

The movement for climate justice and real action on environmental problems and equal rights for women is active and growing. People around the world are working hard to shine a light on the problems in their communities while also promoting solutions.

After our request last week for campaign partners & supporters to share their stories, we received overwhelming feedback. Here is a brief update of some activities happening around the world. Check them out and sign-up to show your support. The Women's Global Call for Climate Justice will continue to highlight these crucial campaigns so continue to share in your stories here: [#BreakFree from #FalseSolutions](#)

### **Breaking Free from oppression of indigenous people and the exploitation of their lands**

- **Honduras:** The continued call for #Justice4Berta is being amplified throughout the world. Rallies have been held in Honduras led by Berta's community and organization [COPINH](#) and throughout the world, including a recent Mother's Day rally in NYC led by the [Indigenous Environmental Network](#), and [Grassroots Global Justice Alliance](#) who are calling for petition signatures here: <https://ggj.ourpowerbase.net/civCRM/petition/sign?sid=4&reset=1>
- **Peru:** Máxima Acuña, is a Peruvian peasant and subsistence farmer who leads an impassioned resistance movement against a copper and U.S. gold mining giant threatening to displace her from her land. Earlier this year she was awarded with the prestigious Goldman Environmental Prize but is now back in Peru and facing physical harassment and legal threats for her brave stand. Support Máxima in her fight for justice by donating to her legal defense fund <https://www.earthworksaction.org/donate/maxima>
- The international women's rights organization [MADRE](#) hosted a delegation of Indigenous women leaders from Asia, Africa, Latin America, and North America to the 15th session of the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues (UNPFII). The delegation supported Indigenous women in their advocacy work at the United Nations, to foster an exchange of knowledge between Indigenous women from different regions around the world. On May 10th, they held a forum inside the UN on "Climate Change & Resource Conflict: Peacebuilding Strategies from Indigenous Women Leaders" - to share experiences of conflict and resistance across regions. "*Indigenous women are more than victims, they are forging solutions in their local communities*" Yifat Susskind, MADRE ED



### **Breaking Free from the tangible impacts and increasing trauma of climate chaos:**

- **Fiji:** in the aftermath of Cyclone Winston, [DIVA](#) is continuing to fight for climate justice and call for an end to destructive industries while women's & local groups are also working together to heal communities and families facing the impacts of climate change through community programming, open spaces for dialogue and sports.
- **Philippines:** Farmers from Kidapawan, North Cotabato, Philippines were seeking food after the impacts of drought and loss of crops after a devastating El Nino, a situation aggravated by climate change. They faced a violent response to their cries for help from the government which ended in the lost of life. Organizations like [APWLD](#) and [BAYAN](#) have been working to bring justice and support to this effort.

## Breaking Free from existing fossil fuel industries and their impacts on our communities:

- **Turkey:** Women play a key role in opposing the preexisting dirty coal plants in their communities and do not shy away from raising their concerns about impacts. [Greenpeace Mediterranean](http://www.greenpeace.org/international/en/multimedia/videos/Women-in-Turkey-choose-life-over-coal/) is working with communities affected by coal power plants in Turkey and has help amplify their voices via this video: <http://www.greenpeace.org/international/en/multimedia/videos/Women-in-Turkey-choose-life-over-coal/>
- **Germany:** Vattenfall, one of the big energy corporations in Germany, wants to sell the coal mines and power plants, instead of shutting them down as they should. [GenderCC](https://www.ende-gelaende.org/en/), a global network of organisations, experts and activists working for gender equality, women's rights and climate justice, are a part of Ende Gelaende (here and no further) which is holding a mass action of civil disobedience in the lignite fields of Lusatia, Germany to draw a line in the sand and say NO to coal mining and NO to fossil fuel extraction. Action information is here: <https://www.ende-gelaende.org/en/>
- **Philippines:** People are demanding the cancellation of over 25 other proposed coal plants in the Philippines. A mass organization of peasant women and a federation of rural women's organizations known as [AMIHAN](https://philippines.breakfree2016.org), had a meeting on May 3 with government officials and Calaca coal plant people for the validation of the people's complaints. The next day, May 4th, anti-coal activists from all over the Philippines converged in a climate march that mobilized 8,000+ people in Batangas City, where plans for 600-Megawatt coal fired power plant that is set to occupy a 20-hectare site in Barangay Pinamucan Ibaba. Photos here: <https://philippines.breakfree2016.org>
- **United States:** The golden state of California is one of the nation's stronghold of the fossil fuel industry and home to the largest urban oil field This Saturday, May 14th, [CodePink](https://la.breakfree2016.org) will be joining with other Californians from across the state will convene in downtown Los Angeles for a massive march demanding that elected leaders put an end to the oil and gas production that threatens people's health, environment, and future. More information here: <https://la.breakfree2016.org>



### **Breaking Free from the disproportional impact of poverty and resource scarcity on women:**

- **Somalia:** In the throes of food security issues, health problems and a impacts of a changing environment, a group of committed gender balanced community development professionals in Somaliland came together and formed [Barwaaqo](#), which means “prosperity” in Somalia. Within this organization, there are Five Environment Green Watch Activists dispersed throughout the region with each group containing 25 youth, both Boys and Girls, to increase a sense of ownership for their environment. They are now focusing on strengthening the living condition for women and leading a local fight against climate change impacts.
- **Senegal:** Women leaders, who were ready to step away from spending an overwhelming amount of their time on gathering the necessary fuel for cooking and the preparation that goes into providing meals for their families, help form the Association for Research-Action and Environment Development in the Sahel ([ARADES](#)) in Saint-Louis, Senegal. Among the variety of campaigns on breaking free from outdated burdens, they help develop and distribute the Thermos Cart. This device allows to complete the cooking of a dish with with significant decrease in energy such as wood fire needed, less greenhouse gas emissions and significantly less time needed to manage it.



These are just a few examples that people have shared, so we can share far and wide with the world, and show how women are leading the way in creating change. We will be highlighting these stories - and many others which have been shared- throughout the next week, and encourage you to do the same!

Let's raise the voices of women breaking free from multiple forms of oppression and reclaiming power!

To follow specific #BreakFree2016 stories, go here: <https://breakfree2016.org>

Thank you for the continued support and share the stories,

-Womens Global Call for Climate Justice

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