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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Addressing the [climate change] problem means really looking at the root of how we structure society. And it's really an issue of justice, of how in a world that is already so unequal we don't let this problem make those fault lines of access so much bigger." - artist Rachel Schragis (creator of the Flowchart of the People's Climate March).

CRITICAL READS

- Can Cities be Feminist? Inside the Global Rise of Female Mayors (The Guardian; 11 min. read) - From Paris to Rome and Bethesda to Baghdad, a wave of new female mayors is taking office and shaking up old assumptions about what matters to cities. So what impact have they had?

- Judge Rejects “Riot” Charges Against Amy Goodman in North Dakota (Democracy Now!; 2 min. read) - Yesterday, a North Dakota judge refused to authorize riot charges against award-winning journalist Amy Goodman for her reporting on an attack against Dakota Access Pipeline protesters.

- As Mothers, Wives and Farmers, Women Feel the Strain of Climate Change (NewsDeeply; 3 min. read) - With Uganda suffering through climate change-related drought, flooding, and unpredictable weather, women take on most of the work to keep their families fed. But a lack of land rights means they reap few benefits.

- Equal Access to Water: Improving Gender Relations around Water Access, Use, and Governance (ReliefWeb; 4 min. read) - Women and men access, use, and benefit from water differently; yet due to existing gender disparities, their relationship to water is often unequal.

- Climate Change Could Drive 122 Million More People into Extreme Poverty by 2030 (The Guardian; 4 min. read) - Up to 122 million more people worldwide could be living in extreme poverty by 2030 as a result of climate change and its impacts on small-scale farmers' incomes, a major UN report warned on Monday.

- Where Women are Economically Empowered, There are Fewer Disaster Victims (Phys; 4 min. read) - Women are disproportionately impacted by disasters, but new research has found that there is a clear connection between female economic empowerment and a reduction in the total number of disaster victims. The authors write: “Public policies and initiatives to address climate change effects would similarly benefit by recognizing women as agents of harm reduction and advocates of community development.”

- Hitmen Target Berta Cáceres Ally in Honduras for a Second Time (teleSUR; 2 min. read) - The environmental and Indigenous organization, the Civic Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras (COPINH), condemned the second assassination attempt on their leader, Tomas Romero Membreño. Their founder Berta Cáceres, a 45-year-old mother of four who gained prominence for leading the struggle against the Agua Zarca hydroelectric dam project, was murdered in March.

CLIMATE HOPE

African Women Meet At Mount Kilimanjaro to Demand Rights (AllAfrica; 2 min. read) - African women convened at Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania this week to advocate for women’s unrestricted rights to land and other natural resources across the continent. The women will climb Mount Kilimanjaro as a sign to show their difficulties in land ownership.

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