



*Nanotechnology: markets, potential and future applications
(Opening session)*

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Donald Fitzmaurice is a Director of the General Partner of ePlanet Fund II based in the fund's London office. Donald is also an Adjunct Professor at University College Dublin. With over one hundred and fifty publications and patents to his name, he is established as a leading researcher in the field of nanotechnology. Recently, he was elected a member of the Royal Irish Academy and was awarded the Boyle-Higgins medal. He founded a number of start-ups to exploit his research including Ntera, an innovative display company, and TopChem, a company developing specialized process technology to the pharmaceutical sector. Currently, Prof. Fitzmaurice is serving his third term as a member of the Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council, the body responsible for advising the national government on scientific developments. In his capacity as a Venture Partner in the ePlanet Fund I, he led the investments in HPL, SpinX and BiancaMed. Donald's interests extend beyond nanotechnology, to the two other key enabling technologies – biotechnology and information and communication technology. He is particularly interested in the convergence of these key enabling technologies and the emergence, as a result, of innovative and disruptive technologies that address the unmet needs of major markets.