

## **Elisabeth Sterken**

Elisabeth Sterken is a professional nutritionist and consumer advocate on behalf of mothers and children specializing in infant and young child feeding. She has been actively working on the protection, promotion and support of breastfeeding in a number of ways both in her home country, Canada and internationally for over 25 years. Director of INFACT (Infant Feeding Action Coalition) Canada and IBFAN (International Baby Food Action Network) North America; Founding member of the Breastfeeding Committee for Canada, and active member of its Nutrition Committee; Past Chairperson and current Co-Chair of the Non Governmental Organization/Civil Society Organizations group of the UN Standing Committee on Nutrition (present); Member of the Steering Committee of the UN Standing Committee on Nutrition (present); Is a Core Global Partner for IBFAN on the steering committee of the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action - WABA (present); Is a member of the WABA-IBFAN Core Advisory Group on the governance and implementation of the global Breastfeeding Initiative for Child Survival (present). Recipient of the Right Livelihood Award, known as the Alternative Nobel Peace Prize - awarded in Sweden, 1998.