



## Seasons Greetings and Happy Holidays from WEDO

It's time to say goodbye to 2016 and welcome in the New Year!

We'd like to share a brief look at WEDO's work and achievements from 2016 that positively impacted women and the environment and strengthened our alliances:

- WEDO attends the **60th Commission on the Status of Women** in New York, holding side events and advocacy training sessions with partners from NGO/CSW, the Women's Major Group and other women's rights colleagues.
- On March 17th, WEDO, alongside allies and activists, holds a **rally demanding justice for the murder of women human rights and environmental defender Berta Caceres** ([Watch Video](#))
- During the signing of the Paris Agreement on Climate Change, WEDO and the **Women's Global Call for Climate Justice Campaign** host an Earth Day rally with advocates, activists, and indigenous women leaders ([Watch Video](#))
- From May 16th to May 26th, the WEDO team joins over 1,500 observers to attend the forty-fourth session of the **UN Climate Change Conference (SB44; APA1)** in Bonn, Germany ([Read Highlights](#))
- At the **2016 Women Deliver Conference in Copenhagen**, WEDO co-organizes 3 sessions for the Environmental and Climate Change Cluster, the first time it's had such prominence at the conference
- **After 20 years, WEDO archives, packs and moves into a new office in July!!**
- WEDO, as an organizing partner of the **Women's Major Group**, facilitates advocacy and participation of WMG members and calls for gender equality, the realization of women's human rights and the empowerment of women as essential and cross-cutting to the implementation of all the SDGs at the **High-Level Political Forum**, the U.N.'s key mechanism for tracking progress on the new Sustainable Development Goals ([Read final WMG press release](#))
- WEDO attends the **2016 International Union for Conservation Nature (IUCN) Congress**, with this year's theme 'Planet at the Crossroads' ([Read Highlights](#))
- WEDO joins thousands of activists for the **13th AWID International Forum "Feminist Futures: Building Collective Power for Rights and Justice"**, focusing on cross-movement building around women's rights, environment and climate justice ([Read summary of e-discussion on climate justice](#))
- WEDO partners with allies to #ReclaimPower and transform energy systems as well as joins the **Women Act for Climate Justice: 10 Days of Global Action**
- **WEDO launches its weekly newsletter called WEDO Links - the most pressing news and media linking women's rights, environment and development**
- WEDO announces a lead partnership with the **World Urban Campaign** and attends the **Habitat III Conference** in Quito, which adopted the New Urban Agenda
- WEDO co-authors, "**Delivering Decentralized, Community-Controlled Renewable Energy Access**" ([Read here](#))
- At the **Twenty-Second Conference of Parties (COP22)** to the UNFCCC held in Marrakech Morocco, WEDO co-organizes the **GGCA Innovation Forum** and facilitates the **Women Delegates Fund Night School** ([Watch video highlights here & here](#); [read analysis of final outcome here](#))
- In partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Switzerland and the GGCA, WEDO launches its newest tool to support the efforts: **The Gender Climate Tracker App** and online platform ([Download the app here](#))
- As a member of the Global Gender Climate Alliance (GGCA), WEDO presents the GGCA's new research piece, regional factsheets and infographic called, "**Gender and Climate Change: A Closer Look at Existing Evidence**" ([Read here](#))



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