

BIOGRAPHY

Maude Barlow is the National Chairperson of the Council of Canadians and Senior Advisor on Water to the President of the United Nations General Assembly. She also chairs the board of Washington-based Food and Water Watch and is a Councillor with the Hamburg-based World Future Council. Maude is the recipient of seven honorary doctorates as well as many awards, including the 2005 Right Livelihood Award (known as the “Alternative Nobel”), and the 2008 Canadian Environment Award. She is also the best selling author or co-author of 16 books, including the recently released *Blue Covenant: The Global Water Crisis and The Coming Battle for the Right to Water*.

Title: Can Science Solve the Global Water Crisis?

Abstract: The world is running out of fresh, clean water. The global crisis threatens all humanity and all species. Yet political leaders everywhere, armed with the belief that science and technology will solve the crisis, are acting as if it is a temporary and "fixable" threat. Maude Barlow has studied the so-called technological miracles such as nanotechnology, toilet to tap recycling, and desalination and argues that they cannot replace conservation, source protection and good public policy.