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MetService appoints Francene Wineti into newly created Pou Ārahi executive role



MetService is pleased to announce the appointment of Francene Wineti into the newly created Pou Ārahi role which sits on the MetService Executive Leadership Team. Francene will lead the development of strategic relationships across central and regional government for MetService, while building regional and national strategic partnerships with whānau, hapū, and iwi across Aotearoa.

Stephen Hunt, MetService Chief Executive states, “We are delighted welcome Francene to our MetService leadership team. Her highly respected background in science research and innovation, as well as her strategic experience in Māori economic development will have a big impact on how MetService reaches and serves all new Zealanders. The newly created Pou Ārahi role is crucial to MetService achieving our wider strategic objective to engage with relevance and impact for Māori, and in Francene I know we have the right person to lead this important work.”

MetService is committed to upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi, and the role of the Pou Ārahi will help guide MetService to engage more effectively as Treaty partners.

Francene Wineti says, “Māori have a kinship and connection to the environment which is vital to our health and well-being. Māori are revitalising their ancestral knowledge systems to strengthen this connection. MetService has the potential to bring together knowledge and expertise that complements this ancestral knowledge. I’m excited by what MetService can potentially achieve through partnership.”

About Francene Wineti

Francene Wineti (Te Atihaunui-a-Pāpārangī, Ngāti Rangi, Ngāti Tūwharetoa, Ngāti Kahungunū ki Wairoa), has worked in Māori development, primarily in Māori governance and leadership roles across the private and public sector for the past 20 years. Including roles in central government, and in research science and innovation with Callaghan Innovation, primarily in Māori economic development with a focus on the commercialisation of science, research, and technology. Wineti has a Master’s in Business Administration (MBA) from Victoria University, Wellington and a Masters in Aquaculture from Deakin University, Melbourne, Australia.