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Māori Governance

As current business trends and the focus for Māori economic development look increasingly to the international market, it seems appropriate to consider international governance systems for Māori organisations. However, governance must be attuned to cultural factors and these models do not take into account the unique set of operating factors facing Māori in governance. Peter's seminar will focus on his experiences of Māori governance.

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