



# DDE Newsletter No. 138

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Aduna & The Great Green Wall, an African-led movement to grow and preserve an 8,000km wall of trees across the Sahel. [Read more ...](#)

Sônia Guajajara hails Brazil's Indigenous ministry after Bolsonaro 'turmoil'. The activist for native peoples says she will work to overturn the 'catastrophic legacy' from Jair Bolsonaro's presidency. [Read more ...](#)

Amazon's plastic packaging could circle the planet 800 times. Can it be stopped? Billions of packages are delivered every year by the world's largest retailer and a wave of environmental pollution has followed. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

Somalia - Urgent Support Needed for Rural Communities Facing Famine. Famine is fast approaching in Somalia and more than 700,000 people could face starvation next year, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) warned. [Read more ...](#)

Dutch PM apologises for Netherlands' role in slave trade. Mark Rutte says Dutch state 'enabled, encouraged and profited from slavery' for centuries. [Read more ...](#)

Ivory Coast battles chocolate companies to improve farmers' lives. Ivory Coast is the world's top cocoa producing country but receives just four percent of the chocolate industry's estimated annual worth of \$100bn. [Read more ...](#)

Over 100 Rohingya stranded off India's coast, many feared dead. As many as 16-20 refugees may have died of thirst and hunger or have drowned, according to relatives and activists. [Read more ...](#)

### Book ...

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot. [Details ...](#)

### Website ...

The photography project 'Now you see me Moria' was initiated by Amir, an Afghan man who used to live in the Moria camp on the Greek island of Lesbos, which has in the meantime been devastated by fire, and by Noemi, an image editor from the Netherlands.

<https://www.weltmuseumwien.at/en/exhibitions/now-you-see-me-moria/>

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Taliban ban Afghan women from university education. Higher education ministry issues indefinite order three months after thousands sat entrance exams. [Read more ...](#)

Hospitalizing the Homeless. New York City's struggle to get severely mentally ill people off the streets. [Read more ...](#)

Henrietta Lacks, a Black woman whose cells were taken without her consent and subsequently used in several major medical breakthroughs, will have a statue built in her hometown to replace Robert E. Lee monument. [Read more ...](#)

UK's old trees critical to climate change fight. UK forests lock away twice as much planet-warming carbon as previously thought, a new study reveals. [Read more ...](#)

Power to the people: the neighbours turning their London street into a solar power station. Lynmouth Road, Walthamstow, is about to become its own power station, with solar energy for 30 homes. Now the artists responsible want us all to change how we heat our homes. [Read more ...](#)

### Campaigns ...

**38 degrees:** Fix our broken energy system! Embark on a mass homes upgrade, unleash our homegrown energy potential, free us from expensive, polluting oil and gas. [Petition ...](#)

**Reprieve:** Bring back British nationals detained in North East Syria. British children are detained with their mothers in desert prison camps where the conditions are dire. [Petition ...](#)

**Coal Action:** Take action to stop the newly approved Whitehaven coal mine. [Details ...](#)

### Campaign Updates ...

**Stop the War Coalition:** 8 Reasons Why Now Is a Good Time for a Ukraine Ceasefire and Peace Talks. [Read more ...](#)

**Rainforest Rescue:** Petition delivered to UN – “A better way to protect biodiversity”. Studies have shown that the environment is in a better state wherever Indigenous people are the stewards of the land. [Read more ...](#)