

Aotearoa AI Summit

Atamai Iahiko
Artificial Intelligence

Good for Aotearoa, good for the world



Agenda

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- 9:00am Mihi
- 9:10am **Welcome to AUT**
Prof Guy Littlefair, Pro Vice-Chancellor International and Dean of Faculty at Auckland University of Technology
- 9:15am **Welcome to Aotearoa AI Summit**
- 9:20am **New Zealand's National AI Strategy**
Minister Clark
- 9:30am **Keynote Presentation: Using AI to mine unstructured research papers to fight Covid-19**
Jennifer Marsman, Principal Software Engineer Lead, Microsoft
- 10:15am **Keynote Presentation: AI in 2030 and the future of New Zealand**
Greg Cross, Co-Founder and CBO, Soul Machines
- 10:35am **AI Applied to Bioacoustics and Accessibility**
Julie Cattiau, Product Manager, Google AI
Isuru Fernando, Google Cloud NZ,
Christopher Mende, Corporate Engineering Leader, Google Cloud NZ,

10:50am MORNING TEA

11:20am 'Excuses. Excuses?' – What is limiting effective use of AI and what can we do about it?

Professor Dave Parry, School of Engineering, Computer & Mathematical Sciences, AUT

11:40am Panel Discussion - Overcoming challenges to innovation success

Dr Mahsa Mohaghegh Director of Women in Technology and a Senior Lecturer, School of Engineering, Computer and Mathematical Sciences, AUT

Sam Daish, Qrious

Kevin Ross, CEO, Precision Driven Health

Nigel Parker, Customer Success Director, Microsoft New Zealand

Jean Yang, VP and co-founder, Onit AI Center of Excellence

12:30pm Spark's journey to creating commercial value using AI

Kallol Dutta, Data and Automation Lead, Spark

12:45pm Trust and Transparency: How the Government Chief Data Steward can support the future of AI

Dr Craig Jones, Deputy Government Statistician and Deputy Chief Executive – Data System Leadership, Tatauranga Aotearoa | Stats NZ

1:05pm LUNCH

1:55pm Introduction to Industry Engagement for the National AI Strategy

2:05pm Australia's experience building the AI Roadmap

Tim Bradley, General Manager, Emerging Technologies and Adoption Branch, Technology and National Security Engagement Division from the Department of Industry, Science, Energy and Resources.

2:15pm Roundtable discussions - you will have an opportunity to attend 2 roundtables

National AI Strategy Engagement - AI Strategy Cornerstones:

- Preparing the Workforce
- Investment in the AI Economy
- Human-centred and trusted AI
- Enabling Foundations
- Uniquely New Zealand

Building better AI in Aotearoa

- How to enable AI-driven use cases in organizations – a discussion on getting started and creating results
- What role for New Zealand in international AI ecosystem?
- How can NZ Government and industries create a data ecosystem that supports the future of AI?
- Considerations for NZ tailored AI systems
- Developing a dynamic AI research platform and partnerships in Aotearoa
- The role of AI in enhancing sustainability

- 3:25pm AFTERNOON TEA
- 3:55pm Panel Discussion - Māori Engagement within AI
- 4:40pm Callaghan Innovation - Supporting Startups in Aotearoa
Mitali Purohit, Senior Technology Incubator Specialist, Callaghan Innovation
- 5:00pm Using AI to identify areas of deforestation and replanting
Matt Lythe, Managing Director, Lynker Analytics Ltd
Deborah Burgess, Senior Analyst, Ministry for the Environment
- 5:20pm Closing Address & Karakia
- 17:30 Networking Drinks