



Call for Sessions

We are delighted to invite you to propose sessions for #DevNet2020. If you care about the wellbeing of people in Aotearoa and around the world and about the Earth we live on, "Development Matters" is the Conference for you.

Conference themes

Regardless of who we are or where we live, we all want our whānau, friends and communities to live safe, healthy and prosperous lives on a thriving planet. At the #DevNet2020 Conference we will explore contemporary development matters, by asking the questions:

- Why does development matter and how?
- How can we achieve the Sustainable Development Goals?
- How can we stop climate destruction while also reducing poverty and inequality?
- What are Indigenous perspectives on social change?
- Should we abandon the 'development project' and embrace an alternative way of viewing human and planetary life?

What is a Session at #DevNet2020?

A session is a 75-90 minute segment of the conference that has a unified theme. We are seeking creative, inspirational formats in addition to conventional paper presentation sessions. Session proposals could include debates, workshops, reflections on policy, round tables, talanoa/kōrero outside on mats, slam poetry and so forth. Feel free to collaborate with others across the development sector (academia, MFAT, NGOs, community groups, consultants) to propose an entire session that you will recruit people for and run, or merely suggest a theme and format then when we do the Call for Papers we will see if others would like to join your session.

What topics or themes could be considered?

Topics might range from 'Confessions of a development practitioner' through to 'Climate action at work in the Pacific', 'Measuring progress against the SDGs', 'Health security in the wake of measles and COVID-10' and 'Does the private sector really care about development?'.

The proposal should be submitted on the template available [here](#) to devnet2020@devnet.org.nz by the **1st June 2020**. The name of the file should be the Session Proposer and Session title (abbreviated, if necessary).

Call for Papers

Following review of the session proposals, a Call for Papers will open on 11 June 2020. This is this time when individuals can submit abstracts which either relate to a specific named session, or which align more broadly with the conference themes.