



This charter is a public expression of commitment to achieve an Ireland where food is consumed, not wasted.

Ireland, along with almost 200 other countries, has committed to achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, including:

“By 2030, halve per capita global food waste at the retail and consumer levels and reduce food losses along production and supply chains, including post-harvest losses.”

We accept our responsibility to be part of the solution to wasted food – from farm and fishing boat; through processing, distribution and retail; to final consumption.

We will build on existing good practice and strong political commitment to take effective actions to reduce the waste of food.

We recognise the positive social and environmental impacts of stopping food waste and realise the economic benefit associated with efficiencies in food production and consumption.

We acknowledge the successful work already being done along the supply chain and will continue to work with people, businesses and communities towards the following objectives:

- Adhere to the food waste hierarchy, prioritising the prevention of food waste.
- Build an awareness and understanding of food waste and its issues.
- Promote innovative food waste prevention solutions.
- Implement technical and behavioural interventions to reduce food waste.
- Gather and share reliable and accurate food waste information to identify areas for improvement and to measure progress.

The Minister for Communications, Climate Action and Environment and the Director General of the Environmental Protection Agency endorse this charter, and confirm their commitment to providing leadership and support in this area.

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