

DIPLOSPHERE CONFERENCE  
4 JULY 2022 | TE PAPA, WELLINGTON

# NAVIGATING A STORMY WORLD

## TE AO MĀORI PERSPECTIVES

Anchoring Māori Values In Foreign Policy



FIRST NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON MĀORI PERSPECTIVES ON  
THE GREAT INTERNATIONAL ISSUES OF OUR TIME

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# About

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Diplosphere is proud to host, with the support of the New Zealand National Commission for UNESCO, the first national conference on international relations featuring voices often missing in the public debate: Māori, Iwi, business, academic, and youth leaders will stimulate public discussion on current affairs such as the pandemic response, conflicts, climate change, the rise of Asia, and the international system. Tirohanga Māori (Māori world view) will help New Zealand firmly moor its independent values-based foreign policy.

The conference raises the question: What does “western values” mean in Aotearoa New Zealand of 2022? It will explore the cultural, trade, and political links that have long existed between Māori and the Asia Pacific region, and what the future holds.

Travel with us as we explore a variety of destinations from our place in the world and our role as stewards of the planet, to the stars and into the future, with our values as our compass. This is a unique chance for you to be inspired, look forward, exchange ideas, and connect with leading experts and new voices.

## Navigation itinerary

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07:30 – 08:30	REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS
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08:45 – 09:00	WELCOME - WHY ARE WE HERE?
09:00 – 09:45	KEYNOTE - A VOICE FROM THE TOP: FOREIGN MINISTER HON NANAIA MAHUTA
09:45 – 10:45	SESSION 1- DESTINATION OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD: WHAT ARE OUR VALUES, ANYWAY?   MANAAKI
10:45 – 11:15	NETWORKING BREAK
11:15 – 12:15	SESSION 2 - DESTINATION OUR PLANET: HOW DO WE BECOME STEWARDS OF SUSTAINABILITY & INTERGENERATIONAL WELLBEING?   KAITIAKI
12:15 – 13:15	SESSION 3 - DESTINATION THE STARS: TRADE, TECH & SUCCESS   MAHITAHĪ & KOTAHITANGA
13:15 – 14:00	NETWORKING LUNCH SUPPORTED BY THE AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSION
14:00 – 14:20	KEYNOTE - SIR IAN TAYLOR: DESTINATION OUR MOTHER EARTH PAPAŪĀNUKU, ARE WE READY TO LISTEN?
14:20 – 15:00	SESSION 4 - DESTINATION 2030: OUR PAST TO A BETTER FUTURE   WHANAUNGATANGA
15:00 – 15:45	VOICES FROM ACROSS THE OCEANS: TUROU HAWAIIKI
15:45 – 16:00	CONCLUDING REMARKS
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17:00 – 18:00	MATARIKI DRINKS AT THE WELLINGTON CLUB

# Agenda

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07:30-08:30 REGISTRATION AND REFRESHMENTS

08:30-08:45 TIKANGA MAORI

08:45-09:00 WELCOME - WHY ARE WE HERE?

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- ▶ Julian Wilcox, Master of Ceremony
- ▶ Maty Nikkhou-O'Brien, Founder & Executive Director, Diplosphere (Convenor)
- ▶ Vicki Soanes Secretary General, NZ National Commission for UNESCO

09:00-09:45 KEYNOTE - A VOICE FROM THE TOP

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- ▶ Hon Nanaia Mahuta, Foreign Minister, Local Government Minister, Māori Development Associate Minister

09:45-10:45 SESSION 1 - DESTINATION OUR PLACE IN THE WORLD: WHAT ARE OUR VALUES, ANYWAY?

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## **Manaaki** – *Kindness or the reciprocity of goodwill*

What does the term 'Western values' mean in Aotearoa New Zealand today when it comes to foreign policy? Foreign Minister Mahuta said 'our values act as fixed markers to guide our way towards the peaceful and prosperous future we seek'. But what are our values, anyway? And what does make Aotearoa New Zealand unique?

Chair: Matthew Gifford BEM, Transition Unit Hauora Māori, Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet

Speakers:

- ▶ Martin Wikaira, Director Maori Policy Unit, MFAT
- ▶ Ethan Jerome-Leota, NZ National Commission for UNESCO Youth Chair, Legal Advisor, Waikato Tainui
- ▶ Warkina Tujuba, Head of Youth and Engagement, African Community Council Wellington
- ▶ Liz Mellish MNZM, Chairman at Te Raukura The Wharewaka O Poneke

10:45-11:15 MORNING TEA & NETWORKING BREAK

11:15-12:15 SESSION 2 - DESTINATION OUR PLANET: HOW DO WE BECOME STEWARDS OF SUSTAINABILITY & INTERGENERATIONAL WELLBEING

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## **Kaitiaki** – *Protectors and stewards of our intergenerational wellbeing*

The most pressing international issue of our times is climate change which affects us all, but especially people living on islands.

How can we challenge orthodoxies and think bigger about a better more sustainable future?

Chair: Timothy Naish, Professor in Earth Sciences, Antarctic Research Centre, Te Herenga Waka, VUW

Speakers:

- ▶ Dr Dan Hikuroa, UNESCO NZ Culture Commissioner, Senior Lecturer, University of Auckland
- ▶ Prof Rawinia Higgins, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Māori), Te Herenga Waka, VUW
- ▶ Nathan Hoturoa Gray, Penguin best-selling author and freelance adventure journalist National Geographic
- ▶ Nathalie Whitaker, Cofounder & CEO, Toha

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12:15-13:15      SESSION 3 - DESTINATION THE STARS: TRADE, TECH & SUCCESS

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**Mahi tahi and kotahitanga** – *Collective benefits and shared aspiration*

Rich with a long history in international trade, the Māori economy is valued at around \$70 billion and is a critical contributor to New Zealand's trade and economic well-being. Berl's latest report released this year, Te Ōhanga Māori 2018, says 'the future is Māori'. What does a 70 billion dollar Maori economy mean for New Zealand and where does it head next? How is the Maori relationship with Asia and China different? What does Maori success in trade and tech look like? Who are the stars of today and tomorrow?

Chair: Amber Marie Naveira, CEO & Co-Founder, The Granary

Speakers:

- ▶ Shane Tracey-O'Connell, Start-ups & Accelerators, AWS
- ▶ Paul Conway, Chief Economist, Reserve Bank - Te Pūtea Matua
- ▶ Rob Fisher, Lead Partner for Transformation, PwC Aotearoa
- ▶ Tania Te Whenua, Treaty of Waitangi Lawyer and Consultant

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PAPATŪĀNUKU: ARE WE READY TO LISTEN?

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- ▶ Sir Ian Taylor, Visionary leader and innovator, Managing Director, Animation Research

14:20-15:00      SESSION 4 - DESTINATION 2030: OUR PAST TO A BETTER FUTURE

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**Whanaungatanga** – *Our connectedness or shared sense of humanity*

Indigenous knowledge and practises that are thousands of years old have special relevance today as New Zealand evaluates its place in a changed world where power is moving from West to East. In a world troubled by conflicts, climate change, pandemics and division, how can our values guide us to a better future? What role and place for NZ and a Māori perspective? What will 2030 look like?

Chair: Vanisa Dhiru MNZM, NZ National Commissioner for UNESCO

Speakers:

- Hon Chris Finlayson QC, Barrister, Arbitrator, Former Attorney-General and Minister for Treaty of Waitangi Negotiations
- Naisi Chen, Member of Parliament, Labour Party
- Hone McGregor, Board Member Wakatū Incorporation, Trade For All Ministerial Advisory Group MFAT

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15:00-15:45      VOICES FROM ACROSS THE OCEANS: TUROU HAWAIKI

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Chair: Maty Nikkhou-O'Brien, Founder & Executive Director, Diplosphere

Speakers:

- H.E. Elizabeth Wright-Koteka, Cook Islands High Commissioner
- H.E. Harinder Sidhu, Australian High Commissioner
- H.E. María Belén Bogado, Argentinian Ambassador
- H.E. Joanne Le May, Canadian High Commissioner

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15:45-16:00      CONCLUDING REMARKS: WHERE TO NOW?

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- Maty Nikkhou-O'Brien, Founder & Executive Director, Diplosphere

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