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Katie Sadleir was appointed World Rugby General Manager for Women's Rugby in November 2016. Prior to joining World Rugby, Katie accrued a wealth of experience as both an athlete and an administrator working in sports and sports governance in New Zealand. Born in Scotland, raised in Canada, Katie made New Zealand her home, representing her adopted country at the 1984 Olympic Games in synchronised swimming, before going on to win a bronze medal at the 1996 Commonwealth Games.

Following her retirement from international sport, Katie led the establishment of the New Zealand Academy of Sport network in the late 1990s. She then went on to serve as General Manager of Sport and Recreation New Zealand (now Sport New Zealand), from 2000-2006, acting as a leading proponent in the transformation of New Zealand's High Performance system. From 2009-2015 she held directorships with both Sport New Zealand and High Performance Sport New Zealand. She also served as a director with the International Association of Elite Sport Training Centres, a board member of the New Zealand Swimming Federation and a member of New Zealand Olympic Committee's Athletes' Commission.