



Global Irish Civic Forum - Dublin Castle, 4-5 May 2017

<i>Thursday 4 May</i>	
08.30 – 09.00	- Registration -
09.00 – 09.15	Welcome Remarks: Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade, Charles Flanagan TD
09.15 – 09.45	Achieving with the Irish Abroad Minister of State for the Diaspora and International Development, Joe McHugh TD
09.45 – 11.15	Panel Discussion: 'Evolving Global Irish Communities – Meeting their needs and identifying opportunities for collaboration'
11.15 – 11.45	- Tea & Coffee / Networking Opportunity -
11.45 – 13.00	Workshops: Moderated workshops running in parallel discussing the Implementation of 'Global Irish: Ireland's Diaspora Policy'
13.00 – 14.30	- Lunch & Networking Opportunity - <i>Breakout session on mental health with input from key speakers and practitioners</i>
14.30 – 16.00	Panel Discussion: 'Communicating Better in a Digital Age: Using New Tools to Stay Connected'
16.00 – 16.15	- Tea & Coffee / Networking Opportunity -
16.15 – 17.40	Panel Discussion: 'Imagining an Irish Culture for the Future – Representing a new Ireland and engaging future generations of the Irish abroad'
18.00 – 20.00	Evening Networking Event: 'Connecting Irish communities abroad with Irish business,' Hosted by Minister for the Diaspora, Joe McHugh TD



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<i>Friday 5 May</i>	
09.00 – 10.00	<p>Presentation:</p> <p>'A Department Innovating to Support our Citizens Abroad'</p> <p><i>Presentations by DFAT officials working on the range of supports for the Irish abroad, including on Passport and Consular services</i></p>
10.00 – 10.30	<p><i>- Tea & Coffee, Q&A Opportunity with Passport and Consular Units, including online demos for new on-line passport system -</i></p>
10.30– 11.45	<p>Panel Discussion:</p> <p>'Voting Rights in Presidential Elections'</p>
11.50 – 13.15	<p>Workshops (Round One)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Governance for the 21st Century (x2) • Planning for the Future and New Diaspora needs • Fundraising Strategies and Diversification • Cultural Heritage Programming
13.15– 14.30	<p><i>- Lunch & Networking Opportunity -</i></p> <p><i>Breakout session on supporting and maximising opportunities for returning emigrants with input from key speakers from practitioners</i></p>
14.35– 16.00	<p>Workshops (Round Two)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Better Governance for the 21st Century (x2) • Planning for the Future and New Diaspora needs • Fundraising Strategies and Diversification • Cultural Heritage Programming
16.00 – 16.25	<p><i>- Tea & Coffee / Networking Opportunity -</i></p>
16.30 – 17.30	<p>Wrap-up Session:</p> <p>Reporting from workshops and closing event</p>