SHEILA WATT-CLOUTIER
ENVIRONMENT, CULTURAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCATE

“We must now speak environment, economy, foreign policy, health and human rights in the same breath”

In this truly globe-spanning keynote presentation, Watt-Cloutier provides a clear, meaningful, and comprehensive understanding of the way these issues are interconnected, and what it means for the future of our planet. With a focus on solutions, she brings the realities of the Arctic where Inuit today face profound challenges to their environment, economy, health and cultural well-being to light. The challenges they face are clearly connected to the industries we support, the disposable world we have become, and the non-sustaining policies we create. Because her Inuit culture faces the most extreme challenges of globalization, Watt-Cloutier speaks from firsthand experience, and couples that with her extensive experiences as a global leader.

Presentation by Sheila Watt-Cloutier

In 2007, Dr. Watt-Cloutier was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize for her advocacy work in showing the impact of global climate change on human rights—especially in the Arctic, where it is felt more immediately, and more dramatically, than anywhere else in the world. Watt-Cloutier an Officer of the Order of Canada; the recipient of the Aboriginal Achievement Award; the UN Champion of the Earth Award; the Norwegian Sophie Prize; and the Right Livelihood Award, which she won in November, 2015 and is widely considered the "Nobel Alternative".

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