

**Live Webcast: “Not the Time to COP Out”
Sheila Watt-Cloutier’s lecture on climate change to UN COP-17**

Montreal, November 22, 2011 – Sheila Watt-Cloutier, an Inuk climate change advocate and Nobel Peace Prize Nominee, will give a public lecture on the human rights of climate change entitled “Not the Time to COP Out” at Mount Allison University, November 29th at 7PM AST (6PM EST), webcast live on IsumaTV www.isuma.tv.

The lecture marks the second day of the international UN COP-17 climate change negotiations in Durban South Africa. Watt-Cloutier will take questions from the live audience at Mount Allison University and over Skype from online viewers of the live interactive webcast using the Skype Username: isumatvwebcaster. Communities across Canada, viewers in Durban and concerned groups around the world are encouraged to organize their own local screenings of the live IsumaTV webcast and join in virtually to the following Q&A.

Watt-Cloutier’s lecture has global resonance at the beginning of COP-17 (November 28th - December 9th, 2011), the 17th meeting of the Conference of Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change. This is the final opportunity for global governments to agree on a binding international framework to address climate change that will replace the Kyoto Protocol set to expire in 2012. Watt-Cloutier’s lecture is organized by the Department of Geography and the Environment’s Arctic Environmental Change course, facilitated by Watt-Cloutier and Ian Mauro, Canada Research Chair in Human Dimensions of Environmental Change. As a former international Chair of the Inuit Circumpolar Council (ICC), Watt-Cloutier has worked extensively at the UN level to advocate on behalf of Inuit, who are disproportionately affected by climate change. She was amongst the first to link climate change within a human rights framework and as a result was co-nominated with Al Gore for the Nobel Peace Prize in 2007.

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PLACE : www.isuma.tv

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