

MAURICE F. STRONG

Maurice F. Strong is a renowned environmentalist, and one of Canada's leading specialists in international development. He was for three years Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme in Nairobi, Kenya before returning to Canada in 1976 to become Chairman of the Board of Petro-Canada.

Mr. Strong was Secretary-General, United Nations Conference on the Human Environment and Under-Secretary-General of the United Nations Office at Geneva from 1970-1972. During the period 1966-1970, he was the head of Canada's International Development Assistance Program, first as Director-General of the External Aid Office, and subsequently---as the role of the organization was expanded to become the Canadian International Development Agency---was CIDA's first President.

Mr. Strong holds numerous honorary degrees from universities in Canada, the United Kingdom, and the United States of America. His most recent academic affiliation was with the University of Edinburgh, Scotland, where he was Montague Burton Professor of International Relations in 1973.

In 1976 he was appointed an Officer of the Order of Canada by His Excellency Governor General Léger. Mr. Strong has received other national and international honours, including: the UNESCO First International Pahlavi Environment Prize (1976); the Freedom Festival Award (1975); the Mellon Award (1975); the National Audubon Society Award (1975); and the Tyler Ecology Award (1974).