

MARGARET CATLEY-CARLSON

CANADA

Current Position: Chair
Crop Diversity Trust & Sec Gen Group

Margaret Catley-Carlson is actively involved in organizations that apply science and knowledge to national and international problems in freshwater governance, health, agriculture, environmental protection, international development and development finance. She is currently Chair, Crop Diversity Trust & Sec Gen Group. She was Chair of The Global Water Partnership, of the Board of ICARDA (Agricultural Research in Dry Areas) in Syria, and The Water Resources Advisory Committee for Suez/Lyonnaise of Paris. She is Vice Chair of the International Development Research Centre in Ottawa and a member of the Board of IIED in London, the Library of Alexandria (Egypt), and the International Water Management Institute (IWMI) in Sri Lanka. Mrs. Catley-Carlson was president of CIDA, the Canadian International Development Agency (1983–89), and of the Population Council (91–99). Her professional career began as a career diplomat Canada; she has been Deputy Minister of Health in Canada, and Deputy Director (Operations) of UNICEF, with the rank of Assistant Secretary-General of the United Nations. She has received eight honorary degrees and became an Officer of the Order of Canada in 2002.