

ACCELERATE

The Transition to a Net Zero Future

Programme

09:30 – 10:00 Registration and Tea/Coffee

10:00 – 10:10 **Dearbhail McDonald**, MC
Chandrika Narayanan-Mohan, Poet

10:10 – 10:20 Open and welcome address, **Alex White**, Director General, IIEA

10:20 – 10:45 Keynote address from **Michael Liebreich**, Co-Managing Partner, EcoPragma Capital & CEO, Liebreich Associates

10:45 – 11:05 **Michael Liebreich** Q&A

11:05 – 11:55 **Regulatory Challenges Delivering Net Zero by 2050**

Introductory comments from **Dearbhail McDonald**

Panellists:

- **Jim Gannon**, Chairperson and Commissioner at CRU
- **Laura Brien**, Chief Executive at MARA
- **John French**, Chief Executive of the Utility Regulator, Northern Ireland

11:55 – 12:25 **Keynote address - Geopolitics of Energy** from **Olivia Lazard**, Research Fellow at Carnegie Europe

12:25 – 13:40 Lunch and networking

13:45 – 14:00 **The Past Predicting the Future** - you don't want to miss this!!!

The possibilities for wind power and hydrogen as seen in 1979, with **Peter O'Shea**, Head of Corporate & Regulatory Affairs at ESB and special guests.

14:00 – 14:45 A Fireside Chat with **Minister Eamon Ryan** and **Marguerite Sayers**, Deputy Chief Executive at ESB in the company of **Michael Liebreich**

14:45 – 15:35 **Policy and Technology - Solving for NetZero by 2050**

Introductory comments from **Paul Deane**, Research Fellow at MaREI, UCC

Panellists:

- **Barbara Finamore**, Senior Visiting Research Fellow, The Oxford Institute for Energy Studies
- **Serge Colle**, Global Energy & Resources Industry Market Leader; Global Power & Utilities Sector Leader at Ernst Young
- **Avery Johnstone**, Associate, Global Decarbonization Hub & Global Chair, Leaders 2050 at KPMG
- **Jim Dollard**, Executive Director, Generation & Trading at ESB

15:35 – 15:55 Keynote address from **Paddy Hayes**, Chief Executive Officer at ESB

16:00 Conference Close

16:00 – 17:00 Drinks Reception