

## **Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL) Abstract**

‘Showcasing National Libraries – The World Summit on the Information Society and national digital strategies’

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As we get closer to the second World Summit on the Information Society in Tunis in November 2005, it is an opportune time for the National Libraries of the world to think strategically about how they will engage with and perhaps influence their governments’ national delegations to promote the issues important to libraries. In this session of the CDNL, Chief Executive and National Librarian of New Zealand, Penny Carnaby, will build on the presentation she gave at the Reichstag in Berlin on the journey towards positioning New Zealand Aotearoa as a leading information led democracy. In this session she will outline what she considers to be the challenges and opportunities for National Libraries to contribute to the WSIS conference in Tunis. She will tell the story of New Zealand’s Digital Strategy which was launched in May 2005 and facilitate a discussion on national initiatives in other countries that have contributed to the WSIS principles. She ends this session by asking the CDNL if we want to prepare a joint statement from the National Libraries of the world to be presented at the WSIS in Tunis.