

40th Anniversary SCNZ 2021 Annual Conference Programme (Current)

15 & 16 April 2021

At Icon Room, Te Papa Tongarewa, Wellington

Theme: Celebrating 40 years of Global Connection and Diversity

M/C: Chris Gallavin

Thursday 15 April		
Time	Session	Speaker
8:30am	Registrations open	
9:45am	Participants be seated inside Icon Room	
10:00am	Mihi – Māori Welcome	
10:30am	Opening remarks	Kura Moeahu, Kaumatua Kara Puketapu-Dentice Te Ati Awa Taranaki Whānui
11:00am	Session 1 : Fostering diverse, globally-engaged communities Presentation by Anusha Guler, Executive Director, Office of Ethnic Communities	Presentations by recorded video <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sister Cities International (USA)• CPAFFC (China)• CLAIR Japan local Government Centre (Japan)• Sister Cities Australia (Australia)
12:00pm	Lunch hosted by Embassy of Japan	HE Japanese Ambassador Mr Koichi Ito
1:00pm	Group discussion on the value of international connections and the benefits of culturally-engaged communities	
1:45pm	Report back	
2:30pm	Presentation: Significant anniversaries and SCNZ Awards entries	
3:15pm	Short break	
3:30pm	Transport to Government House	
4:00-6:00pm	Welcome Reception at Government House hosted by Her Excellency The Right Honourable Dame Patsy Reddy Governor-General of New Zealand	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Governor-General Patsy Reddy• Hon Priyanca Radhankrishnan, Minister of Office of Ethnic Communities• Hiromi Morris, SCNZ President
6:20pm	Back to Te Papa	

Friday 16 April

Time	Session	Speaker
8:00am	Registrations open	
8:30am	Welcome and opening remarks	Welcome – Wellington Mayor Andy Foster Opening remarks – Susan Freeman-Greene, Chief Executive, Local Government New Zealand
9:00am	<p>Session 2: What does it mean to have a strategic approach to Sister Cities</p> <p>Local authorities take various approaches to managing and maintaining their SC relationships and international relations priorities. The Panel of this session will discuss their own city’s strategic approach to this issue, including how sister cities are managed and maintained</p>	<p>Facilitator: Simon Draper, Executive Director, Asia NZ Foundation</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayor Grant Smith, Palmerston North City Council and SCNZ Board Director • Cr Melanie Coker, Christchurch City Council • Matthew Bryson, Whakatāne District Sister Cities Committee member
10:20am	Morning tea break	
10:40am	<p>Session 3: Investing in Relationships and Economic Development</p> <p>How to use established SC relationships as a platform for economic development and how this can be enhanced through regional and national collaboration</p>	<p>Facilitator: John Christie, Director, Enterprise Dunedin</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Henry, Economic Development Manager, Marlborough District Council • Pam Ford, General Manager, Auckland Unlimited • Kelvin Coe, Selwyn Sister City Committee, & Graham Robertson, Chair Toraja Rural Development Charitable Trust
12:00pm	Lunch Break	
12:45pm	<p>Session 4: Youth Engagement</p> <p>How young people – our future leaders – can be involved and engage in global connections and contribute to the community</p>	<p>Facilitator: Jan Fitz-Gerald, SCNZ Board Director</p> <p>The panel is suggestion only. To be discussed and finalised with Jan.</p> <p>Panel:</p>

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Taylor Marston, Doctoral student in Community Development and Public Policy • Elisha Hsiao, SCNZ Youth Advisor • Sarah Ma, Youth Ambassador - Palmerston North • Many Zhu, Asia New Zealand Foundation Young Leaders Network Programme member
2:00pm	Group discussion (Participants choose a topic from Sessions 2-4)	
2:45pm	Report back with afternoon tea	
3:30pm	Presentation on 2022 Annual Conference	Marlborough Mayor John Leggett
3:40-4:30pm	AGM (members only)	
6:00-6:45pm	Pre-dinner drinks at Sign of Nation, 4F, Te Papa	
7:00pm	SCNZ Awards Dinner at Te Marae M/C: Ray Wallace, SCNZ Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bernard Duncan, SCNZ Board Director • Reuben Levermore, Head of Tourism and Regional Affairs, Air New Zealand • John Strevens, Former SCNZ President
	Closing remarks	Toni Grace, SCNZ Board Director
10:00pm	End	