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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"One of us began singing, 'Whose planet? Our planet! Whose power? Our power! Whose streets? Our streets! Whose bodies? Our bodies!' We continued, singing louder. Our voices taking power." - Translated from *Pink vs Black Coal Block*

CRITICAL READS

- [Pink vs Black Coal Block](#) (**Feminists for Climate Justice; 7 min. read**) - Last May, 4000 environmental activists occupied a German coal mine that supplies lignite to a nearby power plant. Before the action, feminists came together to form the "Pink Block" to create a safe space in a movement that often recreates similar patriarchal patterns of power.
- [How to Achieve the UN Development Agenda: Focus on Women & Girls](#) (**Huffington Post; 3 min. read**) - Gender equality and women's empowerment are essential for the realization of the SDGs. Implementation plans that do not reflect its centrality will shortchange the prospects for turning the UN's lofty goals into real progress for people around the globe—women and men, girls and boys.
- [Harnessing African Women's Roles in Artisanal Mining to Build Peace](#) (**New Security Beat; 1 min. read**) - Despite a significant number of women in the artisanal mining sector, they are often relegated to the periphery when it comes to decision-making and leadership, undermining peacebuilding efforts in these areas. Better integration of women, who have an intimate understanding of the mineral supply chain and problems therein, would promote safer practices.
- [Black Female Founder Raises \\$7 Million for Renewable Energy Tech Startup](#) (**Tech Crunch; 2 min. read**) - Jessica O. Matthews, the black female founder and CEO of renewable energy tech startup Uncharted Play closed a \$7 million investment in her company. In the tech ecosystem, black female founders receive basically zero venture capital. "We not only aim to disrupt how energy is generated, but how it is consumed," Matthews said.
- [Ensuring that all People are Included in the Benefits of Trade](#) (**The Huffington Post; 4 min. read**) - Who are the people within countries included in the benefits of trade? Who risks being excluded and where are negative impacts felt? Despite the opportunities, gender inequality continues to pose real challenges for women in being fully included in the benefits of trade.
- [Women Do Four Years More Work than Men in Lifetime, Report Shows](#) (**The Guardian; 2 min. read**) - According to an ActionAid report, the burden of unpaid care work of women around the world adds four more years of labor time compared to the male counterpart.
- [Refugee Protection Must be Gender Specific](#) (**NewsDeeply; 8 min. read**) - Marcy Hersh, senior advocacy officer at the Women's Refugee Commission, reflects on how the U.N. Summit for Refugees and Migrants can pave the way not only for the protection of women and children but also for providing livelihoods and education.

CLIMATE HOPE



[Farming on the Edge: the Indian Salt Producers Coping with 48C Heat](#)

(**The Guardian; 4 min. read**) - A new initiative is working to help female salt farmers in Gujarat gain the commercial and technical knowledge to farm salt more sustainably and profitably as the risk of erratic, extreme weather looms.

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YOUNG WOMEN
REFUGEES TO REALIZE
THEIR FULL POTENTIAL AS
LEADERS IN ALL
SPHERES.”

LAKSHMI PURI
UN WOMEN DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



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