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The Fifth Annual Workshop
“Building a Trusted and Sustainable AI Economy”

Friday, 11 September 2026 (New Zealand Time)
Building 201, Room 342, 10 Symonds Street, Auckland, 1010

9 am NZST	Zoom link live	Moderator
9:15 - 9:20am	Opening Karakia Hone Thorpe , Kaiārahi, University of Auckland Business School	
9:20 - 9:30am	Welcome Address Andrew Patterson , Deputy Dean, University of Auckland Business School	
9:30 - 10:45am	Keynote Speech: The Bright Side and Dark Side of AI Disruption Joshua Gans , Professor of Strategic Management and Jeffrey S. Skoll Chair in Technical Innovation and Entrepreneurship, Rotman School of Management, University of Toronto; Chief Economist, Creative Destruction Lab	Haiping Zhang Director, New Zealand APEC Study Centre, University of Auckland
10:45 am	Morning Tea	
11am - 12:30pm	Panel Session 1: Economic Impacts of AI and Trusted Governance Jonathan Adams, Senior Economist, Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City (online) Monica Hardy Whaley, President, National Center for APEC (online) Andy Higgs, Executive Director, Digital Identity New Zealand Stephanie Honey, Managing Director, Honey Consulting; APEC Business Advisory Council New Zealand	Alan Bollard Chair, New Zealand Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council
12.30pm	Lunch Break	
2pm - 3:30pm	Panel Session 2: AI Investment and Sustainability Danxia Xie, Institute of Economics, School of Social Sciences, Tsinghua University (online) Gerald Chan, Taipei School of Economics and Political Science, National Tsing Hua University (online) Yose Rizal Damuri, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies; Co-Chair, Indonesian National Committee for Pacific Economic Cooperation (online) Emilson Silva, Chair in Energy Economics; Director, Energy Centre, University of Auckland Albert Bifet, Director, Artificial Intelligence Institute, University of Waikato	Rory McLeod Vice Chair, New Zealand Committee of the Pacific Economic Cooperation Council
3:30 pm	Final Remarks	