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Infectious Disease Research Platform Information Sharing Session

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Today's discussion

- History and purpose of the Platform - *Ian Town*
- Importance of a Tiriti approach - *Willy-John Martin*
- Stages of the investment development process - *Trevor Drage*
- Our priorities in selecting a Host and partners - *Trevor Drage*
- Q+A - *Prue Williams*

WHAT WILL THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES RESEARCH PLATFORM DO?

MISSION: To ensure New Zealand has world class research capability to respond to serious infectious disease threats

FUNDING: \$36 MILLION OVER THREE YEARS

WHAT WILL THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES RESEARCH PLATFORM DO?

- Connected, inter-disciplinary, world-class research
- Help fulfil the Government's Tiriti obligations
- Pipeline of research capability
- Novel approaches, pipeline of new ideas
- Go for the highest priorities
- Create transformative outcomes – some high-risk/high-return research
- Contribute to growing an integrated research and response system
- Don't duplicate what we already have

WHAT WILL THE INFECTIOUS DISEASES RESEARCH PLATFORM DO? – RESEARCH THEMES

Theme 1: Improved prevention and control of infectious diseases

Theme 2: Improved management of and response to infectious diseases

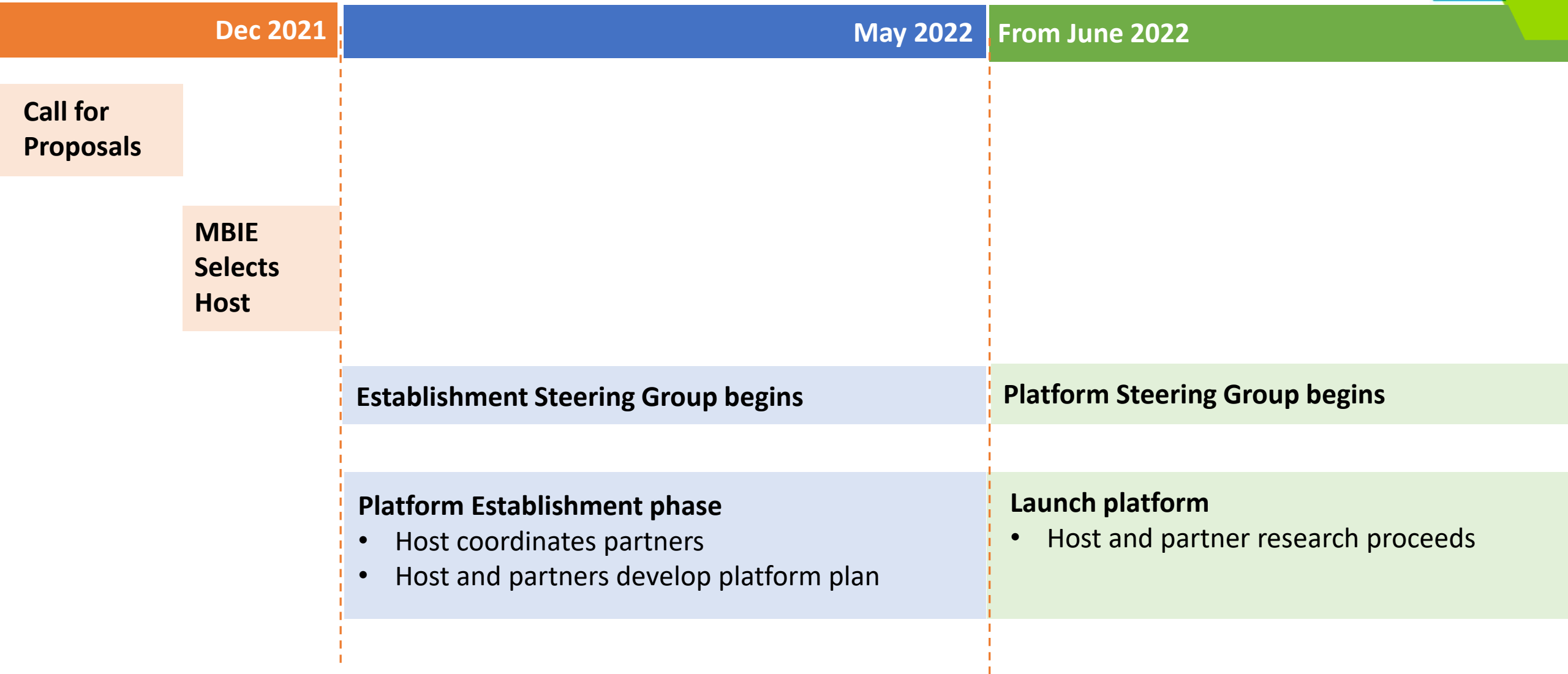
Themes span public health, social, and biomedical sciences

A TIRITI APPROACH

The Platform will help fulfil the needs and aspirations of Māori, and the Government's Tiriti obligations

- Partnership and co-creation with Māori
- Equity of outcomes a priority
- Māori as research leaders, experienced and early career researchers

Key stages of developing and running the Infectious Diseases Platform



Call for Proposals for Host

Now to Dec 2021

Interested parties:

- › Agree how to work together
- › Agree what organisation to propose as Host
- › Develop a plan for the Establishment Phase
- › Submit a proposal for Host to MBIE

- › Assessment panel (MBIE and MoH) assess the proposal(s)
 - › Seeks more information if needed
 - › MBIE selects Host
 - › MBIE contracts Host

Establishment
phase

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- › We expect collaboration between organisations and researchers in responding to this opportunity
- › **Research collaborators:**
 - › Universities
 - › Crown Research Institutions
 - › Independent Research Organisations
- › Research organisations with significant capability in **health research relevant to Māori and Pacific peoples**
- › **Plan to connect with:**
 - › Health sector organisations, in particularly, the Ministry of Health, District Health Boards (DHBs), and key people involved in health system transition
 - › Māori and Pacific health providers
 - › Health focused industries

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Establishment Phase

December 2021

Research projects developed

Connections across the sector developed

Establishment phase is contracted

- › *Host coordinates wide discussions to develop programmes of work*
- › *Workshops, hui, co-design sessions help shape programmes of work*
- › *Detailed priority setting for research*
- › *Detailed work programmes developed, specifying projects, personnel, institutions, and other relevant details*
- › *Opportunities for further co-creation identified*

Platform Plan submitted

- › *SSIF Assessment Panel and advisors assess a preliminary, and then final, Platform plan*
- › *Phase ends once a full Platform contract is agreed to by MBIE, Host and parties*

June 2022

Guided by Establishment Steering Group

HOW WILL THE ESTABLISHMENT STEERING GROUP WORK WITH THE HOST AND PARTNERS?

Establishment Steering Group:

- Oversees the development of an integrated research programme coordinated by the Platform Host
- Provides guidance on matters including:
 - how to align with the intent of the research investment
 - how to align with relevant government priorities
 - running a consultative, transparent process
 - relevant contacts
- The Host will meet regularly with the Platform Establishment Steering Group and provide progress updates

PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT STEERING GROUP - MEMBERS

- Dr Prue Williams
MBIE General Manager Science Systems Investment and Performance
- Prof Ian Town
MoH Chief Science Advisor
- Dr Willy-John Martin
MBIE Director Māori Research, Science and Innovation
- Dr Fiona Cram
Kaupapa Māori Researcher, Evaluator and Trainer
- Dr Anthony Jordan
Māori Clinical Immunologist

PROCESS: HOW TO APPLY?

Email proposals, by **5pm 26 November 2021**.

- › Applicants need to coordinate and work together – ensuring the ‘best team’ approach is fulfilled
- › The application asks for a detailed plan describing the development of the Platform Plan / Integrated Research Programme
- › A successful application will credibly meet all assessment criteria

PROCESS: HOW TO WRITE AN APPLICATION?

- The application template is on the MBIE website
- We expect around 12 A4 pages
- 300 words average per answer

PROCESS: HOW WILL THE HOST APPLICATION BE ASSESSED?

- MBIE's Host SSIF Assessment Panel will select a successful proposal by consensus
- All questions in the application must be adequately addressed by the applicant
- **If no expression of interest adequately addresses all the assessment criteria, the Assessment Panel may negotiate a revised expression of interest**
- MBIE will advise the successful applicant in December 2021.

KEY DATES

DATE	KEY ACTIVITY
3 November until 5pm 26 November 2021	Proposal submission period
No later than 10 December 2021	Applicants are advised of outcome
December 2021/January 2022	Establishment contract period begins
March to May 2022	Final assessment and contracting
May 2022	Announcement of successful applicant
1 June 2022	Platform contracts period begins

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THANK YOU!



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OUTPUT FROM THE ESTABLISHMENT PHASE

- An integrated programme of research meeting the Infectious Diseases Research Platform mission, investment goals, principles, and research themes