

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

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



"When civic space is under attack, we make no dangerous accommodations. We stand up, and we fight back." - Lisa Davis and Yifat Susskind of MADRE on [how to best organize CSW in New York](#) this year.

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CRITICAL READS

- **Standing Our Ground at the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)** (*Open Democracy*; 6 min. read) - For the 57th session of the Commission on the Status of Women, civil society calls for solidarity and resistance against autocracy and the US administration's xenophobia and misogyny.
- **Women's Mosque Goes Solar in India Clean Energy Push** (*Climate Home*; 1 min. read) - A female-led mosque in Uttar Pradesh, India is setting an example to incentivize people to adopt clean energy by installing solar panels and educating the community on solar energy.
- **IFAD 2017 - It's Women's Turn in Rural Development** (*Inter Press Service*; 6 min. read) - Josefa Stubbs, a candidate who has the opportunity to become the first female president of the International Fund for Agricultural Development, describes her vision in eradicating rural poverty and empowering women in an interview.
- **Women Scientists Advocating for Equality Surge to 14,000** (*Climate Central*; 5 min. read) - Four women scientists, who work in the climate and ecology fields, started a group called 500 Women Scientists. The group aims to promote diversity and equality in the scientific community in response to the U.S. administration's anti-science, anti-women comments.
- **Nicaraguan Women 'like Farm Animals' Despite Promised Land Reform** (*Thomson Reuters Foundation*; 3 min. read) - Despite Nicaragua's attempt to reform property law, giving women equal land rights, inheritance customs put rural women, rural women remain exploited and open to gender-based violence, and abuse.
- **Farmer Field Schools Help Women Lead on Climate Change** (*Reliefweb*; 4 min. read) - The UN Food and Agriculture Organization promoted the Farmer's Field School (FFS) methodology in 90 countries. FFS aims to help female farmers and their male counterparts with training in farming skills, coping with climate change, and more.
- **Without Access to Clean, Safe Toilets, Women Face Assault and Illness** (*NewsDeeply*; 5 min. read) - Lacking public health services and access to toilets, women in a nomad camp in Pakistan are at risk of health problems, harassment, and sexual assault.

CLIMATE HOPE



New Law a Glimmer of Hope for Women's Land Rights in Mali (*Thomson Reuters Foundation*; 3 min. read) - Malian government may have the opportunity to pass a new law which would allow women farmers to work on the government-managed land. Currently, only men have the primary rights of access to and control over farmlands.

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HOW TO BUILD A MORE FEMINIST UNITED NATIONS

IMPLEMENT A FEMINIST LEADERSHIP AGENDA FOR THE UN

Secretary-General Guterres should set out an ambitious 100-day agenda, leading to full-fledged women's agendas for the duration of his term, including a commitment to report progress and work with feminist and women's groups and implement it.



Civil society's recommendation to the new UNSG on how to achieve a #FeministUN. Recommendation 1: Articulate and implement a feminist leadership agenda for the UN.

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