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“Policy-making is messy – can science make it any cleaner?”

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Sir Peter Gluckman is the first Chief Science Advisor to the Prime Minister of New Zealand, having been appointed in 2009. He was originally trained as a paediatric endocrinologist and holds a Distinguished University Professorship at the Liggins Institute of the University of Auckland. He was formerly Executive Dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (1992-2001) and Foundation Director of the Liggins Institute (2001-2009). He is also Chief Science Officer for the Singapore Institute of Clinical Sciences. His research has been in pediatric endocrinology, developmental biology, evolutionary biology, epigenetics and developmental pathways to disease and in particular pathways to obesity and diabetes. He has published over 700 scientific papers and reviews, books for both technical and lay audiences and has received the highest scientific (Rutherford Medal) and civilian (Order of New Zealand, limited to 20 living persons) honours in New Zealand and numerous international scientific awards. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of London, a member of the National Academy of Medicine (USA) and of the Academy of Medical Sciences (UK). He has honorary appointments at the University of Southampton, National University of Singapore and University College, London. He has also written extensively on science-policy interactions and science diplomacy. He is Chair of the International Network for Governmental Science Advice and of the APEC Chief Science Advisors and Equivalents group. He is the convenor of the Small Advanced Economies Initiative of which both Singapore and New Zealand are members and administers the initiative's secretariat. In 2014 he was appointed by the Director General of WHO as co-chair of the Commission to End Childhood Obesity that reported in January 2016. In 2016 he received the AAAS award for science and diplomacy.