

**Manatū Wāhine
Ministry for Women
Fortnightly Report
to the Minister for Women**

As at 3 March 2023

Current priority outcome areas

Te Mahere Whai Mahi Wāhine Women’s Employment Action Plan

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NACEW led engagement schedule on Pay Transparency

We will provide you with an updated table fortnightly that you may share with Minister Radhakrishnan’s office.

Engagement confirmed	Date	NACEW members	Format
Wāhine Māori leaders	27 February 2023	Traci Houpapa	Online - one and a half hours
s 9(2)(a)	3 March 2023	Traci Houpapa, David McLean and Theresa Gattung	Online - one hour
NACEW meeting	9 March 2023	NACEW members	Online - one hour
NACEW partners	13 March 2023 (occurs week after NACEW meeting)	NACEW members	Online - one hour
Pay advisory group meeting (NACEW)	13 March 2023	NACEW members	Online - one hour
Institute of Directors	15 March 2023	Ministry for Women on behalf of NACEW	Online - one hour
Future of Work tripartite forum Minister for Women to chair the Forum	3 April 2023	Traci Houpapa	In person (Note: Minister Radhakrishnan is attending)
Champions for Change meeting with Minister Tinetti (note this has been arranged to coincide with her meetings in Auckland as Minister for Education)	17 April 2023	Theresa Gattung David MacLean	Online - one hour
NACEW meeting	8 June 2023	NACEW members	Online - one hour
NACEW meeting	14 September 2023	NACEW members	Online - one hour
NACEW meeting	9 November 2023	NACEW members	Online - one hour
Engagement currently being confirmed	Date	NACEW members	Format
CTU women’s network/ other networks	Details to be confirmed	Melissa Ansell-Bridges	Online - one hour

System leadership - national

\$500,000 Puawānanga Community Fund

The Minister for Sport and Recreation has approved \$6 million to support government leverage and legacy activity related to the FIFA Women's World Cup. The Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) is administering this funding through the *Puawānanga Leverage and Legacy Fund*. The Fund aims to maximize the benefits of FIFA Women's World Cup 2023 for Aotearoa New Zealand by funding projects led by Crown agencies. MBIE sought applications from government agencies for activities that will improve the wellbeing of women and girls. The activities are intended to be wider than sports.

We submitted a bid to MBIE for \$500,000 for a Puawānanga Community Fund, which has been approved. Modelled off the COVID-19 Community Fund, this contestable Fund will support not-for-profit community organisations to offer programmes and initiatives for women and girls who face intersecting barriers to improve their participation in sports, active recreation, and wellbeing activities. We will invite applications from community organisations for between \$5,000 to \$20,000 for two kinds of activities:

- a. Access to existing sports and wellbeing activities: many community organisations support families with, among other things, the costs of sports fees, uniforms, and equipment, or cultural activities. A community organisation we spoke to when preparing our proposal told us that the activities their girls want to participate in (such as dance and gymnastics) are often more expensive than the ones their boys tend to favour. So funding specifically for girls' activities would make a big difference to their community.
- b. Tailored programmes: many community organisations run programmes tailored for women and girls who are not well-served by mainstream sports, arts and recreational activities. These grants would support workshops, classes or activities designed for, for example, disabled women and girls, or women and girls from under-served ethnic communities. Organisations that serve rural communities who do not have much choice in sports, active recreation, arts and cultural activities may also seek these grants.

We have asked MBIE whether announcements about the Puawānanga Community Fund should come from you or the Minister for Sport and Recreation, or whether they should be joint. We will be in touch with your office in due course.

System leadership – international

67th Session of the UN Commission on the Status of Women

The United Nations (UN) Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) is the global policy making body exclusively dedicated to gender equality and the advancement of women, running for two weeks annually in March. CSW67 is taking place in New York March 6-17th.

The priority theme for CSW67 is "Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls." New Zealand will be represented by Secretary for Women Kellie Coombes and New Zealand's Permanent Representative to the UN, Carolyn Schwalger. Your pre-recorded delivery of the National Statement will be delivered in the General Discussion session during the first week. While in New York, officials will undertake bilateral meetings with counterparts, attend side events,

and liaise with NGO stakeholders throughout the session and in particular throughout negotiation of the Agreed Conclusions document. We will give you an update on key meetings and developments following the sessions conclusion.

International Women's Day

This year Mānatu Wāhine is holding an online series for International Women's Day (IWD) that combines the following themes:

- *Embrace Equity (global IWD theme)*
- *DigitALL: Innovation and technology for gender equality (UN Women).*

At the same time, we will use IWD to celebrate all women across Aotearoa New Zealand, acknowledging those particularly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle.

As the sixty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67) is taking place over the same period, we have also taken the opportunity to align our campaign with the CSW's theme of "*Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.*"

Communications approach

Our online series will focus on driving digital equity and empowerment for women. We will celebrate success, highlight progress, call out disparity and provide informative resources via our social media channels.

Through the themes of digital, innovation and technology, we want to embrace the power of technology and digital innovation to empower all women and girls across Aotearoa.

Through a series of engaging content, we will share inspiring stories of women who are breaking barriers and embracing innovation to create a more equal world, alongside tools and resources to support safety online.

APEC Project "*COVID-19 Indigenous and Diverse Women-Led MSME Responses*"

This project has collected the voices of nine indigenous women who lead micro-small enterprise businesses and their experiences as businesswomen during the pandemic and some of the responses developed by different APEC economies. The stories told continue a narrative of women as leaders in their businesses, their communities and tribal organisations, and the centrality of family and community. They also report that too often COVID responses did not hit the mark, they were too bureaucratic and not fit for *their* purposes. A key part of the project was a commitment to publish the case studies in booklet form for these women and their communities where poor digital connectivity continues to be an issue of concern.

A copy of the booklet will be sent to your office for your perusal. Once the online version is published by the APEC Policy Management Unit in Singapore, the Ministry will proceed to publish through its website.

Ministerial Servicing

Policy advice and reports in progress			
Type	Title	Log number	Due date
Aide Memoire	Future of Work Forum – invitation letters	MW 22-23 0228	08/03/2023
Aide Memoire	Prevention of Family Violence Sexual Violence Ministers meeting 14 March 2023	MW 22-23 0220	09/03/2023

Event and meeting briefings in progress			
Type	Title	Log number	Due date
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Ministerial letters and responses			
Subject		Log number	Due date
Nil		N/A	N/A

Official Information Act requests in progress			
Subject	Log number	Due to Min's office	Due to requester
Ministry OIA requests			
s 9(2)(a) Royal Honours nominations	MW DOIA 22-23 0029	08/03/2023	15/03/2023
Minister OIA requests			
s 9(2)(a) various briefings	MW MOIA 22-23 0007	17/03/2023	24/03/2023

WPQs in progress			
Subject	Log number	Due to Min's office	Due to requester
Nil	N/A	N/A	N/A

Title	Release date
Fortnightly Reports – February 2023	28 April 2023
Fortnightly Reports – March 2023	31 May 2023

Publications and events in the next six months

Publications or events	Date	Agency lead
Nil	N/A	N/A

Proactive release

This Fortnightly Report will be considered for release within three months of publication, under the Ministry's 'proactive release of documents' policy.



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