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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"Women should be represented in all aspects of society, and need to be a central part of the conversation. Women’s organizing is really the key to all kinds of sustainable change." Bridget Burns, Co-Director of WEDO.

CRITICAL READS

- Climate Activists Bring It All to the Women’s March on Washington
  [Barron’s; 2 mins. read] - WEDO’s Co-Director, Bridget Burns, along with allies urge all climate activists and feminists to keep challenging and demanding human rights and climate justice for all peoples.

- Why We March Against Trump: Violence Against Women and the Earth is Linked
  [The Guardian; 3 mins. read] - WEDO’s ally and founder of WECAN, Osprey Orielle Lake, highlights that violence against the Earth is directly linked to violence against women – and that patriarchy, colonization, imperialism and capitalism are all based in great part upon power over and exploitation of women, the land and peoples of color around the world.

- It’s Official: Inequality, Climate Change, and Social Polarisation Are Bad for Us
  [The Conversation; 5 mins. read] - The World Economic Forum reports that rising income inequality and societal polarization, as well as intensifying environmental damage, would further exacerbate inequality if urgent action isn’t taken.

- Guterres: Tackling Climate Will Prevent Global Conflict
  [Climate Home; 1 min. read] - The incoming UN Secretary-General underlined the need to tackle climate change to prevent global conflict. Guterres says he wants the United Nations to be a global force for social and climate justice. The goal is to strengthen the peace process.

- A Village’s First Female Chief Ended Illegal Logging With Spices and Checkpoints
  [Delmarva Public Radio; 4 mins. read] - Hamisah, the first female village leader in the region of western Borneo, led her community to end illegal logging and reduce floods.

- As World Leaders Descend Upon Davos, the Gender Debate Rumbles On
  [CNBC; 4 mins. read] - At 2017 World Economic Forum in Davos, only 21% of the participants were women, and the women leaders are increasing at an alarmingly slow pace.

- Eight Men Own as Much Wealth as Half the World’s Population
  [Yahoo News; 1 min. read] - While the economic inequality increases globally, the gender gap is widening as well.

CLIMATE HOPE

- Armed With Apps and Crops, Women Lead Battle to Save Senegal’s Shrinking Farmland
  [Thomson Reuters Foundation; 5 mins. read] - Female lawyers in Senegal help female farmers to understand their land rights and gain legal recognition with mobile phone apps. Female farmers are now able to participate in conversations and decision-making of protecting their land from multinational agribusiness.

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