

## MAUDE BARLOW BIOGRAPHY



Maude Barlow is the National Chairperson of the Council of Canadians and chairs the board of Washington-based Food and Water Watch. She is a board member of the San Francisco-based International Forum on Globalization and a Councillor with the Hamburg-based World Future Council.

Barlow rose to prominence as the prolific spokesperson against the Canada-US free trade agreement, the galvanizing issue of Canada's 1988 election. Since then, she has monitored the effects of the free trade agreement, and the subsequent NAFTA agreement. She was one of the leaders in defeating the Multilateral Agreement on Investments and the Free Trade Agreement of the Americas.

She is also the author of dozens of reports, as well as 17 books, including *Parcel of Rogues: How Free Trade Is Failing Canada* and *Too Close For Comfort; Canada's Future Within Fortress North America*. She is co-author of *MAI: The Multilateral Agreement on Investment and the Threat to Canadian Sovereignty*, *MAI: The Multilateral Agreement on Investment Round 2*, and *Global Showdown: How the New Activists Are Fighting Global Corporate Rule*.

As well, Barlow is the recipient of eleven honorary doctorates as well as many awards, including the 2005 Right Livelihood Award (known as the "Alternative Nobel"), the 2005 Lannan Foundation Cultural Freedom Fellowship Award, the Citation of Lifetime Achievement at the 2008 Canadian Environment Awards, the 2009 Earth Day Canada Outstanding Environmental Achievement Award, the 2009 Planet in Focus Eco Hero Award, and the 2011 EarthCare Award, the highest international honour of the Sierra Club (US). In 2008/2009, she served as Senior Advisor on Water to the 63<sup>rd</sup> President of the United Nations General Assembly and was a leader in the campaign to have water recognized as a human right by the UN