

With the United Nations fighting a relentless battle against water pollution, loss of biodiversity, desertification, deforestation, climate change and a depleted ozone layer, the campaign for a "Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth" has taken added significance. "It is not too late to change course and improve our relationship with Mother Earth," says U.N. Deputy Secretary-General Asha-Rose Migiro. "But time is running out," she warns.

Maude Barlow, a lead campaigner for the U.N. convention and chairperson of the Council of Canadians, a citizen's advocacy organisation, said: "We hope that one day a Universal Declaration of the Rights of Mother Earth will stand as the companion to the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights as one of the guiding covenants of our time."

The campaign has also been boosted by the fact that the United Nations is commemorating two key environment-related events this year: the International Year of Forests and the beginning of the International Decade for Biodiversity. (...)

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