

Environmental Protection Agency National Water Event 2014

Protecting and Improving Water Quality

PROGRAMME

11th-12th June 2014

Galway Bay Hotel,
Salthill, Galway

08:30 a.m. Registration Tea & Coffee

09:45 **Welcome: Mr. Gerard O'Leary, Director,**
Office of Environmental Enforcement, Environmental Protection Agency

Session 1: Achieving Clean Water

Chairperson: *Ms. Laura Burke, Director General, Environmental Protection Agency*

10:00 **Ms. Maria Graham, Assistant Secretary, Department of
Environment, Community & Local Government**
Water Framework Directive

10:20 **Dr. Matt Crowe, Director, Environmental Protection Agency**
Protecting and Improving Our Water Resources

10:40 **Ms. Claire McCamphill, European Commission**
Fulfilling the Water Framework Directive: European Perspective

11:00 **Panel Discussion**

11:15 **Tea/Coffee & Networking**

Session 2: Citizen Involvement

Chairperson: *Mr. Brendan McGrath, Galway City Council*

11:45 **Ms. Annabel Fitzgerald, An Taisce**
Coastal Water Programmes at An Taisce

12:05 **Mr Fran Igoe, Inland Fisheries**
Practical Implementation of Measures to Improve Water Quality

12:20 **Ms. Margaret Keegan, Environmental Protection Agency**
Engaging Citizens: Septic Tanks and Private Wells

12:40 **Panel Discussion**

12:45 **Lunch 12:45—14:00.**

Session 3: Protecting Health and Water Quality

Chairperson: *Mr. Tom Barry, Carlow County Council*

14:00 **Dr. Una Fallon, Health Service Executive**
Connecting Health Surveillance Data and Water Quality

14:20 **Mr. David Lenihan, Kerry County Council**
Protecting Health at Bathing Waters

14:40 **Ms. Derval Devaney, Environmental Protection Agency**
Drinking Water Safety—from Planning to Action

15:00 **Panel Discussion**

15:15 **Tea/Coffee & Networking**

Session 4: Investing in Water Services

Chairperson: *Mr. Frank Clinton, Environmental Protection Agency*

15:45 **Mr. David Flynn, Environmental Protection Agency**
Investment Priorities in Urban Waste Water and Drinking Water

16:05 **Ms. Cathy Mannion, Commission of Energy Regulation**
Balancing Economic and Environment Regulation of Water Services

16:25 **Mr. Ray O'Dwyer, Irish Water**
Water Service Operation Improvements and Process Optimisation

16:45 **Panel Discussion and Close Day 1**

19.30 **Conference Dinner**

09:00 a.m. **Registration Day 2 with Tea & Coffee**

Session 5: Sustainable Agriculture

Chairperson: *Mr. Andy Fanning, Environmental Protection Agency*

09:15 **Mr. Pat Duggan, Department of Environment, Community & Local Government**
New Nitrates Regulation and National Action Programme

09:35 **Mr Thomas Ryan, Irish Farmers Association**
Smart Farming

09:55 **Mr. Bill Callanan, Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine**
Agriculture and Water Quality

10:15 **Panel Discussion**

10:25 **Tea/Coffee & Networking**

Session 6: Water Protection in the Wider Environment

Chairperson: *Mr. Charles Stanley-Smith, An Taisce*

11:00 **Mr. Mark Adamson, Office of Public Works**
EU Flood Directive in the Context of the Water Framework Directive

11:20 **Dr. Eugene Nixon, Marine Institute**
Marine Strategy Framework Directive Implementation to Date

11:40 **Mr. Micheál O'Cinnéide, Environmental Protection Agency**
Social Learning & the Water Framework—Sweden, Finland, Scotland & Ireland

12:00 **Panel Discussion**

12:15 **Summary & Closing Remarks**

12:30 **LUNCH**