director of the Economic and Social Research Institute. He began his career with the ESRI in 1994, following the completion of his doctoral studies at Michigan State University. Between 2001 and 2003 he was seconded to the Department of Finance. Between 2011 and 2013, he spent another period on secondment, this time at Trinity College Dublin. He is a Research Fellow with the Institute for the Study of Labour (IZA) in Bonn, Germany and an Honorary Fellow of the Society of Actuaries in Ireland. He was a member of the Irish Fiscal Advisory Council from 2011 to 2015.

SPEAKER

PROFESSOR KIERAN MCQUINN

Kieran McQuinn is a Research Professor who works on the quarterly economic commentary (QEC) and housing related projects. His research interests include house prices, economic growth and household finance. He spent over 11 years working in the Irish Central Bank where he had management positions in the research and financial stability areas. He started his career in University College Cork and then joined Teagasc, the Irish agriculture and food development authority, where he worked for over 5 years as a research economist. Dr. McQuinn has a PhD in economics from NUI Maynooth.

Professor McQuinn has published in a broad number of international and domestic journals and is adjunct professor of economics at University College Cork. He is also currently an associate editor of the Economic and Social Review and is a current council member of both the Economic and Social Studies and the Irish Economics Association.

RAPPORTEURS

DR DONAL DE BUITLÉIR

Dr Donal de Buitléir is Director of Publicpolicy.ie - an independent think tank funded by Atlantic Philanthropies. He is Chairman of the Low Pay Commission. He is a Past President of the Statistical and Social Inquiry Society of Ireland and former Chairman of the Foundation for Fiscal Studies. He is an Eisenhower Fellow. He served on the Board of the Health Services Executive from 2005-09.

DR STEPHEN KINSELLA

Dr. Stephen Kinsella is a Senior Lecturer in Economics at the University of Limerick. He is a consultant to the Bank of England, Acting Chair of the Higher Education Authority, and a research fellow at UCD's Geary Institute. Stephen is a weekly columnist for the Sunday Business Post and, in addition to 4 books, about 30 journal articles and winning around 2 million euros in research funding, he has also written policy pieces for publications like the Harvard Business Review, Foreign Affairs, and VoxEU.

ANTÓIN Ó LACHTNÁIN

Antóin Ó Lachtnáin is a director of Digital Rights Ireland, an online rights advocacy group which has brought landmark cases in the area of privacy and data protection. He is also a director of exmuris, a firm which offers advice in regulated industries like communications, transport and energy. He has had two editions of his book on online marketing published by London imprint A & C Black. He was recognised by the World Economic Forum as a Global Leader for Tomorrow. He holds a Diploma in Financial Management from ACCA and a degree in psychology and philosophy from Trinity College, Dublin.

BRIGID McMANUS

Brigid McManus served as Secretary-General of the Department of Education and Skills from 2005 to 2012. Currently she is Chairperson of the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment, chairs the Grangegorman Labour and Learning Forum and the Audit Committee of the Department of Communications, Energy and Natural Resources, is a Board member of CoisCeim Dance Theatre and undertakes some public sector recruitment and governance work. During her civil service career in the Departments of Finance, of Arts, Culture and the Gaeltacht and of Education and Skills, Brigid worked on a diverse range of public policy issues.

DR AIDAN KANE

Dr Aidan Kane is a lecturer in economics at NUI Galway. His research interests are principally in Irish economic history, and in particular, the construction of historical datasets, mainly related to Irish public finance, from the 18th century to the present, and on Ireland's 18th century international trade, using a range of web, programming, and relational database technologies. He is currently pursuing a particular interest in the application of open linked data technologies to economic history data. He also has an interest in the political economy of innovation policy in Ireland, having served as director of the University's Centre for Innovation and Structural Change (CISC) from 2002 to 2006. (CISC is now titled the Whitaker Institute).

DR. RORY O'DONNELL

Dr. Rory O'Donnell is Director of the National Economic and Social Council (NESC). In his work as Economist and later Director at NESC he contributed to the development of a shared analysis and understanding of Irish economic and social policy from the late 1980s. He has written extensively on social partnership and European integration. He was previously a Jean Monnet Professor at University College Dublin. He holds an M.Sc. in economics from the University of London and a PhD from the University of Cambridge.

JOE O'TOOLE

Joe O'Toole, a teacher by profession, was elected as an Independent Senator in Seanad Eireann from 1987 to 2011. He was General Secretary for the Irish National Teachers' Organisation 1990 to 2002, and was President of the Irish Congress of Trade Unions in 2000. His other experience includes: Chair Audit Review Group 2001, Board Irish Auditing and Accounting Supervisory Authority 2003 – 2013, Vice Chair Personal Injuries Assessment Board (PIAB) 2004 – 2014, OECD Trade Union Advisory Committee (TUAC), Member Inaugural Leinster House Commission 2004 – 2007, Joint Oireachtas Finance & Public Service Committee 1997 – 2007, Joint Oireachtas Energy & Communications Committee 2007 -2011, Member Government Commission on Credit Unions 2011 – 2012, and currently a Member of the Credit Union Restructuring Board 2012 – Present and The Credit Union Advisory Committee 2014 – Present.

DR EDGAR MORGENROTH

Dr Edgar Morgenroth is an Associate Research Professor and programme co-ordinator for research on communications and transport at the Economic and Social Research Institute. He is also an Adjunct Professor at Trinity College Dublin and an independent member of the National Economic and Social Council (NESC). He is a Fellow of the UK Academy of Social Sciences and a Fellow of the Regional Studies Association. Dr Morgenroth has carried out research for a wide range of clients including the EU Commission, OECD, various Irish government departments, the German Federal Ministry of Finance, the Italian Ministry of Finance, the Estonian Ministry of Finance, the Northern Ireland government, and various Irish regional and local authorities. He has wide ranging research experience in the areas of economic growth, international trade, economic geography and public economics. In particular he has been involved in substantial number of projects that identify public investment needs and evaluate the effect of investment programmes, especially those linked to the EU Structural Funds.

JANE WILLIAMS

Jane Williams is a highly qualified and experienced businesswoman with established senior management, owner-management and board directorship experience, over 35 years, in international businesses and Irish organisations. Functionally expert in corporate governance, clinic strategy development and implementation, risk and change management, sales and marketing, finance and the core HR disciplines, Jane has applied these in her own businesses and in consulting with her clients. Jane is experienced in operating in most European and North American commercial environments.

She is a recognised expert in small business and entrepreneurship development including starting, developing and selling her own business. She has in-depth experience in the private, public and not-for-profit sectors from executive to top management and Board levels.

Her consulting practice spans a wide range of business sectors and not-for-profit organisations from manufacturing and service businesses, to utilities and regulated industries, charities, arts and sporting bodies. Jane holds a Bachelor of Business Studies degree from Trinity College and a Masters in Psychology from Columbia University, New York. She is a qualified banker (Institute of Bankers in Ireland) and an accredited mediator (CEDR).

Jane chaired the Pensions Authority (previously the Pensions Board) from June 2010 to the beginning of this year.

DIRECTIONS TO BREAKOUT ROOMS

1. MANAGING TAX REFORM FOR BALANCED ECONOMIC GROWTH

- CHAIR:** Minister for Finance, Michael Noonan T.D.
- VENUE:** Poddle Room, Printworks
- DIRECTIONS:** The Poddle Room is within the Printworks building, follow signs within the lobby

2. SENSIBLE SPENDING

- CHAIR:** Minister for Public Expenditure and Reform, Paschal Donohoe T.D.
- VENUE:** Courtyard Room 1
- DIRECTIONS:** The Courtyard 1 meeting room is within the Printworks building, follow signs within the lobby

3. PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE – A DIGITAL ECONOMY AND CLIMATE CHANGE

- CHAIR:** Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment, Denis Naughten T.D.
- VENUE:** Courtyard Room 2
- DIRECTIONS:** The Courtyard 2 meeting room is within the Printworks building, follow signs within the lobby

4. ECONOMIC POLICIES TO BEST ACHIEVE OUR FULL EMPLOYMENT GOAL

- CHAIR:** Minister for Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation, Mary Mitchell O'Connor T.D.
- VENUE:** Balcony Room, First Floor, Bedford Suite, Upper Courtyard
- DIRECTIONS:** In the Upper Courtyard to the right, follow signs for Bedford Hall
Look for staff with sign number 4 who will direct you to the session.

5. THE ROLE OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN SECURING OPPORTUNITY

- CHAIR:** Minister for Education and Skills, Richard Bruton T.D.
VENUE: European Room, First Floor, Bedford Suite, Upper Courtyard
DIRECTIONS: In the Upper Courtyard to the right, follow signs for Bedford Hall
 Look for staff with sign number 5 who will direct you to the session.

6. DELIVERING ON FOODWISE 2025

- CHAIR:** Minister of State for Food, Forestry and Horticulture,
 Andrew Doyle T.D.
VENUE: The Guard Room, Bedford Suite, Upper Courtyard
DIRECTIONS: In the Upper Courtyard to the right, follow signs for Bedford Hall
 Look for staff with sign number 6 who will direct you to the session.

7. HOUSING, HOMELESSNESS, URBAN REGENERATION AND PLANNING

- CHAIR:** Minister for Housing, Planning and Local Government,
 Simon Coveney T.D.
VENUE: E207, First Floor, Bedford Suite, Upper Courtyard
DIRECTIONS: In the Upper Courtyard to the right, follow signs for Bedford Hall
 Look for staff with sign number 7 who will direct you to the session.

8. SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

- CHAIR:** Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport, Shane Ross T.D.
VENUE: E214, First Floor, Bedford Suite, Upper Courtyard
DIRECTIONS: In the Upper Courtyard to the right, follow signs for Bedford Hall
 Look for staff with sign number 8 who will direct you to the session.

9. OCCUPATIONAL PENSION COVERAGE – ISSUES AND OPTIONS

- CHAIR:** Minister for Social Protection, Leo Varadkar T.D.
VENUE: E213, First Floor, Bedford Suite, Upper Courtyard
DIRECTIONS: In the Upper Courtyard to the right, follow signs for Bedford Hall
 Look for staff with sign number 9 who will direct you to the session.



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