## Thursday 4 May

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<td>08.30 – 09.00</td>
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| 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**  
Breakout session on mental health with input from key speakers and practitioners |
| 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 |
# Global Irish Civic Forum - Dublin Castle, 4-5 May 2017

## Friday 5 May

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| 09.00 – 10.00 | **Presentation:** 'A Department Innovating to Support our Citizens Abroad'  
Presentations by DFAT officials working on the range of supports for the Irish abroad, including on Passport and Consular services |
| 10.00 – 10.30 | - Tea & Coffee, Q&A Opportunity with Passport and Consular Units, including online demos for new on-line passport system - |
| 10.30 – 11.45 | **Panel Discussion:** ‘Voting Rights in Presidential Elections’                           |
| 11.50 – 13.15 | **Workshops** (Round One)  
- 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 | - Lunch & Networking Opportunity -  
Breakout session on supporting and maximising opportunities for returning emigrants with input from key speakers from practitioners |
| 14.35 – 16.00 | **Workshops** (Round Two)  
- 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 | - Tea & Coffee / Networking Opportunity -                                                   |
| 16.30 – 17.30 | **Wrap-up Session:**  
Reporting from workshops and closing event                                                   |