

**Biography**  
**Susan Tanner**  
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Susan Tanner has extensive experience both in government and the non-governmental sector and has long been an advocate for equality rights and the environment.

Ms. Tanner comes to the RCEN from the federal public service, where she has held a variety of senior positions which include: Forum Lead, Habitat Jam for WUF3; Visiting Executive, Association of Professional Executives (APEX); Senior Advisor, Diversity and Gender Equality, Department of Justice. At the provincial level, her experience includes service as a tribunal member of the Ontario Environmental Assessment Board..

In 1992, Ms. Tanner represented **Friends of the Earth** (FOE) and Women and Environment Education and Development (**WEED**) at UNCED. Subsequently, she served as Executive Director of FOE, where she led the campaign on ozone layer depletion for which FOE received a United Nations Environment Program (**UNEP**) award.

Ms. Tanner has also been a mediator/facilitator, sessional professor, humor seminar leader, a public speaker and a consultant for public and private sector clients. She holds a Masters of Law from the University of Ottawa, a Masters of Environmental Studies from York University, and has been a member of the Ontario Bar since 1978.

Susan Tanner currently sits on the national voluntary boards of Learning for a Sustainable Future and the FMCFS Association. She is a former member of the Board of the Canadian Association for the Club of Rome, UNIFEM Canada, the Canadian Environmental Research Foundation and a member of the IUCN Communications and Legal Commissions, among others. She was the founding chairperson of LEAF (the Women's Legal, Education and Action Fund) and of the Halton Hills Community Legal Clinic.