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Keynote: Tē tōia, tē haumatia

Maria will share real insights of building a Māori Health Workforce from the perspective of leading a National Māori Health Workforce Development Organisation. She will highlight critical successes and surmountable challenges. Maria will present what will be needed to continue to build the Māori Health Workforce for the new health system reforms, that takes into account relational resilience in a changing world.