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Towards a sustainable future, together

The United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals provide an agenda for transforming the world by meeting the challenges of ending poverty and enhancing social inclusion, while promoting environmental sustainability, peace, good governance and economic prosperity for all countries and peoples. The University of Auckland and Auckland University of Technology were pleased, as co-hosts, to offer New Zealand's second national, multi-sector SDG Summit as a platform for a diverse range of delegates to collectively recognise and confront the challenges faced and actions necessary to achieve the Goals in our country.

The need for urgency and greater action to progress sustainable development were recognised in the 2019 Summit's theme of *accelerated action, together*.



“Thanks for committing to having a strong, youth voice at the Summit ... it came through strong especially in the final panel and it provided significant impetus to the important events after lunch”

– Youth leader, stakeholder group

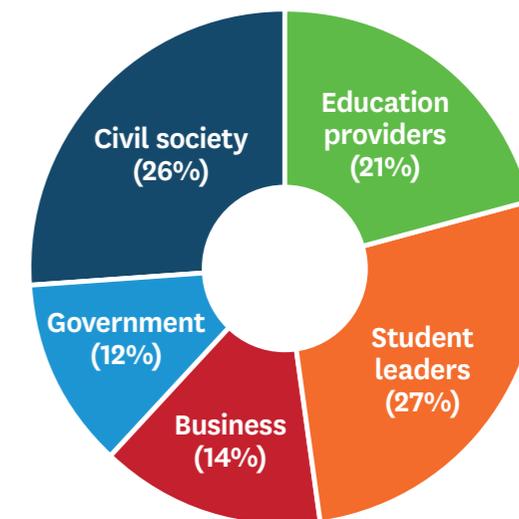
The Summit's purpose was to bring together people from all sectors to develop and commit to positive action and accountability on the critical SDGs within our broader spheres of influence. In order to do this, we provided a platform for recognising, sharing and combining our knowledge and skills, and then sought to weave together the many threads of accelerated action through keynote addresses, panel discussions and action planning.

Diversity builds strength

The Summit brought together over 440 people from a range of sectors, regions and areas of interest, and included a noteworthy number of young professionals and student leaders. Students were the largest registration category, with three quarters from tertiary institutions, and a small number from primary and secondary schools. The second largest registration category was civil society, with the majority from community development and environmental or conservation organisations. Education providers made up just over a fifth of the registrations, with all eight New Zealand universities represented, as well as some polytechnical institutes and schools. Sixty business representatives attended from a range of sub-sectors, including the built environment. There were over fifty representatives from city and district councils, health boards, crown research institutes and central government agencies.

In preparing for the summit, a steering group representing the host universities was established, and the stakeholder group convened for the first summit was re-energised and extended. It is expected new, host-specific steering groups will be convened for each summit, and that the stakeholder group will continue and strengthen through consecutive summits.

The diverse composition made for an energetic and lively audience prepared to actively engage in the tasks at hand.





Ngā whaikōrero me ngā kōrero tene | Presentations and panel discussions

The first half of the programme was designed to have a broad range of speakers from across the sectors to stimulate thought, motivate and inspire delegates to actively participate in the more interactive action planning sessions in the second half of the programme.

Te Arotake mahi Tūao ki Aotearoa | New Zealand's first Voluntary National Review (VNR) on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Video address by Rt. Hon. Jacinda Ardern, Prime Minister, for presentation of the VNR to the UN's High Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development

“I was very grateful to get to share that phenomenal stage ... It is so very wonderful to see that conversation developing at pace, and to see such major and wise support for the kaupapa”

– Frith Walker, panellist

Te āhua o tā wāhi, me te whai pānga o Aotearoa, hei ārahi The international context, and NZ's leadership role

Keynote address and Chair:

Rt. Honourable Helen Clark, *Helen Clark Foundation*

Video address by Professor Jeffrey Sachs, *Director, Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University; Director, UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network*

Dr Jacqueline Parisi, *representing Council for International Development*

Dr Russel Norman, *Executive Director, Greenpeace*

Rachael Le Mesurier, *Executive Director, Oxfam*

Te rongomaiwhiti o Aotearoa The unique context of Aotearoa New Zealand

Keynote address by Dr Daniel Hikuroa Ngāti Maniapoto, *Waikato-Tainui, Earth System Scientist and Senior Lecturer, Te Wānanga o Waipapa, University of Auckland, Co-Deputy Director Public Engagement, Te Pūnaha Matatini, and Principal Investigator Ngā Pae o te Māramatanga*

Taumata tuatahi: Ngā mahi ā muri atu i te arotake Panel discussion 1: Accelerated action beyond the status quo

Chair: Dr Gill Greer

Moko Morris, *Hui E! Community Aotearoa*

Kevin Hague, *Chief Executive, Forest and Bird*

Dr Arend Merrie, *Director, Surgical Services, ADHB*

Sophie Handford, *National Co-ordinator, Student Climate Action*

Taumata tuarua: Ko Te amorangi ki mua, te hāpai o ki muri Panel discussion 2: Taking action locally and collaboratively

Chair: Penny Hulse, *Chair, Environment and Community Committee, Auckland Council*

Frith Walker, *Manager Place Making, Panuku Development*

Rob Creemers, *Founding Director, APS – Summit Gold Sponsors*

Shahin Najak, *UNESCO Aotearoa Youth Leaders group*

Parekawhia McLean, *Director, Strategy and Infrastructure, CMDHB*

Taumata tuatoru: Hei kawē i a tātou ki te āpōpō Panel discussion 3: Leading into the future

Chair: Victoria Rhodes-Carlin, *UN Youth Association*

Kate Boylan, *Sustainability Engineer, Tonkin + Taylor, NZGBC Future Thinkers*

Waimirangi Koopu-Stone and Tamoko Ormsby, *Founders, Pipiri ki a Papatuanuku*

Dewy Sacayan, *Generation Zero*

Fale Andrew Lesa, *Policy Consultant, Asia Development Bank Aotearoa Representative, UNESCO Asia Pacific Youth Advisory Board*

“It was such a joy to be part of this important kaupapa and to share some of my insights as a proud Samoan”

– Fale Andrew Lesa, panellist

All presentations can be viewed in full at www.auckland.ac.nz/sustainability

Ka nukunuku, ka nekeneke | Interactive action planning

The summit programme included thirty action stations covering topics that delegates had identified as most important for transitioning to a sustainable society, and that would also benefit most from collaborative action. The action station topics were generated by consolidating over 400 issues, that were submitted by delegates when they registered, down to a smaller number that were then subjected to a vote. The results were used to select the summit's final 30 action station topics framed as the objectives shown below. Action station facilitators helped delegates to identify gaps

in achieving their chosen objective, and to brainstorm actions for filling those gaps. Each action station also selected the one action that members all agreed would most benefit from collaborative action. All of the actions, and those prioritised, generated will be posted on the summit website. The steering group used the selected priority actions to identify three threads that were common themes that arose from discussions within a number of action stations. These common themes formed the basis for the discussions in the concurrent sessions that followed.





Ngā kaupapa pāpori, te hapai ō ki muri | Common themes for collaborative action

From individual to collective action

Facilitated by Greg Treadwell, AUT

Discussions centred on ideas for moving from individual to collective action, with examples from the practice of represented groups. It was clear that actors are compelled to generalise the actions of individual agents who work as catalysts, irrespective of whether they are 'inside' or 'outside' established structures of power. Examples included the 'Mindful Money' ethical business and investment initiative, the 'One New Zealand' social enterprise project, the whakawhanaungatanga at the Ihumātao occupation, and the 'Extinction Rebellion' movement. Sub-themes that emerged were that language matters (e.g., positioning as a 'charity' or an 'advocacy' group), that there is a shared urgency around the need to reach a critical mass of actors and agency no matter what sector, and that the best way to reach that critical mass is through evidence-based influence. The parallels between the challenges faced by different groups and sectors was a key finding from the discussions, suggesting that sharing strategies is both critical and powerful.

Meaningful performance indicators and action strategies

Facilitated by Niki Harré, University of Auckland

Discussions centred on examples of SDG-derived indicators and strategies, and how different sectors can translate the SDGs into action plans at different levels of society. The community sector can contribute creative, fun solutions that help teach people about the SDGs and translate them into practice. For example, a necklace with beads representing favourite SDGs, including one about SDG 15, can open a conversation about 'life-on-land' and how 'For the Love of Bees' is helping to regenerate urban agriculture. At the business sector level, small businesses examples select their most relevant SDGs and shape indicators to suit, while large business examples require all divisions to include SDGs in their planning and reporting. At local government level, an example was Waikato Regional Council's development of regional SDG-derived performance indicators with input from local people and organisations. At central government level, an example was to support regions, communities and businesses by developing a 'holding point' to promote and help to resource work on the SDGs, including appointing advocates for the goals throughout all government agencies.

Education for sustainability

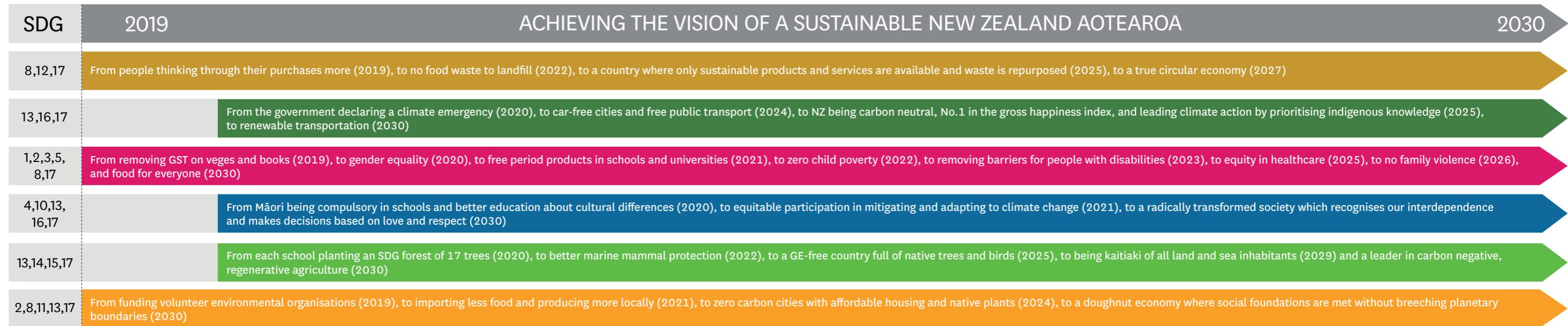
Facilitated by Olivia Yates, Generation Zero

Discussions centred equally on the frustrations and the successes of environmental programmes in education. Key strengths currently in practice involved the Kura Kaupapa programme, EnviroSchools, and Forest Kids, which were seen to be holistic, to foster systems thinking, and to draw upon Mātauranga Māori to various extents. Key frustrations involved the tendency for environmental education to be contained with disparate faculties and disciplines, and for educational structures which encourage binary, mono-cultural thinking rather than holism. Thus, our 'actions' focus on creating interdisciplinary programmes which centred Mātauranga Māori (as knowledge unique to the NZ context being inherently systems-level) from preschool through to tertiary education. All groups acknowledged that moving towards a more sustainable future would begin with such educational frameworks. However, all acknowledged that we need top-down legislation to expand the roll out of existing initiatives, but simultaneously, that we cannot wait for such changes and must apply these values in our own practices.

He tūruapō whakauka o Aotearoa | Envisioning a sustainable New Zealand

All participants in the summit recognise the challenges involved in putting into practice the actions they have identified. The reality of implementing sustainability is a lot harder than the rhetoric. Experience and research around societal change, whether it be in a community group, government agency, business, health or education provider, strongly suggests that envisioning a better future can help by providing hope and inspiration when the going gets

tough. Over the course of the day, summit participants contributed their visions for Aotearoa New Zealand over the next decade. The expectation is that consecutive summit steering groups and the stakeholder reference group will act as kaitiaki and stewards of these visions by incorporating them into follow-up initiatives and action planning, and making the results available for future summit organisers to track New Zealand's progress.





Te hīkoiko whakarāmemene | Moving forward together

The purpose of the Summit was to bring together people from all sectors to develop and commit to positive action and accountability on the critical SDGs within our broader spheres of influence. We provided a platform for recognising, sharing and combining knowledge and skills, and seeking to weave together many threads of accelerated action through preparatory work, keynote addresses, panel discussion and action planning.

The diversity and high calibre of presenters sharing their knowledge, experience and passion, the enthusiasm, energy and motivation of delegates, the spirited contributions to the discussions and action planning sessions, and feedback before, during and after the event, suggest that the summit achieved its objectives.

It is also clear that there is much more to be done. All involved recognise that consecutive summits cannot just be isolated events. They know that to be successful in accelerating collaborative action in pursuit of the goals, demonstrable progress needs to be made in the periods between summits.

Universities are in a unique position to be able to work collaboratively to build on the results of the summit by brokering relationships within and between sectors, and to thereby build on what has been achieved and follow through with expectations raised. We will use the knowledge generated during the course of organising and running two consecutive summits – and preparing for a third – to bring together delegates from across the sectors who have aligned interests, and to provide support and encouragement for them to work together to action outcomes of the summit that are of most relevance to them. This will be our contribution, as a sector, that progress will continue.

Announcing the next national SDG Summit, 2021
The third New Zealand Sustainable Development Goals Summit will be co-hosted by the University of Canterbury and Lincoln University in early 2021. To register interest in this event, please contact the organisers via sustainability@canterbury.ac.nz

Caring for climate and the environment

The Summit was managed in accordance with the University of Auckland's Sustainable Events Guide. The venue was a waste-free zone, with no bins available for delegates. Crockery and cutlery were used, leftover food was donated, and pre and post-consumption food scraps were composted. Our caterers were fantastic at finding alternatives for back of kitchen operations and avoiding single use in their supply chain. Summit participants were encouraged to walk, cycle and use public transport. To coordinate carpooling, a 'share a ride' chat was included in the event's app. We honoured our speakers by gifting to Matuku Link restoration project on their behalf. We prepared a carbon budget and we mitigated our emissions by supporting Love Omaru Stream, a local ecosystem restoration project that contributes to carbon offsetting.

Showcasing sustainability through photography: Winning entries

Still photographs can tell stories, transport viewers to other worlds, evoke powerful emotions and challenge opinions. Congratulations to the winners of the summit's SDG-themed photography competition that was open to all delegates, as well as students and staff from the University of Auckland and AUT. Shortlisted entries can be seen at www.sdgsummit2019.org.nz.



1. PLANET & OVERALL WINNER: Big difference

"Even a single small act can make a big difference"

Photographer: Sylwia Kolenderska

Category: Planet – Protecting our planet's natural resources and climate for future generations



4. PROSPERITY: Harmony with nature

"The brightest of futures of the modern, high-tech world"

Photographer: Sylwia Kolenderska

Category: Prosperity – Ensuring prosperous and fulfilling lives in harmony with nature

2. PEOPLE'S CHOICE: Changing production and consumption

"By changing production and consumption to become more sustainable we can help protect our marine life"

Photographer: Briar Hubbard

Category: Planet – Protecting our planet's natural resources and climate for future generations

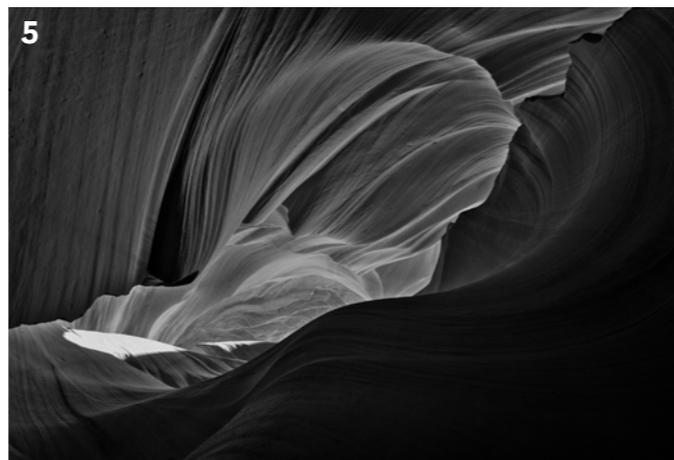


5. PEACE: Hazdistazí

"Hazdistazí, a spectacular rock formation treasured by original inhabitants (the Navajos) and visitors alike"

Photographer: Lingjun Leathwick

Category: Peace – Fostering peaceful, just and inclusive societies



6. PARTNERSHIP: Operation Tidy Fox

"Volunteers and Defense Force Members clean landfill waste from Fox River in Operation Tidy Fox"

Photographer: Alysha Johnson

Category: Partnership – Implementing the sustainable development goals agenda through a solid global partnership



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“ I had a great time volunteering at the SDG summit. Not only did I get to learn a lot but also got the opportunity to meet practitioners working in the sustainability area”

– Student volunteer



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3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



5 GENDER EQUALITY



6 CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION



7 AFFORDABLE AND CLEAN ENERGY



8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE



10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



13 CLIMATE ACTION



14 LIFE BELOW WATER



15 LIFE ON LAND



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