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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK



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"It's supposed to be justice for all. Not just for some."— Tara Houska on the struggle for Native American rights and the Dakota Pipeline Protest.

### CRITICAL READS

- [Peru: Maxima Acuña and Partner Attacked by Mining Firm's Guards](#) (TeleSUR; 2 min. read) - Hitmen hired by the Yanacocha mining company in Peru attacked Maxima Acuña, a Peruvian Environmental Defender and 2016 Goldman Prize award winner. Not only did Maxima refuse to sell her land to Yanacocha in 2011, but she stopped the company from constructing an open-pit gold mine that could have contaminated the community's water supply.
- [The Refugee Crisis Is A Feminist Issue. We Can't Just Sit by and Watch](#) (The Guardian; 4 min. read) - The current refugee crisis is inherently a feminist issue, posing specific challenges to women and girls fighting for their livelihoods. This week's UN Global Summit on Refugees and Migrants is a key moment for refugees to share their stories, and for the international community to make demands of world leaders.
- [The Women of Sarawak and Mindoro on the "Invisible Battles" of Climate Change](#) (New Security Beat; 5 min. read) - Women in Sarawak, Malaysia, and the Filipino island of Mindoro face sexual and reproductive health challenges amidst the growing effects of climate change, such as flooding and food shortages. "Recognizing women's voices by making policies through a gender-responsive approach can make a community stronger and prepared for a continuously changing world," states Sunitha Bisan, founder of the Penita Initiative.
- [Redressing the UN's Gender Gap: How Do the SG Contenders Compare?](#) (50.50; 18 min. read) - Despite the resounding call for the UN to elect its first female Secretary-General (SG), only one woman has made the top five list for the job. Check out the top candidates and decide whether just a feminist SG, male or female, is capable of achieving gender parity at the UN.
- [South Sudan 'Won't Find Peace As Long As Its Women Are Excluded And Silenced'](#) (News24; 4 min. read) - In order to work towards lasting peace and gender equality, South Sudan and all nations of the world need to empower women, both at the table and in the field, as leaders and peacekeepers.
- [Africa's Shortage of Engineering Skills 'Will Stunt Its Growth'](#) (Guardian; 2 min. read) - Creating conditions for women to participate in STEM fields is critical for economic development everywhere, and some emerging and developing economies are having more female involvement in engineering than the rest of the globe.
- [Company Executives Could Now Be Tried for Land Grabs and Environmental Destruction](#) (Global Witness; 4 min. read) - The International Criminal Court (ICC) moves to expand and address the theft and violence committed by company bosses and politicians, filling a large void in their prosecution. Previously, the ICC solely focused on crimes committed during armed conflict, such as crimes against humanity and war crimes.

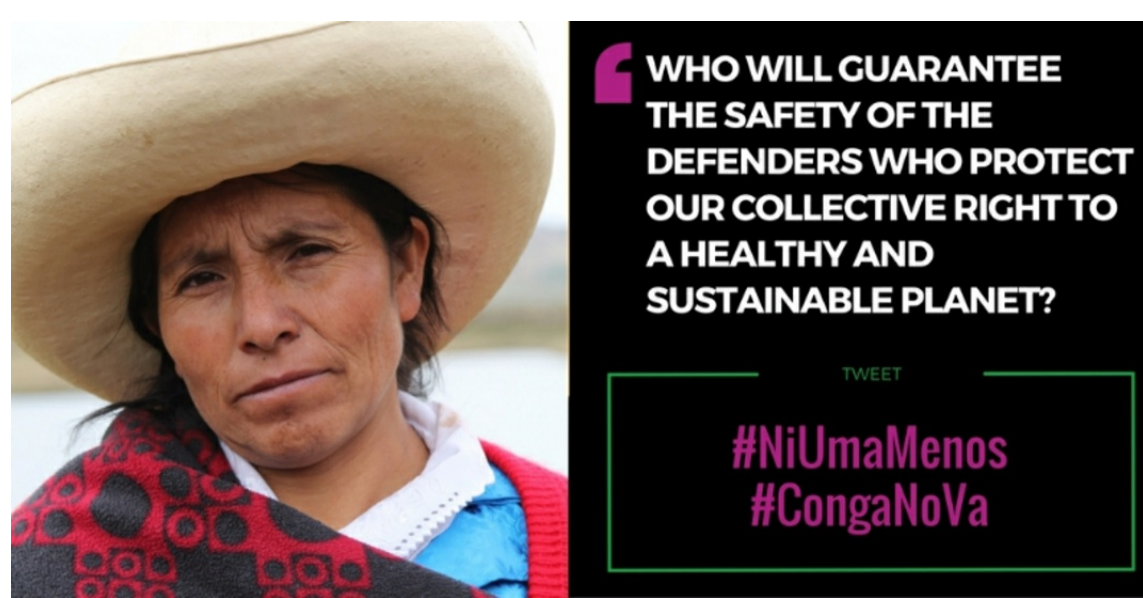
### CLIMATE HOPE



[Water Innovation Helps Bangladeshi Women Dodge Snakes. Shortages](#) (Global Witness; 4 min. read) - An innovative water collection and treatment system enables women of Mro community to have steady fresh water supply and safer lives in the forested areas.

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**Pictured above:** Máxima Acuña, a Peruvian Environmental Defender and 2016 Goldman Prize award winner, was violently attacked last Sunday.

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