



Professor Sir Collin Tukuitonga Biography

Professor Sir Collin Tukuitonga is a Public Health Medicine Specialist currently Associate Dean Pacific at the University of Auckland Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, Director for the University of Auckland Research Centre for Pacific and Global Health (Te Poutoko Ora a Kiwa) and Professor of Public Health.

He has more than four decades of clinical, public health and public policy experience mostly in the prevention and control of Non-communicable Diseases. He is a career public servant with extensive experience in NZ, the Pacific and internationally. He was previously the Director of Public Health for New Zealand and CEO of the New Zealand Ministry of Pacific Island Affairs. Prior to his current role, he was the Director General of the Pacific Community, the largest development organisation providing scientific and technical support for Pacific island nations.

Sir Tukuitonga has excellent global networks. He was a Commissioner for the World Health Organization Ending Childhood Obesity (ECHO) and Co-Chair of the WHO SIDS Policy Expert Group which led to the development and adoption of the Bridgetown Declaration. More recently, he was appointed Chair of the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Group on the Prevention and Control of NCDs, a role that places him at the forefront of global policy guidance on NCDs, including obesity. He was the Chair of the Transition Team that produce the strategic framework for the new Regional Director of the WHO Western Pacific Region. He is a proven strong and ethical leader and effective advocate for health and wellbeing and reducing inequities at local, regional and global levels.