

Executive Leadership Forum

27 October 2026
8:30am - 5:30pm
Auckland



Leading for Long-Term Value

Resilience, risk and strategic
advantage in an age of disruption

A focused, one-day forum for CEOs and senior executives making critical business decisions amid AI disruptions, geopolitical instability, climate and nature risk, workforce transformation and changing stakeholder expectations.

Join a carefully curated group of peers navigating similar challenges and opportunities.

Why This, Why Now

When established assumptions no longer hold, leaders need more than forecasts. They need stronger strategic conversations, clearer signals and the confidence to act under uncertainty.

What You Will Take Back to Your Business

Sharper foresight. Identify the forces most material to your organisation and the assumptions worth challenging.

Practical responses. Explore how strategy, investment, innovation and organisational capability can build resilience and strategic advantage.

Better decisions. Apply evidence-based approaches to a live strategic uncertainty facing your business.

Clear action. Define one priority conversation or decision to advance in the next 90 days.

The programme draws on the World Business Council for Sustainable Development's executive leadership programme, developed in partnership with Stanford University.

Convened by the Sustainable Business Council (SBC), the forum brings international leadership thinking into a trusted, commercially focused conversation for New Zealand executives.

From Challenge to Action

Challenge assumptions

Are we building businesses for the wrong future?

Understand the evidence

The forces reshaping competitiveness, resilience and value creation.

Translate insight into action

Practical responses to disruption, from strategic choices to organisational capability.

Lead and decide

Improve decisions under uncertainty and build a future-fit enterprise.

Built for Candid Executive Dialogue

Join a small, in-person cohort. Bring a live organisational challenge, test your thinking with peers and leave ready to advance a decision in your business.



International Keynote: Dr Victoria Hurth

Dr Hurth is a globally recognised expert in sustainable business, governance and long-term value creation.

A Fellow of the University of Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership (CISL), she has helped shape international standards on governance and purpose-driven organisations, and advises businesses and institutions on building resilient, future-fit organisations. Drawing on more than 25 years' experience across business academia and standards development, she advises leaders on building resilient, future-fit enterprises.

At a Glance

One-day, in-person executive forum for CEOs and senior executives

Globally informed, locally relevant and action-oriented

Up to 2 participants per organisation

\$500 +GST for SBC members
\$600 +GST for non-members

Register two participants from your organisation and receive a 10% discount

Secure Your Place

Places are limited to preserve the quality of the executive dialogue. Contact Jay Crangle, Director of Programmes at SBC, at jcrangle@businessnz.org.nz for registration details.

About the Delivery Partners

Sustainable Business Council

The Sustainable Business Council (SBC) is a CEO and executive-led membership organisation bringing together more than 120 of Aotearoa New Zealand's leading businesses across all sectors of the economy. Our vision is a competitive, resilient economy that drives sustainability growth, lifts wellbeing and restores our environment for generations. We actively work to fulfil our purpose of mobilising New Zealand's most ambitious businesses to make sustainability a key driver of competitiveness and resilience.



Beca



Beca, one of Asia Pacific's largest independent advisory, design, and engineering consultancies, is a member of SBC. Founded and headquartered in New Zealand for over 105 years, and employee owned, Beca designs, creates and optimises assets and infrastructure to build a better future for clients and communities across Aotearoa New Zealand.

University of Auckland



The University of Auckland, Waipapa Taumata Rau, New Zealand's largest and highest-ranked university, is a member of SBC. It advances research, teaching, learning and partnerships that support fair, ethical and sustainable societies, while fostering innovation and leadership to help address Aotearoa's most pressing sustainability challenges.

