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TE TAAEPAEPATANGA O TE RANGI
MĀORI GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT:
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- Māori leaders speak.

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Abstract

This thesis explores Māori global engagement from the perspectives of leaders in Māori development; the opportunities, challenges and aspirations, and its significance and contribution to Māori development efforts. It positions Māori global engagement as an essential facet of Māori development, with beginnings before Māori arrival to Aotearoa New Zealand, and which has a pivotal role in Māori development now and in the future. Individual in-depth semi-structured interviews were conducted with leaders in Māori development across three key areas: Cultural resources, Social wellbeing, and Business. Duries (1998a) framework on ‘mana’ was drawn upon to ensure appropriate and satisfactory ethical considerations when engaging with these leaders. These leaders were specifically identified for the power of their narratives and ability to provide rich data on the research topic. Subsequently, the use of thematic analysis was employed to analyse the data. Interview data portrays the expansive nature of Māori global engagement and exciting opportunities that have occurred and are developing. Specific challenges that restrict global engagement were also identified that will require considered Māori leadership to overcome. This thesis seeks to consider the development of Māori global engagement historically, in the present, and ways in which Māori global engagement can enhance Māori development in the future. It views Māori global engagement as an emancipatory vehicle that can affirm aspirations of tino rangatiratanga and self-determination to achieve enduring positive Māori development in Aotearoa New Zealand and across the globe.

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