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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"When water is not on premises and needs to be collected, it's our women and girls who are mostly paying with their time and lost opportunities,"

UNICEF's Chief of Section of Water, Sanitation and Hygiene, Sanjay Wijesekera, said in a news release highlighting World Water Week.

CRITICAL READS

- [Women, Girls Across the World Spend 200 Million Hours Every Day Collecting Water](#) (First Post; 2 min. read) - As World Water Week began this Monday, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has highlighted that the opportunity cost from a lack of access to water disproportionately falls on women and girls who collectively spend as much as 200 million hours – or more than 22,800 years – every day collecting this vital resource.
- [India's Maharashtra State to Give Women Slum Dwellers Joint Ownership Rights](#) (Thomson Reuters Foundation; 1 min. read) - The Indian state of Maharashtra will give women slum dwellers equal ownership rights with men, the first such move by the state where millions live in the very poor neighborhoods.
- [Colombian Women Made Sure Gender Equality Was at the Center of a Groundbreaking Peace Deal with the FARC](#) (Quartz; 3 min. read) - The Colombian government and the FARC, the country's largest guerrilla group, have agreed on a peace accord to end the 50-plus-year war. While the accord is only the beginning, it is unique in its attempts to achieve gender equality and include women's perspectives
- [Indigenous Solar Engineers Changed Their Village in Chile](#) (Collective Evolution; 4 min. read) - Two indigenous women from northern Chile, Liliانا and Luisa Terán, traveled to India for training in installing solar panels. Together, they have not only changed their future but that of their remote village, Caspana, as well.
- [Researching 'Womenability': How Women Experience Cities](#) (The Hindu; 3 min. read) - Acknowledging the role of cultural factors and patriarchy, French researchers stress the role of urban planners, architects and policy makers in addressing the needs of women.
- [Growing Protest against TTIP and CETA Trade Agreements in Germany](#) (Deutsche Welle; 4 min. read) - Trade unions and other groups have called for protests against the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) across Germany on September 17. A trade agreement with Canada (CETA) has also come under attack.

CLIMATE HOPE



[Our Lives Do Matter! Women Fight for Water in Somkhele and Fuleni!](#) (Women In and Beyond the Global; 3 min. read) - On August 12, women representing the communities of Somkhele and Fuleni mobilized around the issue of water scarcity, building a collective voice for concrete change.

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