

Irene Khan

Irene Khan joined Amnesty International as Secretary General in August 2001.

She has led Amnesty International through developments in the wake of September 11, confronting the backlash against human rights; broadening the work of the organisation in areas of economic, social and cultural rights; and bringing a strong focus to the issue of women's human rights and violence against women.

Prior to joining Amnesty International she served with the UN High Commissioner for Refugees for 21 years and she was awarded the City of Sydney Peace Prize in 2006.

She is a graduate of Harvard Law School and the University of Manchester and has received honorary doctorates from Ferris University (Japan), Staffordshire University (UK), Ghent University (Belgium), the University of London, University of Manchester and the American University of Beirut.