



Nobel Laureate Prof. Wangari Maathai
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Prof. Wangari Maathai is the founder of the Green Belt Movement (GBM) and the 2004 Nobel Peace Laureate. Born in Nyeri, Kenya, Maathai was the first woman in East and Central Africa to earn a doctorate degree. Wangari Maathai chaired the National Council of Women of Kenya from 1981–87 during which time GBM developed into broad-based, grassroots organization whose main focus remains tree planting with communities to conserve the environment and improve their quality of life. Since 1977, the movement has facilitated the planting of over 40 million trees. Maathai has received numerous international recognitions for her persistent struggle for democracy, human rights and environmental conservation.

