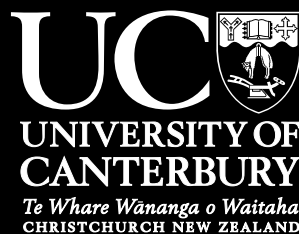











Final Report from the 2020 – 2021
Aotearoa SDG Summit Series



Aotearoa SDG Summit Series 2020–2021



1. Summary and key stats

-  The University of Canterbury and Lincoln University co-hosted the 2020-2021 Aotearoa SDG Summit Series. In this they were supported by Ara Institute of Technology and Christchurch City Council.
-  It consisted of five online events
-  In total, 1356 people registered for these events, with over 950 people actually attending
-  83 speakers
-  16 project showcase presenters
-  12 guests on the main stage at the final, Virtual Summit
-  160 individuals and organisations signed the SDG Summit Declaration on the day. This has now grown to 199 individuals and organisations
-  936,733 people were reached (including impressions) across the entire Summit Series (Sept 2020 – October 2021) through social media channels, including those of the partner organisations
-  Almost 5,000 website clicks in August 2021, around the time of the online pivot announcement.

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3. Introduction

New Zealand, along with all other member states of the United Nations, adopted the Sustainable Development Goals in 2015.

In 2018, Victoria University of Wellington hosted the first national SDG Summit, with the intention that these be passed around the universities in a sequence leading to 2030. The second Summit was held in Auckland in 2019, co-hosted by the University of Auckland and Auckland University of Technology.

In 2019, the New Zealand Government also made its first Voluntary National Review on progress against the SDGs. This report noted the national SDG Summits, overseen by a panel within Universities New Zealand, as a significant contribution. The report outlined a number of areas where New Zealand was making good progress.

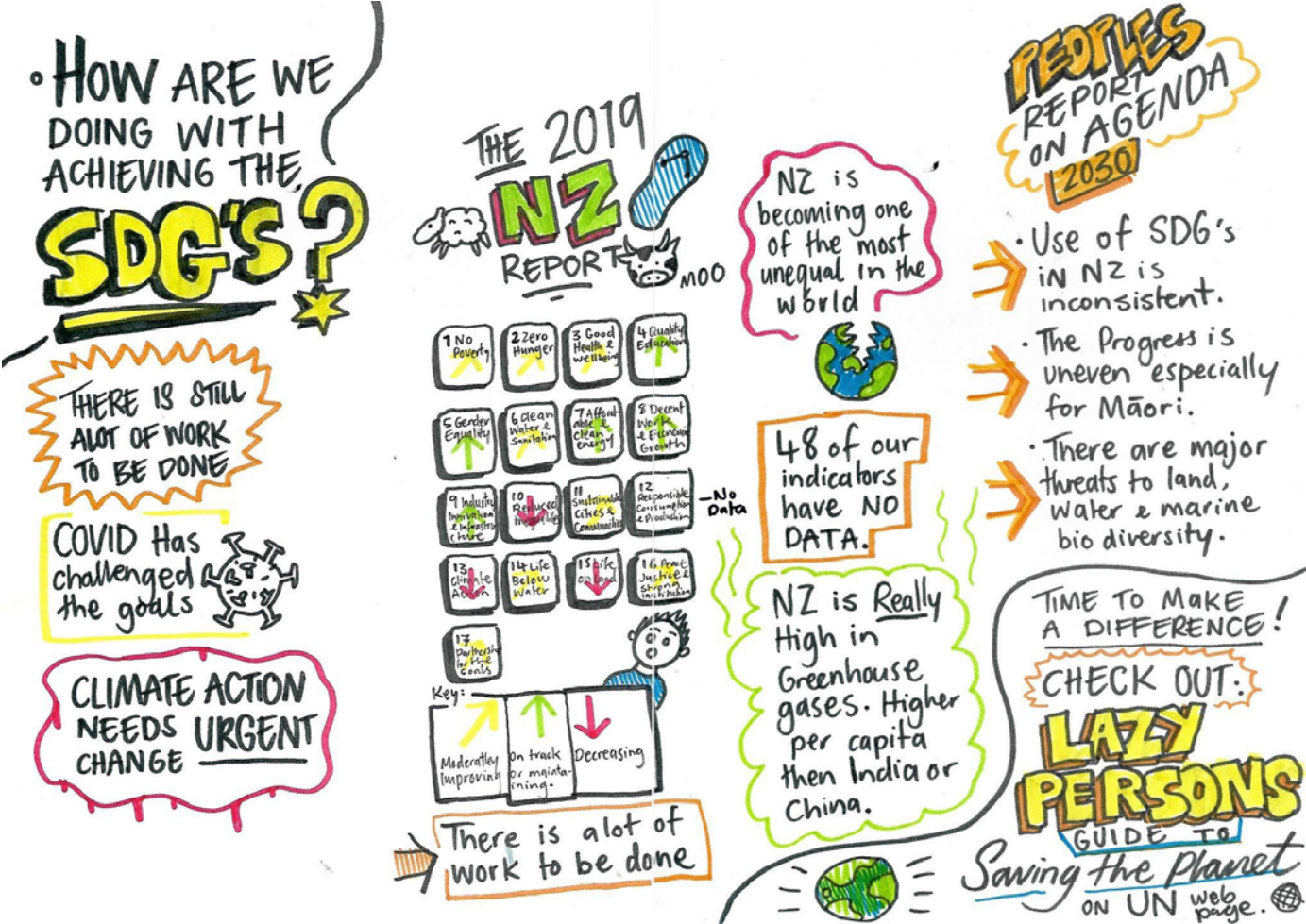
However, as highlighted at the 2019 Summit, Third / NGO / non-profit / Civil Society Organisations Sector, led by Hui E! Community Aotearoa, had also published its Peoples' Report. This was critical of the Government's progress and highlighted worsening situations for our most vulnerable communities and ecosystems. It argued that there was not nearly enough focus on the SDGs within Government, and echoed a call from the first national SDG Summit that there needed to be a Minister for the SDGs.

In early 2020, New Zealand experienced its first cases of Covid-19, and the country went into a near total lockdown. Planning for the third Summit, to be co-hosted by the University of Canterbury and Lincoln University, commenced in earnest in this context. The idea quickly emerged of an

online Summit Series, to be capped off by a two-day in-person event in Ōtautahi Christchurch in 2021. The idea of this was to maintain momentum in uncertain event-planning times, while providing enough time to canvas a wide variety of ideas and projects supporting work towards the SDGs. This would also create space to develop a community of practice or network of parties interested in working together to advance the SDGs. This network, or Alliance as it came to be known, would take a Treaty-led governance approach, and be fundamentally multi-sectoral.

The planned two-day in-person event could not be held due to another nationwide lockdown in August and September of 2021. Instead, the two-day event was condensed into a one-day online event, followed by a two-hour special session the following day.

The full day event was notable for many reasons, including the opening address by Hon. Minister Nanaia Mahuta, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and Minister for Local Government. In her address, the Minister pointed to some of the good work the Government has been doing, while also acknowledging that they could be, and needed to be, doing a lot more. In particular, she acknowledged the report of the Office of the Auditor General about the Government's preparedness to implement the SDGs, which had been released two days earlier. The report echoed many of the findings of the earlier Peoples' Report in calling for more focus within Government on the SDGs. The Minister indicated that a response to this report would be forthcoming. The Office of the Auditor General also spoke at the event, outlining what their report had said.



Hui #1: "How are we doing with achieving the SDGs?" Graphic illustration by Kophie Hulsbosch.

4. Summit Series Organisation Process

The University of Canterbury and Lincoln University began discussing co-hosting the third SDG Summit in mid-2019.

Progress was slow until the report on the second Summit's outcomes had been produced. University of Auckland passed the list of attendees to the University of Canterbury, along with a list of people who had been on the Stakeholder Group for that event. However, there was not a lot of 'event infrastructure' to pass on.

UC and Lincoln therefore set about firming up a decision-making and delivery structure for the third Summit, along the following lines:

1. Develop a Working Group
Cohosts identified key organisations who would ideally be a part of this event, which included Ara Institute of Canterbury and Christchurch City Council. These then - Collaboratively formed a clear Terms of Reference.
Mana whenua were approached for their support of the event and a commitment to participate. Further planning was not progressed until this had been secured.
The Working Group agreed that it should proceed in such a way that any 'event infrastructure' it developed could be easily passed on to future hosts. Succession planning was therefore at the forefront of the Working Group's mind throughout the process.
2. Enhance the role of the national Stakeholder Group
This group had been formed to be a sounding board for ideas for the 2019 SDG Summit. However, it did not appear active. The Working Group surveyed the list of people on the Stakeholder Group to identify
 - a. what their experience of being on the Stakeholder Group was
 - b. what content from the 2019 Summit they most valued
 - c. what the key purposes of the next Summit should be.
 - d. The Working Group then developed a draft Terms of Reference for the Stakeholder Group and convened an online meeting of the Stakeholder Group to discuss the survey results and confirm the ToR.
 - e. The Stakeholder group then selected its own co-chairs and commenced monthly meetings.
3. Programme development
In consultation with the Working Group, the Stakeholder Group devised a Summit Series as three online hui leading up to a face-to-face summit. This plan took into account the feedback from the Stakeholder Group survey.

4. Programme delivery
A conference organiser (Erica Austin of EA Curation) was contracted by the University of Canterbury to deliver the programme as developed. The programme was further refined through an iterative process between the different parties.
5. Event evaluation and reporting
Surveys were undertaken after each hui in the Series, to help further shape next steps. These surveys were of both participants and speakers, and both the Working Group and Stakeholder Group discussed the results.
A list of participants in both of these groups is in the appendices.

4.1 Stakeholder Group Priorities

The goals defined by the Stakeholder Group through the initial survey and in subsequent discussion as being most important were:

1. "Leadership: clear motivation from community leaders, clarifying the importance, mandate and need for change, agenda setting"
How the Working Group planned to meet this goal:
Ongoing liaison with the Prime Minister's office about her possible involvement, or involvement of another minister
Liaison with the Mayor of Christchurch's office regarding her participation
Involvement of leaders from various sectors were present throughout the Summit Series.
2. "Pathways planning: identifying implementation pathways, practical actions and accountabilities"
How the Working Group planned to meet this goal:
 - Workshops at Summit to develop clear action plans that will be published as part of the Summit outcomes. These are pathways to further action.
 - Supporting the development of the SDG Alliance to support this kaupapa.
 - A Summit Declaration to be developed for participants to sign that commits them to collaborate for change in order to achieve the SDGs.

3. "Reporting: reflecting on our progress, understanding context, key issues and opportunities, problem identification"
How the Working Group planned to meet this goal:
Raising the topic of how the SDGs relate to (or don't) te Tiriti o Waitangi.
Including an update from the Victoria University SDG Dashboard project, and a critique of Government approaches by Professor Bronwyn Hayward.
Statistics NZ Indicators Project to be profiled during the Summit event
The Office of the Auditor General's report on the SDGs to be included in the Summit
A workshop on SDGs 101 included in the first online hui in the series, to support an inclusive approach.
The Summit Series was a place for relevant data to be shared; but it was not the role of the Working Group to gather that data.
4. "Inspiration: sharing best practice, case studies of actions, energising participants with inspiring stories"
How the Working Group planned to meet this goal:
Utilise online hui to share case studies of actions and inspiring stories.
Summit programme to include a wide range of inspiring stories and actions.
Ensuring the presence of the Waikato Wellbeing Project throughout the online series, as an example of how the SDGs can be implemented at a regional level.

Ultimately, the Working Group wanted participants at the end of the series to not only know more about the SDGs and their implementation in New Zealand, but also to be able to identify what actions they will personally take, and who they will work with to achieve their goals.

The Working Group was also committed to the ongoing development of the programme of summits out to 2030, largely through the bolstering of the role of the national Stakeholder Group and support of the Aotearoa SDG Alliance. This also included developing a robust process for selecting the host of the next Summit, which was carried out by a sub-committee of the national Stakeholder Group (rather than by the Universities New Zealand Panel on the SDGs). This more transparent process led to a better outcome for all.

4.2 Event Infrastructure Developed

The Working Group established the following digital infrastructure to support planning not only for the Third Summit Series, but for future SDG Summit events:

- Summit website (sdgsummits.nz), paid for by Universities New Zealand and registered until 2030.
- The below social media channels were created
 - Facebook: Aotearoa/New Zealand SDGs Summit Series
 - Instagram: @sdgsummits.nz
 - LinkedIn: Aotearoa/New Zealand SDG Summit Series
- MailChimp newsletter and associated log-ins
- YouTube channel
- Online file storage for key documents on Google Drive
- System for regular updates established for all key parties:
 - Mana whenua
 - Working Group
 - Stakeholder Group
 - Universities New Zealand Panel on the SDGs
 - Sponsors

All of this information is easily transferable to the next Summit host to manage.

5. Content

5.1 Online Hui #1: See The Change

November 2020

The first event in the 2020 – 2021 Series started with a welcome from Corban Te Aika (Ngāi Tūāhuriri) and the voices of youth. Corban was master of ceremonies (MC) for the whole Series, including the final Virtual Summit.

Tāmāti Cunningham spoke about the ecological restoration work he has done with his whanau at his marae, while Lucy Gray spoke about becoming a climate activist at a young age. Dr Pedram Pirnia spoke to the significant data gaps that limit how we can understand New Zealand's progress on the SDGs, in particular the lack of indicators that can work within a te Ao Māori or Te Tiriti-led framework. Raewyn Jones presented on the approach that has been taken to conceptualise the Waikato Wellbeing Project's regional SDG implementation work.

Two workshops followed, exploring the importance of visual story-telling led by James Bishop, and an overview of what the SDGs are and where they fit in the context of international sustainability agreements, led by Dr Allen Hill of Ara Institute of Technology, and the Stakeholder group's co-chair.

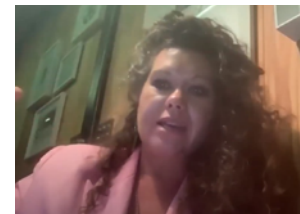
Over 100 people attended this two hour event.

[Watch Online Hui #1 here.](#)



5.2 Online Hui #2: Be The Change

March 2021



Sacha McMeeking, Kāi Tahu



Norm Hill, Waikato-Tainui

The second event in the series picked up on some of the themes touched on in the first, and delved deeper into them. It started with an overview of what data is being collected on the SDGs through the SDG Dashboard project at Victoria University of Wellington, as explained by Professor Girol Karacaoglu (Head of School of Government, Victoria University of Wellington). Professor Bronwyn Hayward of the University of Canterbury offered an overview of how the New Zealand Government was performing on the SDGs, and highlighted issues around Te Tiriti o Waitangi relating to the SDGs.

Ronja levers of Hui-E! Community Aotearoa spoke to the notion of an SDG Alliance, and contact addresses were collected of people who would like to be part of that kaupapa.

Two panels then followed, one on Sustainable Food Production Systems chaired by Dr Wim de Koning of Lincoln University, and the other on Te Tiriti and the SDGs chaired by Corban Te Aika. The first of these featured a young farmer who is studying sustainability at Lincoln University - , along with Dr Gwen Grelet (Landcare Research) on some aspects of regenerative agriculture, and Brendan Hoare, an organic systems consultant on opportunities within the expanding organic sector.

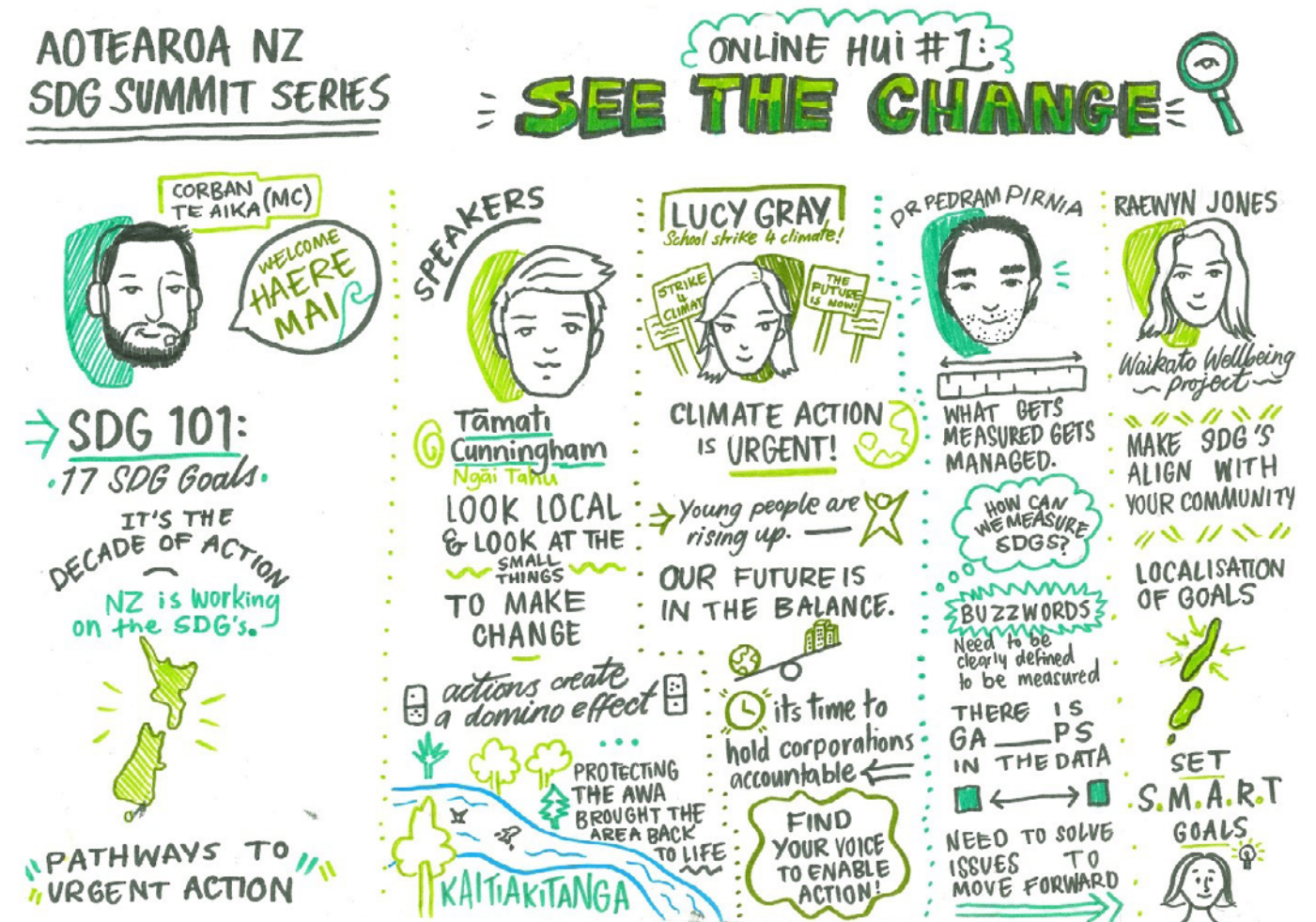
Sacha McMeeking, Norm Hill and Moko Morris each spoke directly to the problematic nature of the SDGs in relation to indigenous peoples and Te Tiriti in Aotearoa.

The idea of an SDG Summit Declaration was floated at this session, and names gathered of people who would like to take this forward.

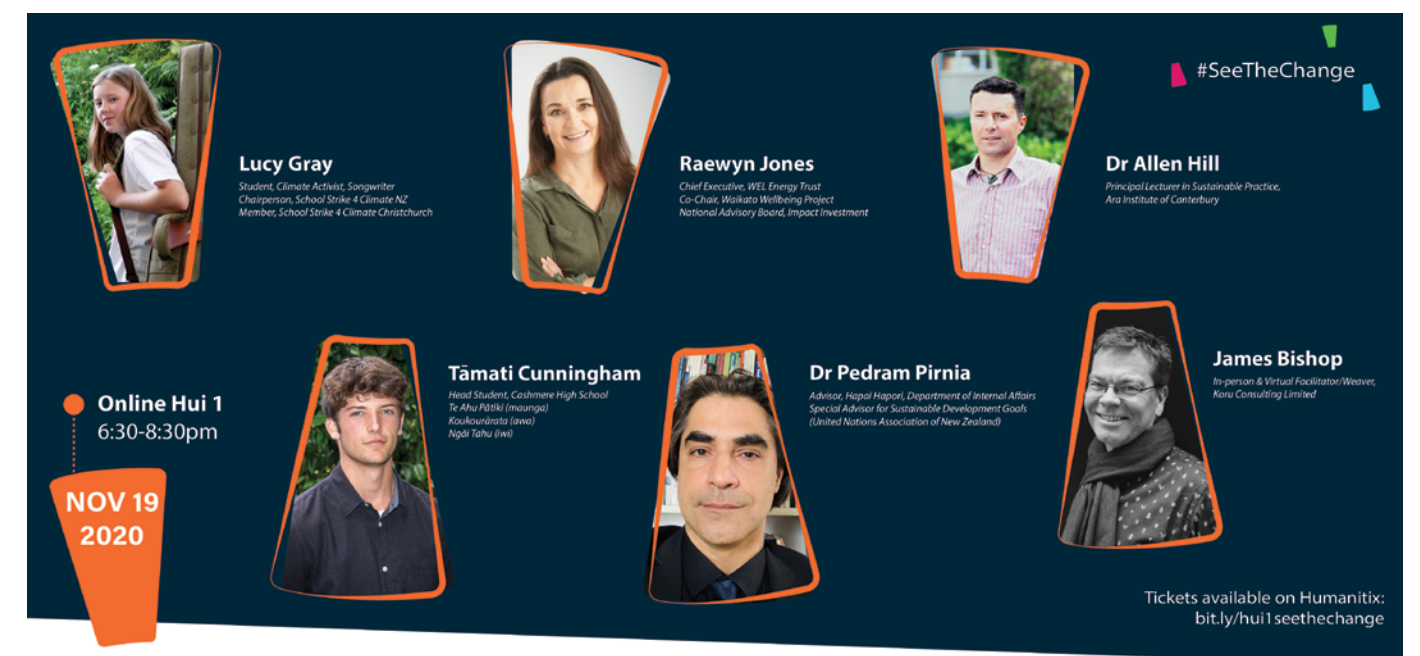
A workshop led by the Sustainable Business Council's CE Mike Burrell explored some of the ways many businesses of all scales are incorporating sustainability into their processes. A lively debate occurred revolving around the question of when such reporting is authentic and when it might be called 'green washing'. This included how businesses can commence the sustainability journey, and be celebrated for doing so, without overselling what they are able to manage.

Again, over 100 people attended this 2.5 hour event.

[Watch Online Hui #2 here.](#)



Hui #1: "See the Change". Graphic illustration by Kophie Hulsbosch.



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PANEL ONE Ensuring Sustainable Food Production Systems

Sacha McMeeking
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Moko Morris
Te Aitanga A Mahaki, Te Atiawa
Kapiti District Council |
SDG Stakeholder Group

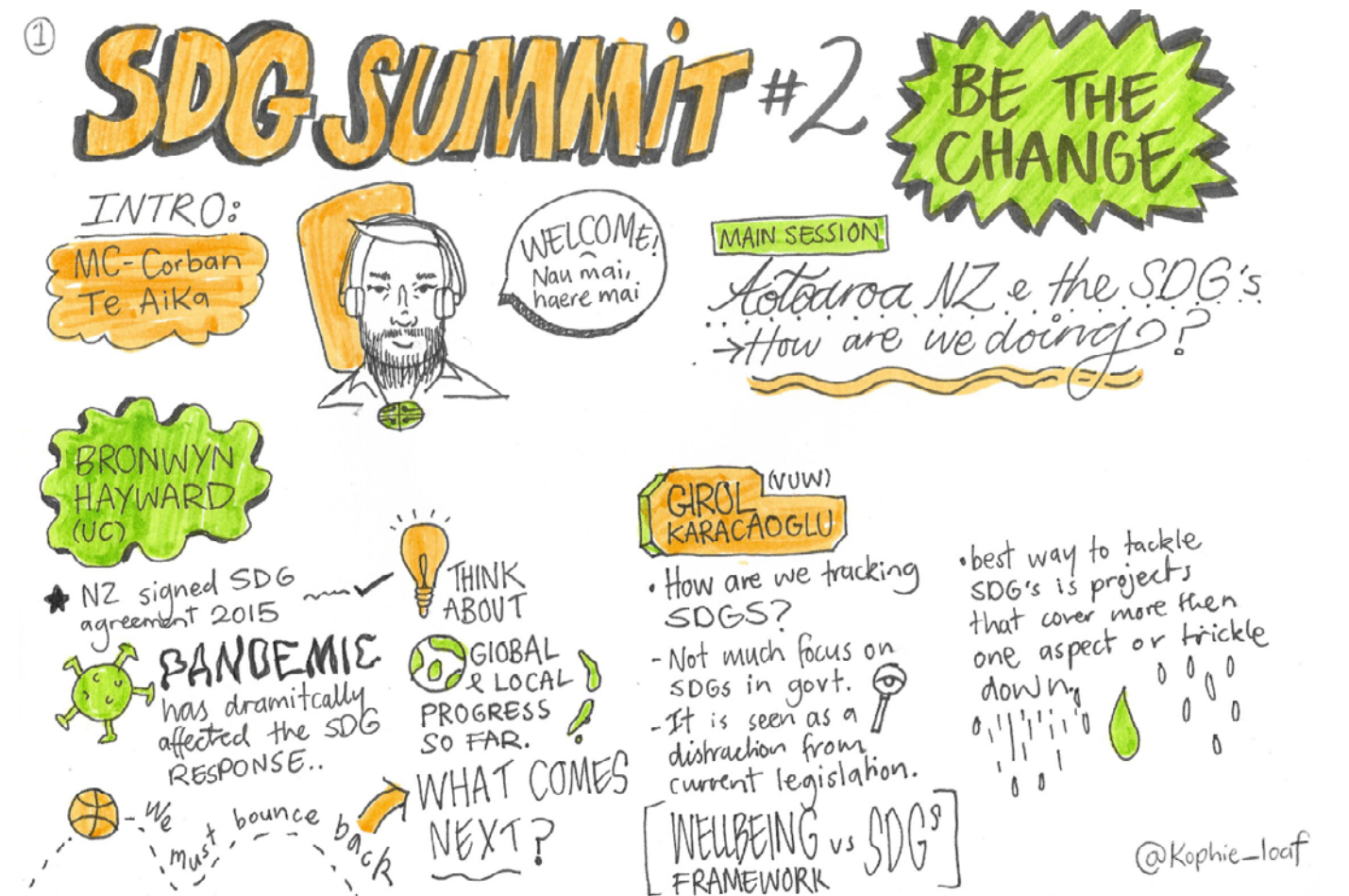
March 25
7-9:30pm

Norm Hill
Ngāti Whawhākia, Ngāti Naho, Ngāti Mahanga
Hamilton City Council

PANEL CHAIR
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PANEL TWO Te Tiriti and the SDGs



Hui #2: "Be the Change" Graphic illustration by Kophie Hulsbosch.



Hui #2: "Te Tiriti and the SDGs" Graphic illustration by Kophie Hulsbosch.

5.3 Online Hui #3: Working Together For Change

June 2021



Professor Steven Ratuva



Raihānia Tipoki (Ngā Uri Taniwha o Hinekōrako, Ngāti Kahungunu, Rangitāne, Rongowhakaata, Te Iwi Moriori)



Elisha Vili-Umaga



Mahlon and Atarau

The third event in the series was designed to focus primarily on Pasifika and youth issues. Since the second hui, Hui-E! Community Aotearoa had run two workshops on the SDG Alliance, and an update on this was provided by Ronja Ievers. Two panels then followed, the first chaired by Professor Steven Ratuva. This honed in on sustainable development issues in the Pacific, pointing particularly to the problematic nature of tick box measurement and ranking exercises done to developing nations by the UN. The SDGs are not always a positive experience for peoples. Local communities, as described by Joeli Veitayaki (Director, International Ocean Institute Pacific Islands, University of the South Pacific) and Diana Hinge Salili have generated some of the best outcomes. The panel also highlighted the connections between Aotearoa and especially its Māori population, and the various peoples of the Pacific. Raihānia Tipoki (Ngā Uri Taniwha o Hinekōrako, Ngāti Kahungunu, Rangitāne, Rongowhakaata, Te Iwi Moriori) shared his personal experiences of voyaging from Aotearoa New Zealand to the islands, and the similarities he observed.

The second panel was chaired by Professor Bronwyn Hayward and began with a representative of the Office of the Children's Commission, Sarah Morris, speaking to the importance of children's and young people's voices being included in decision-making processes. Several young people echoed this.

These included two who work with the Electoral Commission (Mahlon Saumulu and Atarau Hamilton). Two Pasifika young women from Rangi Ruru School (Elisha Vili-Umaga and Camille Perelini) shared the work they do supporting new Pasifika families when they arrive in Christchurch. Finally, Lucy Gray, whose work with School Strike 4 Climate had opened the series back in November, shared her thoughts on youth-led action. Parallel to these panels was a workshop with Sally Wilkins and Roger Robson-Williams from Proxima Consulting and Landcare Research respectively on the Future Fit tool.

Again, around 100 people attended this session.

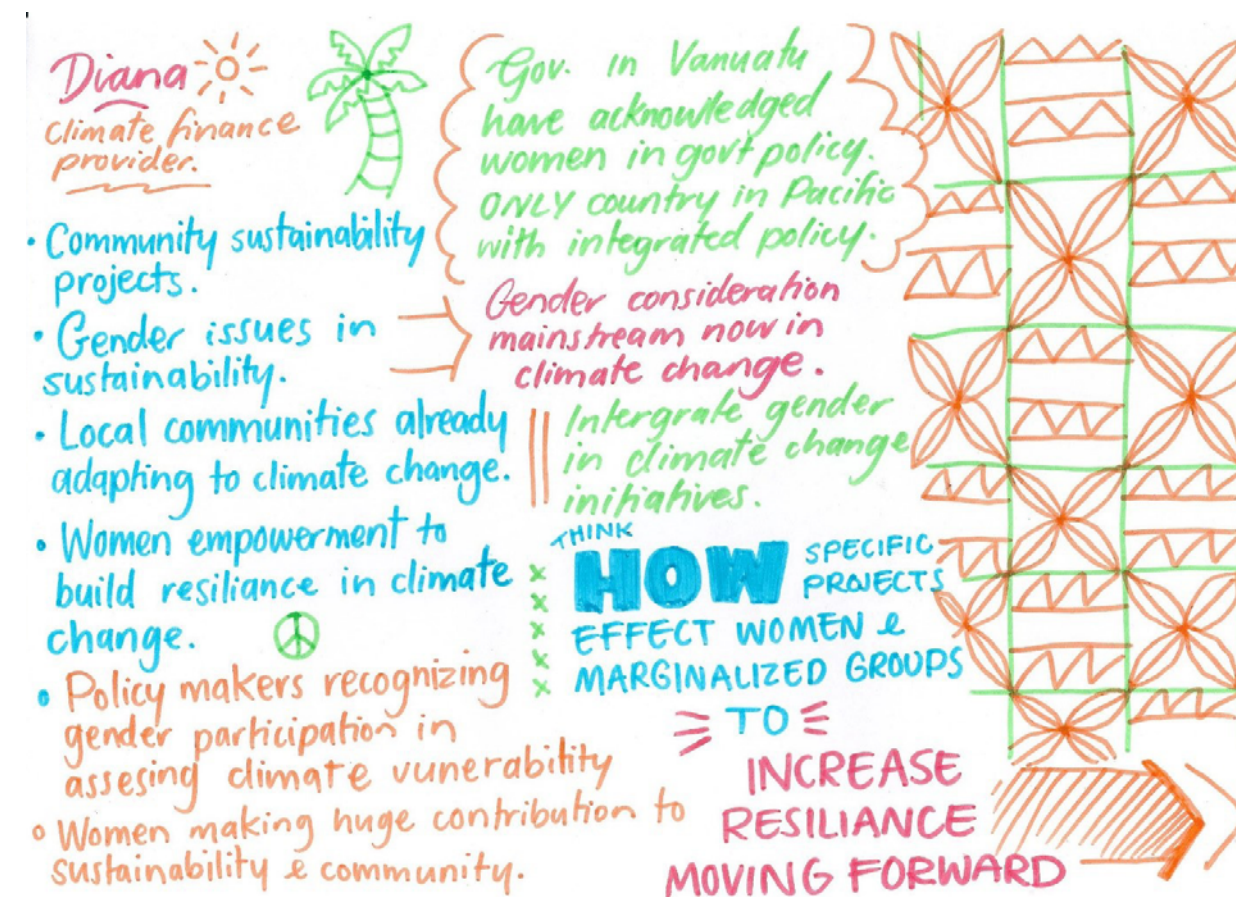
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Hui #3: "Aotearoa, the Pacific and the SDGs" Graphic illustration by Kophie Hulsbosch.



SDG Art Exhibition and launch of the 2020-2021 SDG Summit Series. Photo credit to Erica Austin



Hui #3: "Aotearoa, the Pacific and the SDGs" Graphic illustration by Kophie Hulsbosch.

5.4 Virtual Summit

2 – 3 September 2021

Due to COVID-19 lockdowns, the decision was made to host the planned face-to-face Summit as a virtual event. Registrations for this free event were eventually capped at 770, with a waitlist of a further 233 people. The highest number of participants in a session during the day was 489 people, with others dropping in and out of sessions throughout the day.

Participants of the Virtual Summit chose their pathway for action and were immersed in a one-day virtual experience with interactive workshops, project showcases, sector based kōrero and moments to explore accelerating an SDG Alliance and the official signing of a SDG Declaration for Aotearoa.

Guided by Agenda 2030 and the central, transformative promise to #LeaveNoOneBehind, we celebrated the online pivot as an opportunity to create more inclusive opportunities to collaborate for systemic change. Shifting the event online meant we could make the entire experience accessible through sharing session recordings.

Welcome and Opening Address

Corban Te Aika, Ngāi Tūāhuriri, MC
Hon. Minister Nanaia Mahuta

Professor Cheryl de la Rey, Vice Chancellor University of Canterbury

Professor Bruce Mackenzie, Vice Chancellor Lincoln University

489 people attended this session. [View the Minister's korero here.](#) [View the Vice Chancellors' welcomes here.](#)



Interactive Workshops – First Session

Understanding the Treaty as a Framework for the Future for all of us



Presenter: Katherine Peet, Network Waitangi Ōtautahi

The session started where people are and was non-confrontational. This workshop was designed to refresh our understanding and to clarify what the Treaty means today including connections with the United Nations.

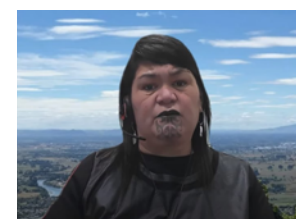
Consideration of ancestry, cultural difference and cultural safety, as well as pre-Treaty and post-Treaty history, issues of colonisation and current social statistics highlighted values-based and place-based new ways of thinking, living and working in 2020. Sharing stories of becoming tangata Tiriti - people who are committed to a Treaty-based future - exposed a shift from decision-making that relies on majoritarianism alone to right relationship with each other and nature, and with tangata whenua.

- Promote the authoritative text of the Treaty: te reo text acknowledged.
- Understand the context of the Treaty: the pre-Treaty story, profiling Rangatiratanga form of authority, the 1835 Declaration.
- Understand the importance of te reo Māori in everyday life: be aware of frightening "keyboard warriors".
- Historical background vital to understand the causes of outcomes: importance of the rollout of histories curriculum in schools.
- Relevance of Briefing paper on the forthcoming National Action Plan Against Racism being organised by the Human Rights Commission
- Step up learning opportunities on Understanding the Treaty in 2021: in schools, in Tertiary institutions, for public servants, for everyone...
- Communications vital: in everyday language, Treaty is for all and is not a hindrance.

[View this session here.](#)



Virtual Summit: "Understanding the Treaty as a Framework for the Future of All of Us"
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Hon. Minister Nanaia Mahuta,
Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade,
and Minister for Local Government



Corban Te Aika
Ngāi Tūāhuriri



Ronja Ievers, Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa
Project Manager, Hui E! Community
Aotearoa

The Role of Tertiary Institutions in Delivery of the SDGs



PRESENTERS: Dr Hafsa Ahmed, Lincoln University Ako Ōtautahi || Dr Mereana Barrett, Ngāti Maniapoto/Ngāi Tūhoe, Massey University || Ehsan Yaeghoobi, Te Pūkenga || Samantha Gardyne, Massey University

Tertiary institutions play a crucial role in the delivery of SDGs. In this session, the facilitators explored two areas:

- a. Teaching and learning approaches that focus on delivery of SDGs and
- b. Institutional responses/approaches which focus on strategy around delivery of SDGs.

[View this session here.](#)

The Gerontological Imagination: Unifying through Our Age Differences



PRESENTER: Jules Xavier-Hendry, Sustainable Ōtautahi Christchurch

This session introduced the Participatory Open Democracy Project by helping those active in the community of differing ages celebrate their separate and common values through the lens of the Sociological Imagination.

[View this session here.](#)

Innovation, Entrepreneurship and the Circular Economy



PRESENTERS: Michelle Polglase, UCE || Ben Scales, Kiwi Fibre Innovation || Milliam Murrell, Kiwi Fibre Innovation

UC Centre for Entrepreneurship supports student-led innovation. Within this session, they facilitated a discussion on the importance of entrepreneurship within our communities for economic development, and showcased opportunities for the circular economy.

How might we reimagine and co-create the future of work? This session explored SDG 8 and possibilities for sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for the entrepreneurs and intrapreneurs among us.

[View this session here.](#)

Statistics NZ's Ngā Tūtohu Aotearoa Wellbeing Indicator Framework



PRESENTERS: Mark Turner, Stats NZ || Maya Gorbatsovsky, Stats NZ

Ngā Tūtohu Aotearoa – Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand presents the big picture of our lives as New Zealanders. More than 100 indicators have been chosen to measure a range of topics. These indicators aim to help all of us monitor progress around our social, cultural, economic, and environmental wellbeing. The indicators support the government's wellbeing vision to provide a more holistic view of wellbeing and sustainable development than a purely economic measure does.

The indicators in Ngā Tūtohu Aotearoa have been mapped to the 17 SDG goals and measures for each goal are provided. Four paths were mapped for participants to engage:

- 1. You can use the data on the website
- 2. You can replicate the data on the website
- 3. We can do it together
- 4. You can help us improve it.

The aim of this session was to explore how the Ngā Tūtohu Aotearoa indicators were developed, how they relate to the SDGs, and to discuss how they could be used to monitor New Zealand's progress towards meeting our SDG goals. Feedback was sought on how Statistics NZ could facilitate ensuring the indicators are beneficial to people.

[View this session here.](#)

Rain Forest & Rights Protection: West Papua as a Pacific case study



PRESENTERS: Grant Rosoman, Greenpeace || Celeste Donovan, West Papua Aotearoa

Rainforests are our strongest defence against climate change and endangered species including rare marsupials and birds not found anywhere else on the planet. Right now these forests are being destroyed by palm oil plantations and these species are being pushed to the brink of extinction. The way of life and livelihoods of indigenous Papuan communities are being destroyed due to the impact of land stolen illegally and with excessive force by the Indonesian military. Papua's forests are among the most biodiverse on Earth, home to at least 20,000 plant species, 602 birds, 125 mammals and 223 reptiles. Indonesia's commodities boom of recent decades – from

palm oil to coal to pulpwood – razed much of the forests on the western islands of Sumatra and Borneo. As the rainforest habitats are destroyed in Indonesia, Indonesian, Korean and Chinese oil palm and timber processing companies are switching focus towards Papua New Guinea, West Papua, Africa and South America to keep up with demand for palm oil.

In this session, Grant Rosoman talked about his own long journey as a campaigner fighting for the last 20 years to protect these precious rainforests and how we can make progress towards achieving our SDG goals to protect these forests and give our planet a better future.

[View this session here.](#)

Office of the Auditor General



Jason Hewett, Performance Audits Manager

Jason presented the key findings from the report *The Government's preparedness to implement the sustainable development goals*, which set out seven recommendations:

- 1. clearly set out New Zealand's commitment to Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the sustainable development goals, including identifying which sustainable development targets New Zealand will aim to achieve by 2030. The Government will also need to consider how it will work with Māori to ensure that this commitment also upholds and reflects te Tiriti o Waitangi, and consult with relevant stakeholders;
- 2. carry out and publish a more comprehensive assessment of the extent to which policies and initiatives address the sustainable development goals and targets;
- 3. set clear expectations for how the sustainable development goals are to be incorporated in government agencies' strategic planning and policy work, and how agencies are expected to work together to ensure an integrated approach to achieving the goals;
- 4. identify appropriate governance arrangements to implement the sustainable development goals. These arrangements should include assigning clear co-ordination and implementation responsibilities to government agencies;
- 5. set out its plan to achieve the sustainable development goals and how it intends to monitor progress. The Government will also need to consider how it will work with Māori and consult with relevant stakeholders when developing the plan. Where possible, the plan should identify what can be achieved through existing policies, structures, and monitoring frameworks;
- 6. urgently build on the work started with Ngā Tūtohu Aotearoa – Indicators Aotearoa New Zealand and the Living Standards Framework dashboard to ensure

that there are appropriate indicators and adequate data to regularly measure progress towards the sustainable development goal targets that New Zealand is aiming to achieve by 2030. The indicators and associated data should be sufficiently disaggregated so they can be used to assess progress for all defined groups, especially those considered the most vulnerable; and

- 7. carry out a review of New Zealand's first Voluntary National Review to identify improvements that can be made for next time, and publicly communicate time frames for the next Voluntary National Review.

[373 people attended this session which can be viewed here.](#)

Collaborating for a Better Future - Forming an SDG Alliance for Aotearoa through Collective of Pou Approach



Facilitated by Ronja levers, Kaiwhakahaere Kaupapa - Project Manager, Hui E! Community Aotearoa

[Please view the introduction to this session here.](#)

This session delved deeper into the proposed SDG Alliance for Aotearoa and how it might operate in practice. Informed by kōrero, papamahi (workshops), rangahau (research) and creative activity, this session brought together people and organisations who are committed to meeting the goals and aspiration of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development through honouring Te Tiriti o Waitangi.

Like the Pou within the wharehenui of our marae, we recognise and acknowledge the networks of people and organisations to act as Pou to support the SDGs.

With rangatiratanga and their own pūmanawa each Pou will operate and determine how they draw on kotahitanga to collectively move in the same direction. This session explored the realities of this concept and how Pou might operate in the context of your organisation, sector, region, and personal commitment.

Nga hua / outcomes from the session were:

- An update was provided on mahi done to date and the concept we propose
- We gained insight into how a Pou might operate within regions, organisations and individual commitment
- We hōnonga / connected with potential Pou and explored roles, responsibilities and barriers for involvement

We identified individuals / organisations willing to be involved in a Pou structure / the alliance.



Inspiration for the SDG Alliance has been drawn from many sources, including this one gifted by the Waikato Wellbeing Project.

Project Showcase

Masters of the Sustainable Development Goals with Massey University



PRESENTER: Samantha Gardyne
[view the presentation here.](#)

Un-complicating the integration of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) into management education programmes with Lincoln University



PRESENTER: Dr Hafsa Ahmed
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Virtual Reality Experiential Education for Sustainability with Victoria University of Wellington



PRESENTER: Christian Schott
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School of Teacher Education SDGs Research & Writing Group with University of Canterbury



PRESENTERS: Glynne Mackey, Misty Sato and Te Hurinui Karaka-Clarke
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Ten New Myths for Humanity



PRESENTER: Alina Siegfried
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Creating a circular economy at Auckland University of Technology



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Art Activism as Change Agent for Sustainability



PRESENTER: Beatrice Cheer
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Sparking rangatahi's curiosity to solve climate challenges through hands-on solar power programmes with Kia Kotahi Ako



PRESENTER: Sarah Grant
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Cantabrians developing climate resiliency through ecosystem restoration with Braid (Braided River Aid)



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Future Living Skills with Sustainable Living Education Trust



PRESENTER: Rhys Taylor
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Acclimatising to higher ground: The realities of life of a Pacific Atoll People with University of Canterbury



PRESENTER: Keith Dixon
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Impact Collective: Rangitikei, Ruapehu, South Taranaki and Whanganui with Impact Collective



PRESENTER: Steve Carey
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Sustainable economic growth for a more prosperous Ōtautahi Christchurch: Using the SDGs at ChristchurchNZ



PRESENTER: Boyd Warren
[View the presentation here.](#)

Why Storytelling Matters with Seeds Podcast



PRESENTER: Steven Moe
[View the presentation here.](#)

Interactive Workshops – Second Session

How critical is collaboration in system change and the conditions necessary for success?



PRESENTERS: Claire Waghorn, Christchurch Airport // Kim Kelleher, Lyttelton Port Company // Melissa Keys, Enable // Caitlin Burns, Connetics // Tahu Stirling, Lyttelton Port Company // Pip Newland, Orion

Collaboration, does it really work? If so, how? The core element of any successful systemic change process is collaboration and wider engagement.

The core cultural and sustainability framework is best reflected in the Māori perspective “The wellbeing of the land and the wellbeing of people cannot be separated”. Business is under pressure to transform, requiring a critical evaluation of complementary instruments and approaches. Attendees at this session heard from five Christchurch business sustainability leaders, charged with delivering sustainability programmes in complex environments across interconnected Sustainability Development Goals (SDGs). What works, what doesn’t, and the conditions you need to have in place for success. The session comprised of lively lightning talks and nimble group workshops with active participation.

[View this session here.](#)

Education 2030: An Intergenerational Conversation on Revisioning Education in Aotearoa New Zealand



PRESENTERS: Jocelyn Pappill, Environment Canterbury (ECAN) || Dr Allen Hill, Ara Institute of Canterbury || Sian Carvell, Future Curious Ltd

There are ever-increasing calls for transformative change in the way humans live with each other and our planet. Education plays a key role in shaping the societies we live in. Up to this point education has brought about many positive improvements, but has also perpetuated inequalities and injustice, whilst ‘equipping people to be more effective vandals of the earth’.

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) paint a picture of what a healthy, just, equitable, regenerative, and sustainable future could look like. A key aspect of achieving the ‘supremely ambitious’ vision of the SDGs is education. That ambition will not be satisfied by more of the same. Rather we need diverse intergenerational voices to come together to revision how education can better contribute a sustainable future.

The three presenters shared their perspectives on education, and specifically sustainability education, before breaking into smaller discussion groups. Due to the Summit going online the reduced number of younger participants meant not all of the groups were intergenerational but all participants engaged in ‘action conversations’ that innovatively re-visioned what education needs to look like in 2030 if we were to really take the SDGs and Te Tiriti o Waitangi seriously. A key outcome from the workshop was the desire to reconvene the conversation soon, inviting a greater range of young people to attend, to tease out what actions we need to take now, and in the coming years, to get to the vision of sustainability at the heart of education.

[View this session here.](#)

Design for Conservation toolkit



PRESENTERS: Dr Gabriela Nuri Baron, University of Auckland || Baptiste Natali, University of Auckland

In this session, participants experimented with highly visual tools that help us tackle environmental conservation challenges through purpose, empathy and rigour. This collaborative, hands-on experience inspired us to commit to our values, to each other and to our land before and during a project, through a step-by step framework for innovation. Design for Conservation (D4C) is an open-access methodological toolkit that trans-disciplinary environmental conservation groups can use to maximise innovation outcomes and ensure meaningful community engagement. The aim is to empower communities to create and be a part of their own solutions autonomously, upholding their values and their independence, and ultimately create a more resilient landscape.

[View this session here.](#)



Tony Moore, Principal Advisor - Sustainability at Christchurch City Council, introducing the SDG Summit Series at the UCE 2019 Impact Summit.

Utilising systems thinking to address waste minimisation and support SDG localisation in Canterbury



PRESENTERS: Suzanne Manning, ESR || Sudesh Sharma, ESR || Dr Annette Bolton, ESR || Justin Connolly, Deliberate

This session provided participants with hands-on systems thinking tools to explore an issue of concern (waste minimisation) and the associated SDGs (11, 12, 13). Participants first articulated the multiple problems that the waste minimisation system tries to address. In small groups, each with one of these problems, participants identified causal factors that influenced the system and made connections between them. The groups then went on to brainstorm possible strategies for changing the system.

[View this session here.](#)

Innovating for change: entrepreneurship, Asia and the SDGs



PRESENTERS: Somsak (Pai) Boonkam, LocalAlike || Marinella Lomotan, Eco Explorations || Adam McConnochie, Asia New Zealand Foundation || Pattraporn (Dao) Yamla-or, Sal Forest || Indi Somardjan, PT Javanero

Asia New Zealand Foundation Te Whītau Tūhono presented an interactive session on how and why entrepreneurs in New Zealand and Southeast Asia are using the SDGs in their businesses.

[View this session here.](#)

Foreseeable Future – Seamless Integration of data to enhance climate and disaster risk reduction



PRESENTERS: Bapon Fakhruddin, Tonkin + Taylor || Manea Sweeny, Tonkin + Taylor || Ilan Noy, Victoria University of Wellington || Tim Grafton, Insurance Council of New Zealand || Burcu Senel, HSBC

Climate change and disaster risks pose a serious threat to communities' physical, social, economic, and environmental conditions. The potential increase in occurrence and intensity of extreme weather events as a result of climate change, coupled with increasing population in vulnerable areas, reinforces that the need for improved prediction and forecasting for the foreseeable future are increasing. This allows for enhanced risk reduction measures to be implemented, as well as providing readiness for emergency responses. Understanding a foreseeable future would enable more informed decision making, allowing users the opportunity to put appropriate prevention in place.

Though the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction (SFDRR 2015-2030), Habitat III, Paris Agreement, and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDG 2030) share resilience building as their common goal, the activities and processes of these policies and frameworks are distinct, not very well-coordinated, and are often duplicated at the country level. A systemic (holistic) approach at the national level to integrate climate change, disaster risk, and sustainable development are necessary using an integrated database.

1. Holistic steering is needed as supply chain leaders navigate climate restoration, network stewardship, and building responsible, equitable supply chains.
2. Accurate and timely climate data is crucial in helping insurer decision-making
3. Complex and difficult problems that require data solutions need data to be FAIR (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and Reusable)
4. With climate change and extreme weather events threatening the planet and humanity, leveraging data, science and technology is not a choice but a necessity
5. Integrating data science into real-world human behaviour holds the key to our future. Engaging with mātauranga Māori, historical knowledge and insights into our data is essential in ensuring sustainability.

[View this session here.](#)

Te Tiriti-based Climate Assemblies for Aotearoa New Zealand



PRESENTER: Cally O'Neill, Te Reo o ngā Tāngata – The People Speak

This workshop was an experience of real-time Deliberative Democracy and why the people of Aotearoa need this now to address the climate crisis together. Participants deliberated on what embodying Te Tiriti o Waitangi partnership in a Climate Assembly will mean. Space was given to share knowledge and perspectives, to listen to each other and to consider likely outcomes.

[View the session here.](#)

Closing Ceremony

Corban Te Aika. Ngāi Tūāhuriri
Professor Ian Wright, University of Canterbury
Professor Grant Edwards, Lincoln University
Councillor Sara Templeton, Christchurch City Council
Dr Allen Hill, Ara Institute of Canterbury
Dr Matt Morris, University of Canterbury
Moko Morris, Te Aitanga A Mahaki, Te Atiawa
Professor Lynda Johnston, University of Waikato
Harvey Brookes, Waikato Wellbeing Project

290 people attended this session. The addresses from Professors Wright and Edwards can be [viewed here](#). Cr Sara Templeton's address can be [viewed here](#). The handing over of the Summit mauri to the University of Waikato can be [viewed here](#).

The event was concluded with Sector Based Kōrero/Virtual Networking Drinks.

5.5 Research Challenges in Meeting Future Climate Change Emission Targets (Day 2)



Facilitated by:

Corban Te Aika. Ngāi Tūāhuriri
Professor Ian Wright, University of Canterbury
Dr Rod Carr, Chair of the Climate Change Commission
Professor Bronwyn Hayward, University of Canterbury
Professor Simon Kingham, University of Canterbury
Dean Fraser, Ngāi Tahu

The purpose of this panel session was to stimulate a conversation on how we can make a difference in solving the challenge of future climate change emission targets.

[154 people attended this two-hour session, which can be viewed here.](#)

6. Evaluation

The series has been evaluated against the expectations established by the Stakeholder Group at the beginning of the process. Participant evaluation has also been undertaken and is presented later in this report.

6.1 “Leadership: clear motivation from community leaders, clarifying the importance, mandate and need for change, agenda setting”

Hon. Minister Nanaia Mahuta attended, and was able to articulate clearly what the Government has achieved with respect to the SDGs, and also acknowledged that the Government needs to do more. The timing of the Office of the Auditor General’s report on the Government’s preparedness to implement the SDGs, which had been released two days earlier, was an important framing device in this discussion and set the tone for much of the discussion. Having a representative from the OAG to present the key findings of their work was invaluable in bolstering support for non-Government led initiatives as well as providing a higher level of critique of the Government’s work than had been previously undertaken (eg the Peoples’ Report, which was profiled at the 2019 Summit).

The Chair of Christchurch City Council’s Sustainability Committee, Cr Sara Templeton, represented the Mayor of Christchurch. Cr Templeton spoke to the need for collaboration and indicated that the Council would consider signing up to the Declaration.

Vice Chancellors from both the University of Canterbury and Lincoln University spoke to their commitment to the SDGs, and affirmed that they had signed the Summit Declaration. They also spoke to their desire to see more collaboration across organisations. A Pro Vice Chancellor from UC, Professor Ian Wright, Deputy Vice Chancellor from Lincoln University, Professor Grant Edwards, and Assistant Vice Chancellor Sustainability from University of Waikato, Lynda Johnston, all spoke on this theme of collaboration to achieve the SDGs. Many academic leaders were involved throughout the whole series, as outlined in section 5 above.

The series involved several youth leaders, business leaders, leaders in the Māori and Pasifika communities and many academic leaders.

The Third / NGO / non-profit/ Civil Society Organisations sector had also been well represented, and a strong outcome from the series was the development of the Aotearoa SDG Alliance. This Alliance, built on a Treaty partnership model, emerged as the main vessel for driving change towards the SDGs in Aotearoa New Zealand.

6.2 “Pathways planning: identifying implementation pathways, practical actions and accountabilities”

A key intention from the face-to-face workshops was to have been the development of action plans that could be owned by the participants. With clear accountabilities and timeframes, this would then set in motion work that could be revisited at future summits. The online nature of the final event meant this could not be achieved in the way originally planned. Many of the workshops functioned mainly as presentations. However, some workshops did incorporate pathways planning, and these are outlined above in Section 5. For example, both education workshops gathered emails and captured key points through padlets. The Education 2030 workshop team committed to working with NZAEE. The Futures Collective would like to follow up with a workshop that could be connected back to SDG kaupapa. It is our hope that follow ups from these workshops can be presented as the Summit programme continues.

The Alliance and the Declaration have both created communities of practice which will undergird many future collaborations.

The transitional process that was developed for a clear handover to the next Summit hosts (University of Waikato), also helped. This was an open and transparent selection process handled by a subcommittee of the Stakeholder Group, and not by the Universities New Zealand Panel on the SDGs. The subcommittee included representatives from the community, local government, business and university sectors. All parties were happy with this process, which saw five organisations put their hands up to host. It is our belief that this reflects a maturing of the SDG Summit kaupapa.

The sector-based korero (drinks and nibbles) session at the end of the day worked surprisingly well. Several Zoom rooms had been set up by sector, and participants opted in for an open-ended discussion. Many felt that this was also where the magic happened. The conversation was rich and interesting, some valuable connections were made and resources shared, and a feeling of community emerged strongly. The Working Group strongly recommends that this format is included in future Summits.

6.3 “Reporting: reflecting on our progress, understanding context, key issues and opportunities, problem identification”

The Working Group has assumed that the Summit should be a platform for SDG reporting to be shared (rather than preparing reports). This was achieved by creating space for several reporting frameworks. These included references to the People’s Report (2019), the SDG Dashboard project (Victoria University of Wellington), Statistics NZ’s Wellbeing Indicators Framework, and of course the report from the Office of the Auditor General on the New Zealand Government’s preparedness to implement the SDGs.

Bringing this reporting in was very grounding for participants, and empowering. This will be more important going forward. We have shown that SDGs are a powerful tool to facilitate change.

6.4 “Inspiration: sharing best practice, case studies of actions, energising participants with inspiring stories”

The whole series was full of inspiring stories, and inspiring, creative expressions. This is important in motivating further change, helping people understand what success can look like and how it can be achieved, especially in the sometimes murky area of collaboration. It can also be incredibly helpful for people to see failures, or processes that did not lead to the outcomes expected.

6.5 Did this event series shift the dial on the SDGs in New Zealand?

It appears through this Summit-creation process, which occurred on many different levels, that the SDG community is more connected. Part of this is the SDG Alliance. Commitment to Te Tiriti and a bicultural foundation to our SDG journey has been enshrined in both the Alliance and the Declaration. We have seen the Government speak directly into this journey and acknowledge that there is more to be done. The foundational work of the first three Summits (2018-2021) does appear to have led to progress on the action for the SDGs in this country.

However, we cannot ignore the fact that on the ground, there is still plenty of work to be done and that in some areas New Zealand’s SDG indicators are moving in the wrong direction.

The discussion regarding where the SDGs fit with te Tiriti o Waitangi is critical to resolve, because this affects the way we have the SDG conversation both within tangata whenua and

tangata Tiriti communities, but also at a more structural level within Government. There has been some important progress in connecting between different communities through the Summit programme, and the Alliance should help to embed a decision-making approach that embodies Te Tiriti.

The series enabled an holistic and inclusive discussion throughout the series. We have proven that we can use the SDGs to have a constructive discussion that can result in actions.

The series also shifted the ways universities can engage with their communities. People could be in a breakout room in a discussion rather than listening to experts. Feedback showed that many people felt included and respected. This is a very different way of doing things. This could be a result of the Working Group not being academic-led.

The series promoted diversity, including as many voices as possible, and the multisectoral approach was very clear. The focus was on change and collaboration, and this came through very strongly. There is a risk that ‘we spoke to a lot of our friends’. How do we invite people who aren’t that engaged? Having said this, around 1000 people registered or tried to register for the Virtual Summit. This showed the impact of being online and free.

The online series was an effective way to bring people on a journey. A lot of people got materials and resources from this - even if they couldn’t attend events. This could be a recommendation for the next Summit hosts: to sustain and grow the community of practice/interest. There was a lot of feedback that it was better having the event/s online. A lot of people had wanted online elements when the event was going to be face to face. This is something COVID gave us.

We believe the SDGs have developed momentum and focus.

7. Participant Feedback

A survey was sent to all 770 people who had registered for the 2 September Virtual Summit. This survey was open from 16 September until 30 September. 98 people responded to this.

90% of respondents attended the event. Of those who did not attend, a few experienced technical problems and gave up, while for others childcare or other events got in the way. There had been significant technical problems with the event between 9.30-10.15am affecting most of the workshop streams, which does appear to have affected overall attendance.

42% of attendees were from Canterbury, 21% from Auckland and 13% from Wellington. In a face to face context we would have expected a much higher proportion of attendees to have come from Canterbury, which may support the idea that a virtual gathering allows for greater diversity of attendance. By contrast only 4% identified as coming from the Māori/ indigenous sector, and 3% were youth.

We gave attendees the opportunity to select the sector/s they were part of or representing at the event. 41% of attendees were from the Education sector. 20% came as individuals, 22% identified as coming from the Third / NGO / non-profit/ Civil Society Organisations Sector, and 22% from the business or social enterprise sector.

48% of attendees heard about the event through their own organisation or community, which shows how important the engagement process prior to the event is. 25% learned about the event through social media, while 10% learned about it through word of mouth.

We asked attendees to score how well they felt they understand the SDGs. The mean score was 3.80 out of 5, which seems fairly strong. We had also asked this question after the first event in this online series, where the result was 3.76.

The day was structured into a number of ‘blocks’, and people could choose which of these they would like to join. For some of these sessions we have strong data through Zoom, for others it is not so clear. Attendees were asked which of these they attended, allowing for multiple options. The data we have is shown more clearly in the table on the right.

Table: SDG Virtual Summit Attendees by session

SDG Virtual Summit Session attendances		
	unique users in main stage	% reporting attendance
Opening Ceremony (with Hon. Minister Nanaia Mahuta and host Vice Chancellors)	489	83
Workshop one		72
Office of the Auditor General report	371	54
SDG Alliance Workshop		52
Workshop two		72
Closing Ceremony	289	58
Sector-based korero		26
Research Challenges (Day 2)	154	33

81% of attendees felt that the length of the event (9am – 5pm, including networking) was about right., although 12% felt it was too long.

We asked attendees to score their satisfaction of a range of elements in the event. There was a mixed response although far more people rated their experience as positive rather than negative.

51% were very satisfied with the time of day the event was held. 49% were very satisfied with the performance of the MC, and 47% were very satisfied with the information they were provided before the event.

48% were somewhat satisfied with the topics or case studies discussed. 48% were somewhat satisfied with the range of speakers presenting, and 44% were somewhat satisfied with the content and structure of the sessions.

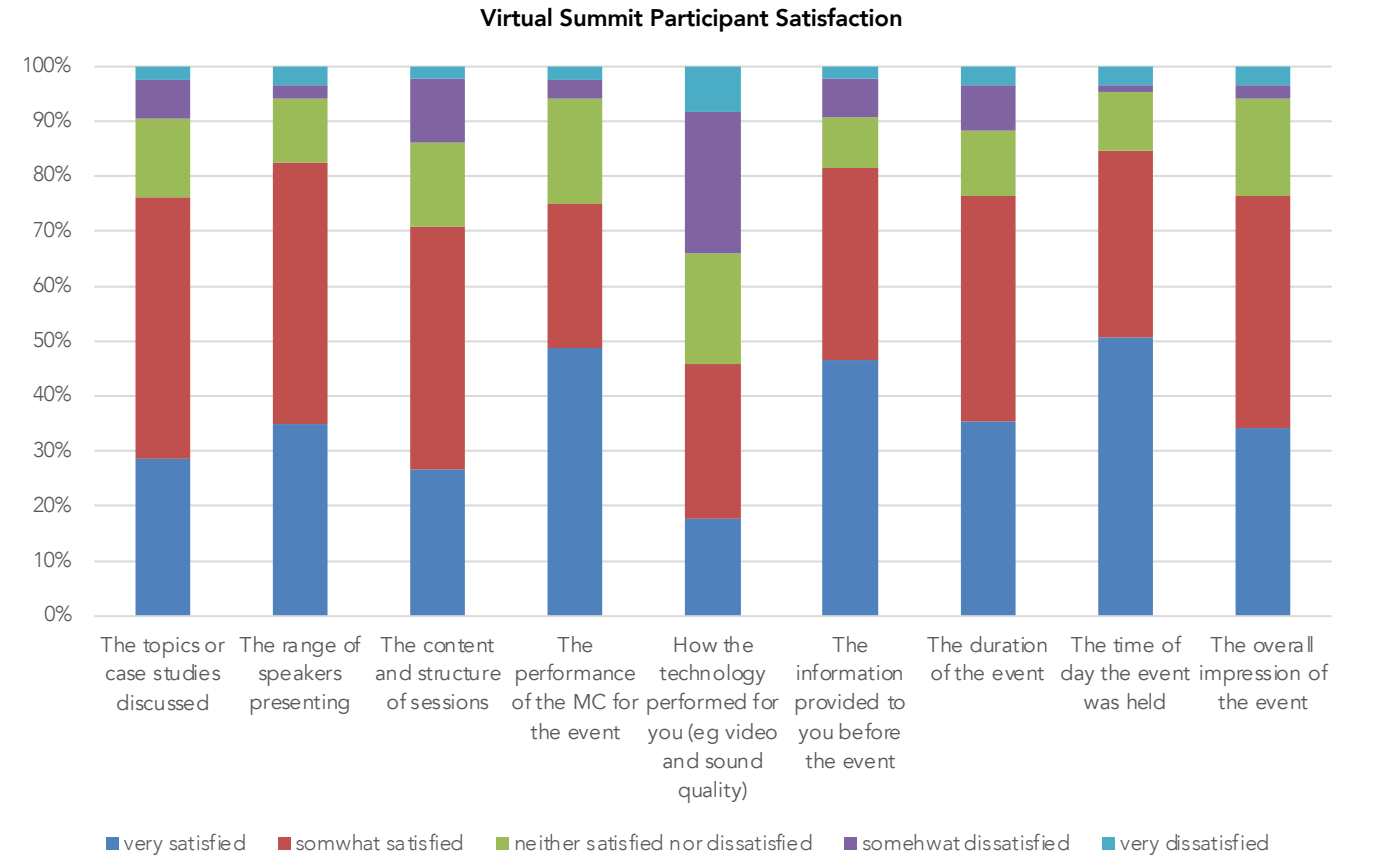
76% were either very satisfied or somewhat satisfied with the event overall, even noting the issues with technology that had affected the early part of the day.

The stacked bar chart below shows these results more clearly.

The Working Group were very keen to understand what people thought about the event occurring online as opposed to in

person as planned. 39% said that going online had enhanced their experience and that they were glad the Summit was held online. 32% said it had detracted from their experience and that they would have preferred it to have been a face to face event. 27% were neutral, and the remaining 2.3% said they did not know. This supports our experience with ticketing. Prior to the change, over 200 people had registered and it appeared that we would comfortably have around 350 people attending. However, when the event went online the 500 tickets allocated were snapped up in three days and the limit was increased to cope with the interest. As previously mentioned, the limit of 770 was quickly reached and more than 200 people had put their names on the wait-list.

During the day, people were able to choose which sessions they tuned in to. Some attended some sessions but not others, so we cannot give a precise number of how many attended. 489 people attended the opening ceremony, but we also know that many people who did not attend this session did attend others. In addition, many people attended the special session on day 2 who did not attend on day 1, and we believe it is safe to assume that final numbers were approximately 550 people.



8. Recommendations

Recommendations around process:

- 1. Ensure the support of Waikato mana whenua from the outset.
- 2. That the incoming Working Group (or the existing Stakeholder Group) engages with Government once it has responded to the OAG report. Continuing this dialogue is vital.
- 3. Continue supporting Alliance kaupapa - potentially with the Stakeholder Group as the pou supporting the Summits.
- 4. Continue working with Declaration signatories, holding an online hui in March/April 2022 to discuss progress.
- 5. Ensure strong feedback loops remain between the Stakeholder Group and the Waikato Working Group.
- 6. Establish clear objectives with the Stakeholder Group for the Fourth Summit early in the process.
- 7. View the Stakeholder Group as the ‘Client’ and the Working Group as the ‘Delivery partner’.
- 8. Update the Stakeholder Group Terms of Reference so they are more long-lived (to 2030)
- 9. Develop new Terms of Reference for the Working Group, based on those of 2020.

Specific recommendations about delivery and content:

- 10. Online was more accessible: consider strong online component of next round of events.
- 11. Sector-based korero was a powerful component of the Third Summit. Recommend to incorporate this into next round.
- 12. There are problems around the relationship between the SDGs, a ‘development agenda’, and indigenous peoples, which we recommend is probed much further in next round of Summit events.
- 13. That the Stakeholder Group remains in contact with OAG regarding any potential follow-up to their report. This could frame future discussion.

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10. Appendices

10.1 SDG Declaration

This Declaration was made at the third Aotearoa New Zealand Sustainable Development Goals Summit, 2 September 2021.

It is delivered on behalf of those organisations and individuals listed herein.

Mō tātou, ā, mō kā uri ā muri ake nei – for us and our children after us.

We, the signatories to this declaration, declare the following:

1 We agree to abide by the following fundamentals:

- 1.1 Te Tiriti o Waitangi is the founding document for our nation, and it must underpin our actions.
- 1.2 Transformation of our economic and social systems is urgent if we are to achieve the SDGs and secure a future for our people and planet. Time is short and change is needed now.
- 1.3 No single organisation can achieve the SDGs on their own. Change requires us to work boldly within and across sectors: we will work collaboratively where possible and appropriate.
- 1.4 The SDGs are for all people in our country; no one is to be left behind and the most vulnerable communities must be supported to contribute to the development and implementation of SDG actions.

2 2020-2021 Summit Series Achievements

The 2020-2021 SDG Summit Series has elevated key concepts and enriched our collective understanding of the SDGs, signposting pathways for further work. It has done this by:

- Supporting the development of the Aotearoa SDG Alliance
- Developing discussion about the connections of tangata whenua, Te Tiriti and the SDGs
- Bringing the voice of our Pacific neighbours to our thinking about the SDGs
- Hearing from young people and learning from their concerns for the future and the actions they are taking
- Learning more from the New Zealand research community (especially the Crown Research Institutes) about the work they are doing to support progress on the SDGs
- Listening to ways in which the business community is working to achieve the SDGs
- Building strong processes for the development of the SDG summits, for example by enhancing the role of the national Stakeholder Group.

3 Our Commitments

Noting the urgency with which change is required, we:

- 3.1 Commit to align with the SDGs in adopting sustainable practices in our organisation/s and the wider community.
- 3.2 Recognise the need for, and therefore commit to, collaborative action as an ongoing process.
- 3.3 Celebrate the creation of a national SDG Alliance to foster collaboration and support action towards the SDGs in Aotearoa New Zealand and see this as a primary platform for collaboration. We commit to the support of, and involvement in, this Alliance.
- 3.4 Commit to working with the SDG Alliance to publicly report on our progress prior to the next national SDG Summit.

View the declaration and a list of signatories [here](#).

10.2 SDG Alliance

Collaboration for a better future – an SDG Alliance in Aotearoa New Zealand

[Click here to tell us how you’d like to be involved in the Aotearoa SDG Alliance](#)

[Click here to join the Aotearoa SDG Alliance Group on LinkedIn](#)

Karanga Ki Te Hohenga/Call to Action

Tangata whenua, Third / NGO / non-profit/ Civil Society Organisations Sector, business, academia and some participating government agencies have looked to civil society to coordinate and collate a national response in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and required system-level actions. The formation of the SDG Alliance is our collective response to this need.

The proposed format and structure of an SDG Alliance is the result of kōrero, papamahi (workshops), and rangahau (research) undertaken by Hui E! and partner organisations over the past 12 months.

Tauākī Whāinga/Statement of Intent

The Statement of Intent sets out the Alliance’s commitment to working under a Te Tiriti o Waitangi Relationship Framework and identifies key objectives and outcomes.

Tūāpapa/Foundation

The SDG Alliance model is founded on a Te Tiriti o Waitangi Relationship Framework, which recognises the special place of Indigenous Tangata Whenua in Aotearoa and the rights and responsibilities associated with that.

This sets the tikanga for the Alliance and ensures a two-world view of its strategies, tikanga, policies, procedures, kawa and practices is woven into all levels of the Alliance.

Whakatakoto/Structure

A whare represents the structure of a human anatomy. The Pou within the whare are designed to hold the Tahuhu, the backbone of the whare. This provides the strength and foundations. If the Pou collapses the whole whare collapses.

Applying this concept, a Pou will be dedicated to one or a cluster of each SDGs or particular functions of the alliance. Organisations / individuals will support their Pou in understanding, advancing and advocating for a fair and just society by providing information, data, case studies and tautoko for collective cohesion.

Through rangatiratanga each Pou will operate uniquely but through kotahitanga we will be moving in the same direction, together.

Further information: <https://www.huie.org.nz/sdg-alliance/>

10.3 SDG Summit Communications Evaluation

UC Media releases:

24.9.20 Ōtautahi Christchurch universities rally Aotearoa New Zealand behind roadmap to sustainability | University of Canterbury

28.10.20 Young climate change activist: See the change Christchurch | University of Canterbury

18.03.21 Starting from here – hui shows us how to embrace climate change action | University of Canterbury

15.06.21 Beyond victims and saviours – sustainability in the Pacific | University of Canterbury

10.08.21 The winds of change: Sustainability champions across sectors gather for local summit | University of Canterbury

3.09.21 No-one left behind: Kiwis sign Aotearoa sustainability declaration | University of Canterbury

Media pitches:

Stuff Climate Change editor: Eloise Gibson and Olivia Wannan

Media coverage:

No-one left behind: Kiwis sign Aotearoa sustainability declaration | The National Tribune

No-one left behind: Kiwis sign Aotearoa sustainability declaration | Mirage News

Communications by stakeholders:

Waikato to host Sustainability Summit in 2023 - News and Opinion: University of Waikato

No-one left behind: Massey signs Aotearoa sustainability declaration - Massey University

Aotearoa New Zealand Sustainable Development Goals Summit 2021 | Beehive.govt.nz

Sold-out virtual summit tackles SDGs head on :: Lincoln University

Collective action the focus of final sustainability hui :: Lincoln University

2021 Aotearoa Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summit :: Lincoln University

Major Lincoln focus in second sustainability hui :: Lincoln University

Sustainability champs converge online - Inside Government NZ – also the newsletter

Sustainability champions gather for virtual summit : Newline (ccc.govt.nz)

CCC – newsletter to all-staff

ED Insider 6.9.21: Sustainability Canterbury Uni and Lincoln Uni signed up to a sustainability declaration after co-hosting a summit on the issue last week.

Blogs: University of Canterbury | Tū ki te tahi | Stand as one

2.12.20 Seeing the Change for the SDGs in Aotearoa - Tū ki te tahi | Stand as one (canterbury.ac.nz)

19.4.21 Collaborate for Change at the SDG Summit at UC - EOIs sought - Tū ki te tahi | Stand as one (canterbury.ac.nz)

13.5.21 Get excited – the Aotearoa SDG Summit is coming to UC! - Tū ki te tahi | Stand as one (canterbury.ac.nz)

1.6.21 Work Together for the Sustainable Development Goals - Tū ki te tahi | Stand as one (canterbury.ac.nz)

16.6.21 CREATE YOUR PATHWAY FOR ACTION - Tū ki te tahi | Stand as one (canterbury.ac.nz)

15.7.21 2021 Aotearoa Sustainable Development Goals Summit at UC 2-3 September – Join the korero, help develop action plans - Tū ki te tahi | Stand as one (canterbury.ac.nz)

25.8.21 The 2021 SDG Summit is pivoting online! - Tū ki te tahi | Stand as one (canterbury.ac.nz)

23.9.21 The epically successful SDG summit: a declaration, a national alliance and many, many resources - Tū ki te tahi | Stand as one (canterbury.ac.nz)

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28.4.21 Collaborate for Change at the SDG Summit at UC! - The Insider’s Guide to UC | Tūpono (canterbury.ac.nz)

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10.4 Stakeholder group terms of reference (27 May 2020)

Aotearoa New Zealand has had two Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) Summits in 2018 and 2019 hosted by New Zealand universities and the intention is for these summits to continue leading up to the Goals’ maturation in 2030. The summits are inclusive, for example, bringing together Māori (Runanga/ Hapu), Pasifika, local and central government, business, educational organisations, NGOs, and community groups to identify and progress actions to help achieve the SDGs in Aotearoa New Zealand and contribute to meeting the goals globally.

The 3rd National SDG Summit in Ōtautahi Christchurch was scheduled for April 2021, to be co-hosted by the University of Canterbury and Lincoln University, supported by Ara Institute of Canterbury Ltd and the Christchurch City Council. The recent global and national emergency created by Covid-19 has created much uncertainty about events, and has shone the spotlight more acutely on the SDGs. There is little doubt that a post-Covid world will be different from the previous status quo. Just how different is as yet unknown. There have been numerous calls across different sectors of New Zealand (and internationally) for a post-Covid recovery that is inspired by, and gives life to, a regenerative, equitable, and resilient future. In short a future defined by the SDGs.

This context has a significant bearing on the vision, function and form of the upcoming 2021 SDG Summit. Responding to feedback from the previous summits, which expressed frustration with the lack of coordinated and prioritised action around the SDGs, there is significant opportunity for SDG stakeholders to re-envision the Summit. A 2020-21 SDG Summit Series is now being developed.

Objectives

The objectives of the SDG Summit Stakeholder Group are:

- To honour Te Tiriti o Waitangi and foster manakitanga, kawanatanga, rangatiratanga
- To support the Working Group in the successful preparation and delivery of the Summit Series
- To help make the Summit Series relevant and useful for attendees, ensuring that there is a focus on action and tangible outcomes
- To enable the Summit Series to be connected to and considerate of the local and national context
- To help shape the Summit Series to meet the needs of key stakeholders
- To build on the momentum from the first two NZ SDG Summits and to create a basis for future cooperation within and between sectors.

Roles

The roles of the SDG Summit Stakeholder Group are:

- To provide advice and to be a sounding board to the Working Group during preparation of the Summit Series (advice)
- To be strong advocates to act as champions in the summit series for their sector
- To identify key themes, topics, case studies, workshops or potential speakers for the Summit Series (content)
- To advise on the form and function of the Summit Series (form)
- To support connections locally, nationally, internationally with the Summit Series (networks)
- To reflect on and review the 2020-2021 Summit Series to enable continual improvement of the event (review)
- To keep good records of meetings to help current and future Summit organisers (records)

Key Relationships

The Stakeholder Group will have important relationships to maintain with the Working Group and the Universities New Zealand expert panel on the SDGs. The Working Group is tasked with practical delivery of the 2021 Summit, while the UNZ panel will assist with the logistics of delivering a programme of summits out to 2030. In addition, there is openness about other (non university) sectors hosting summits in the future.

Membership

Membership of the Stakeholder Group will include:

- Members of the Working Group.
- Sector representatives from Māori, Pasifika, youth, local, regional and central government, business (large, medium and small), community groups & NGOs, health & well-being sector, research & education sector, and other sectors as determined by the Stakeholder Group.
- A local, national and international/regional spread of representation.

Meeting frequency and conduct

The Stakeholder Group members commit to attending regular meetings. These will be monthly, but will most likely increase in frequency as the Summit Series dates draw closer.

Members will select a Chair or co-Chairs at the first meeting. The Chair/s will be responsible for keeping the Stakeholder Group on task, including sending out agendas and minutes within agreed timeframes.

Members of the Stakeholder Group agree to participate in good faith, openness and decency, and to make decisions by consensus.

Public statements related to the Summit may not be made by Stakeholder Group members unless authorised by the Chair, who will not make public comment without having first cleared these with the Chair of the Working Group (in so far as this is possible).

Timeframes

It is anticipated that the Stakeholder Group will continue until the maturation of the SDGs in 2030.

The Chair/s are expected to remain in place until the final reporting from the Summit Series is completed. The Stakeholder Group may at that time wish to elect new Chair/s ahead of the following Summit.

10.5 Working group terms of reference (26 February 2020)

The third Sustainable Development Goals Summit is scheduled to take place in Christchurch at the University of Canterbury, on 9 and 10 April 2021. The choice of these dates is to avoid clashes with the 2020 election, fall within the university holidays so that space is available, and also to steer clear of Easter and ANZAC Day.

The SDG Summits are a series of events hosted by New Zealand universities leading up to the Goals’ maturation in 2030. They aim to bring together Māori, government, business, community groups and educational organisations to identify and progress actions to help achieve the SDGs in New Zealand and contribute to meeting the goals globally.

The first summit was held in 2018 at Victoria University of Wellington, and the second in 2019 at the University of Auckland, co-hosted by Auckland University of Technology.

The programme of future summits is now being devised by the Universities NZ expert working group on the SDGs, but each individual summit has, to date, had its own Steering Group. The wider Stakeholder Group for the first summit was retained and expanded for the second summit, a process that will continue for the third summit. It is imperative that there is wide collaboration in bringing these Summits together, to ensure relevance to all.

Objective

The key objective of the Working Group is to ensure practical delivery of the 2021 Summit.

The roles of the Working Group for the Third SDG Summit are to:

- Receive advice from the Stakeholder Group
- Refine an engaging programme for the Summit, including any pre- or post-Summit events

- Manage all organisational elements of the Summit programme (including hire, bookings, catering, key note presenters, workshop facilitators, website, payments, etc). This may mean hiring a conference organiser
- Develop and manage a realistic budget (to be approved by co-hosting organisations: University of Canterbury and Lincoln University)
- Organise suitable sponsorship to assist with delivering the event
- Organise and deliver a post Summit survey and final report, deliverable to the host institutions, attendees and sponsors.
- Monitor and report upwards to senior leaders from institutions participating in the Working Group.
- Sign off on key messages for communications.

Membership

Membership of the Working Group will include:

- Key Summit delivery staff from each of the hosting organisations
- Other members as required.

Key Relationships

The Working Group will have an important relationship to maintain with the Stakeholder Group. The Stakeholder Group's key role is to identify themes, values and principles that need to be woven into the Summit delivery.

Meeting frequency and conduct

The Working Group members commit to attending regular meetings. These will be at least monthly, but will most likely increase in frequency as the Summit date draws closer.

Members will select a Chair at the first meeting. The Chair will be responsible for keeping the Working Group on task, including sending out agendas and minutes within agreed timeframes.

Members of the Working Group agree to participate in good faith, openness and decency, and to make decisions by consensus.

Public statements related to the Summit may not be made by Working Group members unless authorised by the Chair. Similarly, the Chair will not make public comment without having first cleared these with the Working Group (in so far as this is possible).

These Terms of Reference have been approved by participating member:

Host organisations:

for University of Canterbury on (date) _____

for Lincoln University on (date) _____

Supporting organisations:

for Ara Institute of Technology on (date) _____

for Christchurch City Council on (date) _____

10.6 National stakeholder group members

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