**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“...and then you give them the power. What do they do? They all sit down and read the papers. But can we have a woman?—” Eleanor Blomstrom, discussing women's inclusion in decision-making.

**CRITICAL READS**

- *Hope for Change as Kenya Court Rules One-Third of MPs Must Be Women* (Thomson Reuters Foundation; 2 min. read)
  - To guarantee an increase of women's political representation, Kenya's High Court has given parliament 60 days to implement the 2010 constitution, which states women must take at least a third of seats in parliament.

- *Mudslide in Colombia Sweeps Through Town, Heavy Rains May Portend El Niño* (National Geographic; 2 min. read)
  - Coastal El Niño impacting Peru—and perhaps Colombia—may predict a stronger El Niño later this year. "Here we are facing a disaster caused by nature, by climate change," said President Juan Manuel Santos.

- *Women's Crucial Role in Combating Climate Change* (New York Times; 6 min. read)
  - WEDO's Co-Director Eleanor Blomstrom, along with several female mayors, explains why women's participation in climate policy is essential to developing solutions.

- *Climate Change And Conflict: Manipuri Women Are Fighting A War For Survival On Two Fronts* (Kangla Online; 5 min. read)
  - In the face of a changing climate, food insecurity and unspeakable violence, rural women in Manipur, a North East Indian state, have a long history of organizing and confronting unbridled power.

- *PV Talk: Widening Access for Women in Africa's Renewable Energy Industry* (PV Tech; 5 min. listen)
  - Monica Maduekwe, the coordinator of Gender Mainstreaming at the ECOWAS Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE), addressed existing gender barriers to equal participation in the energy sector, including utilizing a one-million-dollar fund from the African Development Bank.

- *Large Hydropower Dams Have No Place in the Green Climate Fund* (Climate Home; 2 min. read)
  - The Green Climate Fund, the primary financial mechanism established under the UN climate body, should be driving innovation, not wasting money on old technology saddled with resilience and human rights concerns.

**CLIMATE HOPE**

"Faced with common challenges, cities are no longer just thinking about their own needs. Learning knowledge doesn't only flow from the Global North to the Global South. In fact, some might say, it is a two-way street." In *A Tale of Two Cities*, urban development experts from Barcelona and Maputo talk about how they use technology to address social inclusion and community involvement.

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