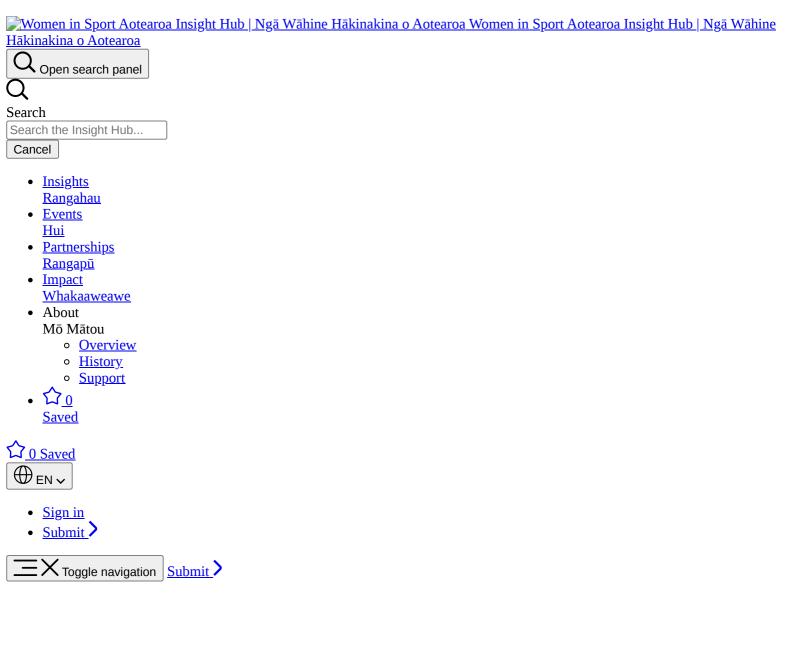
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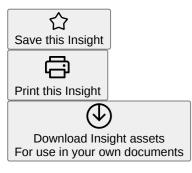
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The 2024 delegate for the U.S. Department of State Global Sports Mentoring Program lives in Auckland on the North Island among an urban population of about 1,531,400 and is CEO of Women in Sport Aotearoa for two years running.

From her early days as an advocate for women in sport, to about two weeks with the NHL and subsequent return to Auckland, van den Bos is learning to fly. Six days before presenting her action plan to mentors and other delegates at NHL headquarters in New York, she had a quiet moment to reflect.

"The journey so far, meeting with women from other walks of life and other communities around the world, is a very interesting way to end up," van den Bos said. "You have very different views, worldly views. Same passion and mind around sports and women and girls, but different ways and different cultures."

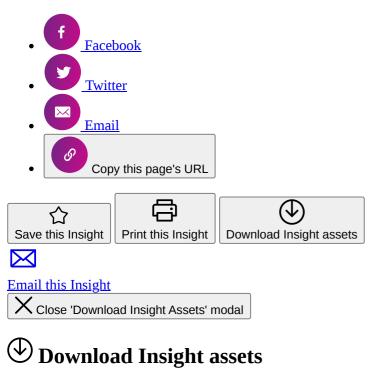
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