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### QUOTE OF THE WEEK



*"You don't sell the jungles, you defend them."*

WEDO's Young Feminist Fellow, [Majandra Rodriguez Acha](#), on her work as a young climate justice activist via [Grist](#). Photo: @Global Greengrants

### CRITICAL READS

- [South Asian Women Missing in Climate Change Debates](#) ([The Third Pole](#); 4 mins. read) - South Asian women are underrepresented at climate change talks, despite greater women's representation from other countries, revealing structural problems.
- [Investing in Girls Could Unlock Billions of Dollars for National Economies](#) ([Thomson Reuters Foundation](#); 2 mins. read) - The United Nations Population Fund reports that developing countries could reap a dividend of \$21 billion a year if all 10-year-old girls completed secondary education.
- [Removing Barriers to Women Entrepreneurs in Clean Renewable Energy Initiatives](#) ([Ecopreneurist](#); 5 mins. read) - Current market policies for decentralizing sustainable energy technologies at the local level are not designed for women entrepreneurs in developing countries. Existing structural barriers in the cultural and financial systems need to be removed to successfully promote sustainable energy initiatives.
- [Young Female Solar Engineer Works to Eradicate Energy Poverty in Kenya](#) ([Climate Home](#); 4 mins. read) - Daphin Juma is a freshly trained solar engineer, taking on energy poverty one panel at a time in a country where technical know-how is in short supply.
- [Here's How The World Can Adapt To The Rapid Rise Of Cities](#) ([Huffington Post](#); 3 mins. read) - Last week, 150 countries came together for the United Nations Conference on Housing and Sustainable Urban Development (Habitat III) where they formally adopted The New Urban Agenda. The agenda particularly emphasizes that cities should respond to the specific needs of women when it comes to policy and urban design.
- [New Programme Aims to Increase Representation of Female Farmers in the Middle East](#) ([The National](#); 2 mins. read) - Young Arab women studying agriculture will be offered a development programme that will hopefully enable them to improve the region's food security and improve female representation in the field.
- [Sustaining Peace Requires Urgent Climate Action](#) ([Institute for Security Studies](#); 5 mins. read) - As the Paris Agreement comes into effect, this broad-based political momentum must be harnessed to highlight the links between climate action and conflict prevention. Action on climate change will require looking boldly past immediate political and economic costs in favor of long-term stability, developmental dividends, and conditions for peace.

### CLIMATE HOPE



['This forest is like an old friend' - India's tribal women fight for land ownership](#) ([Thomson Reuters Foundation](#); 4 mins. read) - The tribal women of the Gunduribadi village revitalized their forest and are now fighting for legal ownership of the land they protected, to defend their home and secure their livelihoods.

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