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Name	Country	Issue Area	Quote
Juliette Maughan	Barbados	Ability for women to combine their jobs with childcare	Though economic independence is a necessity, I cannot ignore the fact that we as women cannot separate our role as caregiver from our professional life. Policy and legislative changes that encourage decent work and allow both men and women the flexibility to handle caregiving duties are essential.
Carrie Lee	USA	Access to safe health care facilities, including for sexual and reproductive health	Our possible future depends on recognizing and protecting a woman's right to a healthy, safe and empowered pregnancy and birth experience.
EK. Chemorion	Kenya	Access to safe health care facilities, including for sexual and reproductive health	Couples need to be made aware that it is possible to have HIV Negative children with the support of medical personnel. And even children born with the virus need the love, care and support of loving and caring parents.
Georgina Ware	England	Access to safe health care facilities, including for sexual and reproductive health	The Government cuts have been to patients detriment and has put patients at risk, stopping Agency work sometimes leaving only 2 Nurses on a ward.
Ikirimat Grace Odeke	Uganda	Access to safe health care facilities, including for sexual and reproductive health	It is critical that Uganda move to satisfying the current unmet need for family planning among the 41 percent of married women who want to space or limit their births but are not using contraceptives or else, it will not be on track to achieve a fertility transition in a generation.
Jane Roberts	USA	Access to safe health care facilities, including for sexual and reproductive health	Access to the highest standard of reproductive health and to family planning is your human right as established in Cairo, Egypt in 1994 at the International Conference on Population and Development and also in the Millennium Development Goals of the year 2000.
Kindersley	Canada	Access to safe health care facilities, including for sexual and reproductive health	My baby was born prematurely with no medical assistance. I was forced to endure four days of agonizing labour all alone. My daughter was born, but little did I know that we both had HIV. The premature pregnancy also resulted in fistula for me. I was not old enough to have a baby...I am still a child myself!
Marie Mondu	Papua New Guinea	Access to safe health care facilities, including for sexual and reproductive health	Twenty years gone and only we have more people than before (estimated 6 million) in 2012 but 87% still live in extremely underserved communities.
Subhadra Khaperde	India	Access to safe health care facilities, including for sexual and reproductive health	Sexual violence within the home should be expressly banned and women should be facilitated to assert control of their own bodies, and cheap and quality reproductive and sexual health services should be mandatorily provided to women.
Sybil Nmezi	Nigeria	Access to safe health care facilities, including for sexual and reproductive health	Access to safe abortion is very important for young women and girls who are survivors of sexual violence such as rape and incest, which is common in our societies today. I recommend for an urgent review of abortion laws in Nigeria to save the lives of our young women.

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Ana Ake	Tonga	Investments in women's economic empowerment	Youth and women find themselves without work and with very little input in their communities except through small women and youth groups who get together to weave and make traditional artifacts to be sold at the main island markets.
Ana Mikam	India	Investments in women's economic empowerment	Investing in our youth and women will help bridge the economic disparity created after the reforms of the early nineties and as a result help in building a better nation tomorrow. This is the only way we can think of achieving sustainable development in a country with 1/7th of the world's population.
Fardosa Muse	Kenya	Investments in women's economic empowerment	Influence government policies and development programmes designed to foster sustainable livelihood among communities and broaden access to education among marginalized groups.
Mauri	Italy	Investments in women's economic empowerment	Acknowledge the positive role scientific research (not only applied: also basic) will have in the process of devising sensible, realistic and rationally informed approaches to sustainable development.
Patience Coleman	Liberia	Investments in women's economic empowerment	My potential has been recognized by the Liberian Ambassadors for Career Development (LAMCAD inc.) a Non-Governmental organization working with women and youths for a better society and I can now make a difference in my community
Priya Verma	India	Investments in women's economic empowerment	If poverty makes women more vulnerable to HIV and AIDS then we must insist on more programs which promote the economic empowerment of women and also the macro programs which remove countries from cycles of poverty.
Rhoda Ngirazi	Zimbabwe	Investments in women's economic empowerment	Gender division of labour and politics are essential components of economic participation and how the benefits of development are distributed and controlled.
Sandy Oestreich	USA	Investments in women's economic empowerment	Can someone please help American girls and women to freedom and rights to full personhood by helping us pass the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)? It benefits males, too, just that their gender-inequalities are few and not as damaging.
Shilpa Balakrishnan	India	Investments in women's economic empowerment	In India there are many undeveloped villages, girls are not allowed to school there, it is a forbidden place for them. Women try to help themselves, but one against hundred will always be a failure.
Farnaz Calafi	USA	Women in the informal and care economy	First and foremost, governments need to ensure better and safer working environments for all coffee workers, ensure that these farmers have access to healthcare, and that the female workers have access to dependable childcare. Other supportive facilities, such as rape and crisis centers as well as educational centers need to be provided.
Pushpa Achanta	India	Women in the informal and care economy	Workers in the informal sector are not aware of their rights, entitlements and responsibilities or how to access/fulfil them. Also, many don't know about the existence of unions.

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Ranjana Bhattacharya	India	Women in the informal and care economy	Today in India we have achieved unprecedented growth since 1947, after 65 years of achieving freedom. Yes, even our literacy has shot up from a mere 12% in 1947 to almost 75% in 2012. But India has grown only economically. Development of its people still remains a larger issue as far as I am concerned.
Zoneziwoh	Cameroon	Women in the informal and care economy	On most instances, standing up against unjust practices and for fairness and equality in Cameroon, even at a minimal level, is often very challenging, painful, and exhausting. However, this shouldn't be a reason not to keep fighting for social justice.
Tazira Lora	Kenya	Women's access to services and technologies needed for water, energy, agricultural production, family care, household management, and business enterprises	The Rio+20 policymakers can play a role in helping to strengthen the capacity of developing countries to integrate gender issues in research for development programs so that any policy interventions put forward to boost agricultural production are gender-aware and actually help women farmers rather than hinder them.
Bagirathi Ramanathan	India	Women's access to services and technologies needed for water, energy, agricultural production, family care, household management, and business enterprises	The public health authorities are negligent and they are not taking any stern steps to educate the public or create awareness on public health issues and hence even at this modern age we are not able to get good air, clean water and pollution free environment and this is our fate.
Diane Dillon	Canada	Women's access to services and technologies needed for water, energy, agricultural production, family care, household management, and business enterprises	Most people cannot afford a lawyer and this is a real wall to overcome when it comes to legal matters and the court system.
Inge Komardjaja	Indonesia	Women's access to services and technologies needed for water, energy, agricultural production, family care, household management, and business enterprises	Disabled and elderly women are in need of safe and convenient facilities. The next generation will appreciate and use the barrier-free environments created by the current government. This is sustainable development.
Olutosin Adebawale	Nigeria	Women's access to services and technologies needed for water, energy, agricultural production, family care, household management, and business enterprises	In Ibasaland, there is no electricity for the past 6 years, there is no secondary, the only primary school is like a poultry, there is no health centre, there is no road, there is only 1 public toilet, 1 vehicle, there is no potable water, there is no waste disposal system and our sisters unanimously agreed that they need all these essential amenities in their future.

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Shanta GC	Nepal	Women's access to services and technologies needed for water, energy, agricultural production, family care, household management, and business enterprises	Prioritize the rehabilitation of ex-combatant children, including plans for regular monitoring and follow up in order to ensure their safe and peaceful integration so that they could contribute to the society as dignified citizens of the country.
Takondwa Kaliwo	Malawi	Women's access to services and technologies needed for water, energy, agricultural production, family care, household management, and business enterprises	Governments need to look at a holistic approach to food security and implement projects that will empower these communities to move out of poverty. They need to promote agribusinesses, education and community ownership of programs and self-reliance.
Trisha Rainsford	Ireland	Women's access to services and technologies needed for water, energy, agricultural production, family care, household management, and business enterprises	Governments should fund and provide for the education of girls. And in the belief that if these girls are educated they will refuse to allow their daughters to marry as children.
Amie Bojang-Sissoho	Gambia	Women's land tenure, property rights, and control over natural resources	Understanding the complex social, cultural organization of how land is used and owned is important to break the cycle of abuse and exploitation of the properties of orphans and widows. For instance, a whole generation of children has lost ownership of their father's land and I did not want that cycle of abuse to continue in my family.
Baranaye	Nigeria	Women's land tenure, property rights, and control over natural resources	Women are given land especially in partilineal societies only to farm on. They own the crops (the fruit of their harvest) but yet cannot own the land. In communities like this, when land is being shared to members of the community, the woman has no share. At time I wonder, is she not a member of the community?
Celine	Nigeria	Women's land tenure, property rights, and control over natural resources	The same poor people who bear the brunt of corruption and mismanagement of Nigeria's oil economy also bear the burden of effects of the fuel price increase. The same poor people still bear the brunt of strikes, as they are made to stay in-house without enough food.
Duda	Serbia	Women's land tenure, property rights, and control over natural resources	The Great Batschka Canal has the potential to become, once again, an engine of economic growth for the region, creating opportunities in transportation, tourism, agriculture, energy, food processing and more. The cooperation of all the towns along its route is key to creating a sustainable development plan that also incorporates habitat and wildlife protection.

Fardosa Muse	Kenya	Women's land tenure, property rights, and control over natural resources	Legislative reform must be undertaken to ensure property rights are administered and are gender neutral. Add safeguards to ensure that women understand their rights and obligations as owners.
Judith Ochola	Kenya	Women's land tenure, property rights, and control over natural resources	Both our parents having died without their first born son being married or having built a house, our homestead was 'closed down' in accordance with Luo custom and traditional beliefs: ie. we, the remaining children, could not step foot into what was once our family home, and had to rely on relatives in neighboring areas to take us in.
Kat Haber	USA	Women's land tenure, property rights, and control over natural resources	This woman sees Alaska as the last great-unspoiled spot in North America. Our waters are not cruise ship havens ready to be sucking up invasive species. Our air is not worth breathing when it carries the poisoned fumes of methane burn-offs. Our land is no longer wilderness when we directionally drill and build roads.
Martha Isabel Ruiz Corzo	Mexico	Women's land tenure, property rights, and control over natural resources	We recognize that the cause of protecting Earth is primarily a result of gender where women should be the first to be reassessed in the female essence of our planet. From here, the Sierra Gorda, women are devoted to the Planet.
Olanike Olugboji	Nigeria	Women's land tenure, property rights, and control over natural resources	Women's claims to natural resources (land, water, forests, plants and wildlife) are of priority concern because they are fundamental to women's economic security, social and legal status, and as a matter of fact, their survival.
Paula LaPierre	Canada	Women's land tenure, property rights, and control over natural resources	I recommend that the current Algonquin Land Claim process be modified, preserving cultural integrity, as an international pilot project that integrates the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as an opportunity for the development of a new model of international Treaty committed to socially responsible sustainable development.
Rosina Akourkor Teye	Ghana	Women's land tenure, property rights, and control over natural resources	By ensuring that women have equal access to resources and land rights and that there is representative participation in land governance and decision -making, we can improve food security and economic growth.
Teresa Wumbui	Kenya	Women's land tenure, property rights, and control over natural resources	Women and men do not enjoy inheritance equally. Gender issues related to land are complicated especially in Kenya. Whereby, in most of the tribes in Kenya (families) the Girl Child has no right to inherit their fathers land or properties—only boys inherit.
Aberamy Sivalogananthan	Sri Lanka	Women's participation in government and business leadership	In the parliament women are not expected to be speaker because most of the politicians think that women are not able to manage the parliament activities and they are not strong enough.
Bridget Osakwe Usifo	Nigeria	Women's participation in government and business leadership	Gender perspective has been absent from conflict analyses, conflict early warning and response systems and the assumption that transition from gender blind indicators to gender sensitive lens enriches early warning analysis and allows for more appropriate response options.

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Busayo Obisakin	Nigeria	Women's participation in government and business leadership	More women should be encouraged to be involved in the politics of their communities so that the lack of leadership that continues to plague them would be reduced as they are more represented in Government and be more involved in the policy making of their countries.
Francine Nabintu	Democratic Republic of Congo	Women's participation in government and business leadership	The Congolese women are underrepresented at all levels of decision making. Whereas an estimated 55% of informal sector is occupied by them. Being the majority of the Congolese population, women should be more represented at all levels
Marian Hassan	Somalia	Women's participation in government and business leadership	Somali women made progress on their participation in politics. But Somali women still face constraints in breaking through gender based inequalities and cultural and practical barriers to equal political participation.
Nano	Egypt	Women's participation in government and business leadership	After the revolution liberal women are threatened by the fanatics of turning them into lifeless creatures by preventing them from work and taking a higher degree.
Stella Paul	India	Women's participation in government and business leadership	10 years ago, none of our girls would step outside their homes. Today, they are running shops and businesses. It makes me very happy. But, I want them to enter politics also. Women must have a say in the affairs of the village
Valeria Barbosa da Silva	Brazil	Women's participation in government and business leadership	We should invest more in education, make entrepreneurship and sustainable development curriculum mandatory from early childhood education.
Sachiko Sato	Japan	Other	Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Accident affected the lives of two million people in Fukushima prefecture, including myself. It was not our own choice. Even a year later we are still agonized as we are not able to accept what happened to us on 11 March 2011.
Sueli Sueishi	Brazil	Other	As a mother I can do my job by bringing up a child with values, and so should the government by protecting the children from abusive advertisements and making it hard for companies to profit from a public that does not know right from wrong yet.
Usha KC	Nepal	Other	The first step to sustainable development in each country is establishing a stable political situation, otherwise all the efforts get lost and become meaningless.