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# **Inter-Parliamentary Conference on Agriculture. “Securing the future of farming, from policy to practice. Generational renewal, women in agriculture and food security.”**

## **Agenda – Programme**

**Draft Programme as of 10 June 2026**

**26 – 27 July 2026**

**Printworks Conference Centre, Dublin Castle**

## **Securing the future of farming, from policy to practice. Generational renewal, women in agriculture and food security**

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

- From 15:00 -18:30 Arrival of delegations and registration at conference hotels
- 18:30 Departure by bus from hotels to Dublin Castle
- 19:00-22:00 Welcome dinner, hosted by the Houses of the Oireachtas in St. Patrick's Hall, Dublin Castle
- Welcome by **Aindrias Moynihan T.D.** Cathaoirleach (Chair) of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food
- 22:00 Departure to hotels by bus

### **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July**

- 08:00-09:00 Arrival and registration at the conference venue
- 09:00-09:15 Opening remarks**  
Welcome by **representative** from the Houses of the Oireachtas  
**[TBC]**
- Introduction by **Aindrias Moynihan T.D.** (moderator), Cathaoirleach (Chair) of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food
- 09:15-10:40 Session I: "Overview of policies regarding women and generational renewal in farming, across Europe."**
- 09:15-09:45 Presentations from panelists
- Ms. Esther de Lange**, Head of the Cabinet of Commissioner Christophe Hansen, EU Commission
- Representative** from the EU Parliament **[TBC]**
- Ms. Sinéad McPhillips**, Secretary General of the Irish Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine
- 09:45-10:40 Debate and comments from the floor

10:40-11:00 Coffee break

**11:00-12:30 Session II “Example of best practice in countries with successful policies in regard to generational renewal / encouraging women into farming”**

11:00-11:30 Presentations from panelists

**Mr. Johannes Abentung**, Secretary General of the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management, Austria

**Mr. Rolandas Taraškevičius**, Deputy Minister at the Ministry of Agriculture, Republic of Lithuania

**Mr. Peter Meedendorp**, President of the European Council of Farmers (CEJA)

11:30-12:30 Debate and comments from the floor

12:30-12:45 Family photo

12:45-14:00 Lunch

**14:00-15:45 Session III “Lived experience – how generational renewal and involvement of women in agriculture is vital to EU food security”**

14:00-14:40 Presentations from panelists

**Ms. Josephine O’Neill**, President of Macra na Feirme

**Professor Frank O’Mara**, Director of Teagasc

**Ms. Hannah Quinn-Mulligan**, Director Tory Hill House Farm, Co. Limerick

**Dr. Maura Farrell**, Professor in the school of Geography, Archaeology and Irish Studies, University of Galway

14:40-15:45 Debate and comments from the floor

15:45-16:00 **Closing remarks**

By **Aindrias Moynihan T.D.**, Cathaoirleach of the Joint Committee on Agriculture and Food

16.00 End of conference