



Rooted Globally, Grown Locally: Indigenous Knowledge in a Changing Climate

Dates: 10 September 2025

Time: 9-11am NZT

Platform: ZOOM

Join us in a virtual panel session brought to you by the Indigenous Research Network at the United Nations GA 80 Science Summit alongside the 2025 New York Climate Week. This session will empower diverse voices from Indigenous communities to explore the transformative power of traditional knowledge in the face of climate change. The main themes involve Inclusion, International Collaboration, and Sustainable Food Systems.



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Our Agenda

Introduction by MC: Chris Koroheke

“The Indigenous Research Network: empowering Indigenous voices in global agricultural issues” by Shiloh Babbington

“Sowing the Seeds of Resilience: Indigenous Knowledge for Sustainable Food Systems” by Mariaelena Huambachano

Indigenous Systems- Thinking: An Intergenerational, Holistic, Relational, and Place-Based Response for Tribal and Family Thrivance in a Changing Climate by Glen Skipper

Kua tae mai te Pīpīwharaua - Future Proofing Hokianga Food Systems by Maria Rawhiri

Panel Q&A and Reflection session

Conclusion by MC: Chris Koroheke



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Our MC



Ngāti Maniapoto,
Ngāti Tarāwhai,
Ngāti Wai, Te Rarawa,
Te Aupouri

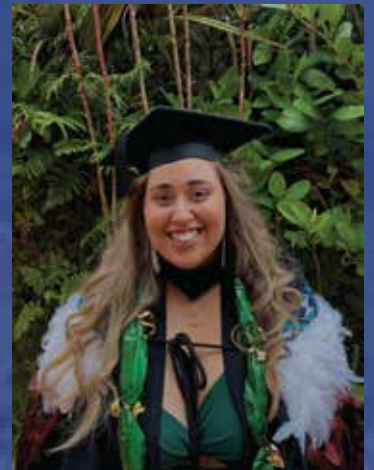
Chris Koroheke

Chris is New Zealand's AgEmission Centre's Urungi, Director Māori where he works to strengthen relationships across the Māori agribusiness sector. Chris has extensive experience building relationships with iwi at both central and local government levels, in both environmental and commercial areas.

Our Convenor

Shiloh Babbington

I come from the beautiful Wainuiomata in Wellington. I have a Bachelor of Arts Triple Major in International Relations, Political Science, and Education. I am part of the Global Research Alliance on Agricultural Greenhouse Gases (GRA) Secretariat and I lead the Indigenous Research Network. I've always had a passion for connecting cultures, this came from my time living in Japan.



Ngāti Porou,
Ngāti Kahungunu
ki te Wairoa

Our Speakers



Dr. Mariaelena Huambachano

Dr. Huambachano is a native Peruvian Indigenous scholar with strong cultural and professional connections to Aotearoa New Zealand, as well as North America. Currently, she serves as an Associate Professor in Environmental Humanities and Indigenous Studies at Syracuse University.

Her research, teaching, and policy work span local to global contexts and are grounded in an interdisciplinary approach that combines Environmental Studies, Indigenous Studies, Food Systems, and Sustainable Development.

Glen Skipper

Glen is an accomplished visual artist and co-chair of the Rautāpatu Foundation. He specialises in climate-centric projects, that integrate Indigenous Māori knowledge to lead sustainable community initiatives. His work emphasises empowering indigenous food systems and nurturing cultural resilience within Aotearoa NZ, blending traditional indigenous knowledge with artistic expression to inspire transformative change.



Te Atiawa nui tonu,
Taranaki Iwi



Maria Rawhiri

E mihi ana ki a koutou. Ko Maria Rawiri tōku ingoa. I come from the beautiful Hokianga and have a background in education and research. My whānau and I enjoy growing and harvesting foods locally and looking after our taiao in Hokianga.

Te Roroa, Ngapuhi,
Tainui