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'NAVIGATING NEW HORIZONS'

10TH INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON CAREER DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY

Auckland, New Zealand

Sunday 22 November – Tuesday 24 November 2026



Kia Ora and very warm Pacific greetings from Aotearoa, New Zealand.

The theme for the symposium is 'Navigating New Horizons' and draws on the idea of our Pacific forebears and their journey using the stars to find their way. These wayfarers were pioneers of the Pacific, and we look to their inspiration to guide us in our work. For the Symposium, we have framed this under three subthemes:

- 1. Productivity and the inclusive economy**
- 2. Enhancing skills and developing technical and vocational education**
- 3. Ensuring disadvantaged groups can thrive.**

Key aspects of the Symposium format

The Symposium is a unique invitational event that brings small country teams together to exchange on innovations and common challenges for the purpose of advancing career guidance policy and systems development, and policy implementation.

Small country teams comprising leaders in guidance policy, practice, and research (n=approximately 3-6 team members per country) collaborate in working sessions with representatives of relevant international organisations such as ILO, OECD, EC, ETF, CEDEFOP, UNESCO, WB, IVETA, and IAEVG to maximize exchange, learning, and action.

Participating country teams and international organisations will be required to respond to a questionnaire on the Symposium subthemes in early 2026. Their responses will be analysed, synthesised, and used as catalysts for targeted group discussions at the Symposium. One of the end products of the Symposium is a Communique reflecting the collective conclusions and recommendations of participating countries and includes the opportunity to create specific country plans.

If your government department/agency, your international organisation, or your association, requires a personalized invitation to the Symposium, please contact John McCarthy, Director, ICCDPP, (jmc@iccdpp.org) cc. to Craig Dyason (cdyason@ashs.school.nz) before 15 January 2026.

Nā tō rourou, nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your food basket and my food basket, the people will thrive

(Māori whakatauki (saying) emphasising that working together leads to prosperity and survival for the group, as opposed to isolated efforts)



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