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QUOTE OF THE WEEK



"In the history of colonization, they always give us two options: give up our land or go to jail; give up our rights or go to jail; and now, give up our water or go to jail. We are not criminals. We are mothers. We are sisters."

A short video about women and produced by women at Standing Rock.

CRITICAL READS

- [Water is Life: The Story of Standing Rock. We'll Go Away.](#) (Common Dreams, 3 min, read) - The Dakota Access pipeline is set and oil will flow. But this is not the only fight about water, and Standing Rock is only one chapter somewhere in the middle of a long story.
- [What Should a City's Foreign Policy Look Like?](#) (CityLab, 6 min, read) - Is it now time for mayors to take up the fight? Cities are taking up the lead on combating climate change and now they must decide if they are going to expand their advocacy role on a wider number of issues.
- [IT Bombay Unpacks Tribal Women](#) (Daily News & Analysis, 1 min, read) - The Indian Institute of Technology is working with local communities to train tribal women to assemble solar lamps, which is an essential skill to improve employment at the local level.
- [Women Warriors: the Extraordinary Story of Khatoon Khider and Her Daughters of the Sun](#) (The Guardian, 10 min, read) - Khatoon Khider, who used to be a popular Yazidi singer, has become the head of an all-women battle unit. Daughters of the Sun, with Isis in its sights. There are now nearly 200 women in the unit, and all of them are ready to fight and defend themselves.
- [East Africa: Women Bring Solar Power to Rural Tanzania](#) (All Africa, 2 min, read) - A group of women in small Maasai villages in northern Tanzania have introduced the use of clean energy cookstoves and solar power to their community. The women are trained and equipped with skills to install cookstoves and solar panels, bringing profits for themselves and the village.
- [The "A Day Without a Woman" Date Has Been Announced & the Strike Falls on Another Important Day](#) (Bustle, 2 min, read) - The Women's March organizers are calling for a global Women's strike on March 8: International Women's Day. The organizers ask, "Do businesses support our communities, or do they drain our communities? Do they strive for gender equity or do they support the policies and leaders that perpetuate oppression? Do they sign with a sustainable environment or do they profit of destruction and steal the futures of our children?"
- [Recognizing Women's Roles in Combating Climate Change: 5 Questions for Linda Adams](#) (Huffington Post, 7 min, read) - The Asian Development Bank's Linda Adams discusses how to amplify women's role in climate change mitigation and the importance of building platforms for stakeholders to cooperate, such as the Gender-Responsive Climate Change workshop in Vietnam that WEDO participated in last December.

CLIMATE HOPE



[Who's the Boss? We Are, Say India's Women Farmers Battling Superstition Patriarchy](#) (Thomson Reuters Foundation, 3 min, read) - Women play a growing role in India's key agricultural sector, with 70 percent of agricultural work done by women. Acknowledging their role, state governments are starting to train women to lead farms and teach them about crops, irrigations, and finance.

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