

The most pressing news and media linking women's rights, environment, and development.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



"We named ourselves after slain Honduran Indigenous water protector Berta Cáceres because she embodies the type of inter-sectional leadership our movement needs; Indigenous, feminist, water protectors, human rights defenders - which is exactly the leadership we are seeing here at Standing Rock."

Helena Wong, National Organizer with the World March of Women, US Chapter, on the [Dakota Access Pipeline Resistance](#) (Photo credit: Helena Wong)

CRITICAL READS

- [Bangladesh: Women Are Breaking Economic Barriers. But Challenges Remain](#)
(Wire; 6 min. read) - While the number of women in Bangladesh's workforce is growing, they continue to face exploitation, gender-based violence, and discrimination.
- [UNESCO Report Shows Empowering Women Has Huge Benefits for the Environment](#)
(Naija247news; 3 min. read) - The UNESCO report confirms that education is essential for empowering women to achieve gender equality and shows countries with more women in parliament are more likely to ratify environmental treaties.
- [Ten Factors That Affect Women's Economic Empowerment](#)
(The Council on Foreign Relations; 4 min. read) - This month, the Overseas Development Institute (ODI) released a [report](#) detailing ten factors that can either enable or constrain women's economic empowerment.
- [Conflict, Gender and Climate Change in the Arab Region](#)
(Ahram Online; 2 min. read) - Some experiences in the Arab region show that climate change factors intersect with the socioeconomic and political realms and contribute to conflicts. The policy brief shows the need to integrate a gender perspective in all stages of the public policy cycle to alleviate the impact of climate change and conflicts.
- [How Environmental Effects Vary Based on Gender Identity](#)
(Cornell Daily Sun; 2 min. read) - A student panel at The Cornell Environmental Collaborative explored how environmental issues, such as climate change, impact individuals differently based on their gender identification.
- [Young Rural Women in India Chase Big-City Dreams](#)
(New York Times; 29 min. read) - Firsthand observations of why women in India are struggling to enter the workforce and the obstacles they continue to face in the traditional patriarchal society.
- [To Effectively Combat Climate Change, Involve Women](#)
(AIAfrica; 4 min. read) - Women are on the frontline of the fight against climate change, yet women continue to be excluded from climate change solutions, perpetuating the antiquated narrative that women are victims, rather than agents, of change.

CLIMATE HOPE



[Program Targets Food Security Concerns among Panama's Indigenous Women](#) (Mongabay; 6 min. read) - Limited access to employment, health care, political engagement, in addition to the land conflicts over resource development projects as well as climate change, aggravate food insecurity among Panama's indigenous groups. A program that helps indigenous women to strengthen their knowledge of food security, leadership, and legal mechanisms, aims to mitigate this problem.

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