

# 2021 AOTEAROA SDG SUMMIT 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.<sup>1</sup>
- 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

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<sup>1</sup>

Te Tiriti o Waitangi Māori text as translated by Professor I H Kawharu, published in the Report of the Royal Commission on Social Policy, Wellington, 1988. A more recent expression in English of the te reo version of Te Tiriti o Waitangi can be found on the Network Waitangi Ōtautahi website here: <https://nwo.org.nz/resources/treaty-poster/>

- 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.