

Lynn Pyfrom Holowesko

Lynn Pyfrom Holowesko received her undergraduate degree at the Catholic University of America, studied law in the Bahamas and was called to the Bahamas Bar in 1985. She is a practising Attorney-at-Law, member of the Bahamas Bar Association, the International Bar Association and a Justice of the Peace. She has been an outspoken defender of the environment since 1976, before environmental matters became popular causes. She served as a Senator in the Government of the Bahamas from 2000 to 2002. Prior to that Ms Holowesko was Ambassador for the Environment and headed the Bahamas' delegations at the Conference of the Parties for the Convention on Biological Diversity, the Framework Convention on Climate Change and at the UN Commission on Sustainable Development. Ms Holowesko was a member of the Ad Hoc Committee for the Protocol on Biosafety and was elected Chairman of the Legal Drafting Committee for the Protocol. In 1999 – 2000 she served as Co-Chair of the United Nations Environment Programme Panel of Experts on Environmental Law for the Montevideo Programme. At her Government's request she founded the Bahamas Environment Science & Technology Commission in 1994 and it became the authoritative voice for environmental matters and technological development in the Bahamas. Ms Holowesko chaired the Commission and also served as Deputy Chairman of the Town Planning Committee until she entered the Senate in 2000. She is currently serving a second term as member of the Council for the World Conservation Union IUCN where she has been Chair of a Task Force on Governance of the Union and currently is Chairman of the Finance & Audit Committee. She was the longest-serving President of the Bahamas National Trust and honoured with the Bahamas National Trust's 25th Anniversary Award for Outstanding Contribution to Conservation. Holowesko was made Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (CBE) in the Fiftieth Anniversary awards (2001) by Queen Elizabeth, is a recipient of the Commonwealth of The Bahamas Silver Jubilee Award and the Business and Professional Women's Association of New Providence award as Outstanding Business Woman of the Year Award (1984).