

## **International Speakers - USA, Canada and New Zealand**

### **New Zealand discussion issues**

- Memorandum of understanding between universities USA & NZ
- Treaty gives political sovereignty
- Governance models and constitutions were imposed on tribes - off the shelf
- Problems with off the shelf models
- Now searching for organic models of governance
- Clash between world view
- Difficult to separate representation and management within tribe
- Different traditional roles for woman in different tribal structures; and new roles and responsibilities have been developed
- Dispute resolution within tribal law - critical

### **Cultural match**

- Establishment of research body to research Maori issues
- Collaboration needed with Maori research projects

### **Other international issues**

- Every tribe to have a governance structure
- Multi million law industry around NZ governance
- Tribal councils are not that powerful any more, community is
- Start with what's in front of you; and build on strengths not just problems
- Get the foundations right ie rules and regulations
- Decision process needs to be all Indigenous; real changes starts at community level

- communities need to know legislative framework they operate within
- Strategic leadership is a huge need
- Tribes are starting to reinvent themselves
- A manual is being put together for tribes to use as a guide for governance structures
- Litigation to get Government to change; but Communities are also becoming more sophisticated and can negotiate with government; no need to use litigation
- The need to exercise political sovereignty in all projects
- Indigenous Australians make decisions in their second language interpreters are not widely used.
- Maori is a recognised language in NZ; TV station in language is about to start
- Private business does not help out Indigenous governance in the USA; Business needs to consult and accommodate Indigenous organisations in Canada
- Communities are pushing capacity building, not government
- Maori people own the biggest fishing company in the country
- Tribes approaching business to start within the community and give service as well as training locals
- Part of gaming legislation in the USA states that gaming profits need to help the social welfare of the community; Some tribes have squandered gaming profits
- Some tribes have developed strategic plans to keep their economies going after gaming profits have gone
- Bingo is a huge problem in indigenous communities in Canada
- Some tribes would like a greater voice in how health programs are delivered.