



Northern Ireland Climate Change Impacts Partnership

## **The Northern Ireland Climate Change Impacts Partnership (NICCIP)**

### ***Background***

Following up a recommendation from the 2007 DOE/Scotland and Northern Ireland Forum for Environmental Research report ('Preparing for a Changing Climate in Northern Ireland'<sup>1</sup>) the NICCIP was established in March 2007. Its aim is to widen the understanding and knowledge of the impacts of climate change within Northern Ireland and the adaptation actions necessary to deal with it. The partnership consists of representatives from central and local government, the business community, the voluntary sector and professional organisations.

### ***Terms of Reference***

The objectives of the group are as follows:

- To promote, through partnership, the ownership across relevant social, economic and environmental sectors of issues relating to climate change adaptation;
- To increase the adaptive capacity of organisations across all sectors;
- To provide a forum for discussion and a link between organisations concerned with climate change adaptation issues;
- To develop a programme of activities e.g. joint research, study, events, visits, seminars etc;
- To provide members with information and links to regional, national and international activities on impacts and adaptation;
- To consider the relevance of mitigation to the interests of the partnership; and
- To develop and consolidate membership of appropriate organisations and develop governance arrangements.

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<sup>1</sup> The SNIFFER report can be accessed at the [SNIFFER website](#)

## ***NICCIP Membership***

Federation of Small Businesses  
Chief Environmental Health Officers Group  
Confederation of British Industry  
Department of Agriculture and Rural Development  
Department of Environment (Air Quality)  
Department of Environment (Climate Change)  
Department of Environment (Planning)  
Department for Regional Development (Roads Service)  
Department of Health Social Service and Public Safety  
Institution of Civil Engineers Northern Ireland  
Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action  
Northern Ireland Environment Agency  
Northern Ireland Environment Link  
Northern Ireland Local Government Association  
Northern Ireland Water  
Scotland and Northern Ireland Forum for Environmental Research  
Sustainable Development Commission (Northern Ireland)  
UK Climate Impacts Programme  
Ulster Farmers Union

## ***Activities***

The group meets quarterly in Belfast. The next meeting is on 30<sup>th</sup> April 2009. Recent activities have included:

- The official launch of NICCIP on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008. Copies of presentations are available on <http://www.sniffer.org.uk/our-work/climate-change/niccip.aspx>
- Publication of Climate Change: what will you do? Report of a survey of NI people, politicians and key decision makers. Report is available on <http://www.sniffer.org.uk/our-work/climate-change/niccip.aspx>
- NI Environment Committee – Inquiry into climate change. NICCIP prepared and submitted a report of evidence to the inquiry in February 2009.
- NICCIP is currently developing a newsletter and database of climate change contacts in Northern Ireland.

### ***Contacting NICCIP***

Secretariat functions of NICCIP are provided by the Scotland and Northern Ireland Forum for Environmental Research (SNIFFER)<sup>2</sup>. NICCIP can be contacted through:

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<sup>2</sup> For more information on SNIFFER, please visit the website <http://www.sniffer.org.uk/>