



# Maureen Friar

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## **Why you should listen :**

Maureen Friar is Executive Director of the Huairou Commission, and organization that works in over 50 countries partnering with women's organizations that focus on land and housing, HIV/AIDS, governance, women's safety and resilience efforts related to natural disasters and climate change.

Friar has twenty-five years of experience leading nonprofit associations focused on affordable housing and finance, community development and disability rights. Before joining the Huairou Commission in June of 2016, she worked at the Strategic Development Officer at Community Access, a New York nonprofit that develops supportive housing for low income families and formerly homeless individuals living with mental health conditions and other special needs. Prior to her time at Community Access, she served as President and CEO of the National Housing Conference, a broad-based network of housing associations, financial institutions, local authorities and developers in the U.S.

Maureen also led the Supportive Housing Network of New York over a period of 14 years, growing an ad hoc New York City organization into the nation's most robust and sophisticated supportive housing association. Maureen holds a BA in International Relations from Brown University and a Master's of Public Policy from the University of California at Berkeley.

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## **Enlaces**

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