



# DDE Newsletter No. 165

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

'Swallowed by the sand': Somalia's coastal towns succumb to the desert. As deforestation and fierce winds compound the climate crisis-driven drought, sand dunes are burying the medieval port of Hobyo. Will pledges to green the desert save families already displaced by war? [Read more ...](#)

'Never just the heat': Signals of climate distress on the rise. Increasing temperatures, dying coral reefs and wildfire smoke are indicators of increasingly volatile climate changes. [Read more ...](#)

Deforestation of Amazon down by a third in 2023 after Bolsonaro's defeat, says Brazil government. 'We reversed the curve, deforestation isn't increasing'. [Read more ...](#)

Climate change: Shipping agrees net-zero goal but critics chide deal. The global shipping industry has agreed to reduce planet warming gases to net-zero "by or around 2050", but critics say the deal is fatally flawed. [Read more ...](#)

'The result was amazing': one man's mission to reforest a barren Irish hillside. Eoghan Dalton has spent 14 years rewilding part of Beara peninsula into a showcase of diversity. [Read more ...](#)

'It was an accident': the scientists who have turned humid air into renewable power. Tesla speculated electricity from thin air was possible – now the question is whether it will be possible to harness it on the scale needed to power our homes. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

UK universities draw up guiding principles on generative AI. All 24 Russell Group universities have reviewed their academic conduct policies and guidance. [Read more ...](#)

Forgotten contributions from black Caribbeans that made Britain great before Windrush. People from the Caribbean made Britain what it is today but their contribution has been forgotten and many continue still face the same hostility they did decades ago. [Read more ...](#)

'Safe and effective': first malaria vaccine to be rolled out in 12 African countries. An initial 18m doses will be delivered over the next two years to combat a disease that kills nearly half a million children annually. [Read more ...](#)

Uzbekistan touts Silk Road past in bid for tourist boom. Ex-Soviet republic is opening up to foreign visitors after decades as one of the world's most isolated countries. [Read more ...](#)

UN chief Guterres condemns Israel's raid on Jenin refugee camp. UN Secretary General says as an 'occupying power', it is Israel's responsibility to protect Palestinians from violence. [Read more ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

Dutch king apologises for country's historical involvement in slavery. On day to remember 160th anniversary of abolition of slavery in Netherlands, Willem-Alexander says racism is still a problem.

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Republican party tweets Independence Day well-wishes with flag of Liberia. Official GOP account deletes tweet featuring Liberian flag, which has single white star where Stars and Stripes has 50. [Read more ...](#)

Industrial Revolution iron method 'was taken from Jamaica by Briton'. Wrought iron process that drove UK success was appropriated from black metallurgists, records suggest. [Read more ...](#)

Pharmanomics: How Big Pharma Destroys Global Health by Nick Dearden. [Details ...](#)

Axl and Slash: Young owls rescued from Glastonbury's Pyramid Stage after Guns N' Roses set named after rock stars. [Read more ...](#)

UK airports say they can reach net zero and still expand. Is it just pie in the sky? Despite the Climate Change Committee's warnings to stop growing capacity, Gatwick is gearing up for another try at a second runway. [Read more ...](#)

Exeter's Lammas Fair: White Glove Parade Marks 900 Years of Tradition. [Read more ...](#)

### Watch and listen ...

BBC Four: Black Nurses – The Women Who Saved the NHS. [Watch ...](#)

### Local News ...

Partnership between PIDG and University of Exeter will support major new investments in Africa based on climate science. [Read more ...](#)

### Things to do ...

**Tuesday 11th July to Wednesday 2nd August** *Food Film Season - The Meat Debate* at Exeter Phoenix.

[Details ...](#)

**Friday 21st July 2pm** *The story of Empire Windrush in ten documents* – webinar organised by The National Archive. [Details ...](#)

**Thursday 27th July 6pm** *Indivisible Justice - Migration & the Climate Crisis* - webinar organised by War on Want. [Details ...](#)

## Campaigns ...

**Change.org:** Anti-Sikhism to be recognised as a hate crime. [Petition ...](#)

**Rainforest Rescue:** Cambodia: Save Koh Kong Island - an untouched place that the government now wants to “develop”. [Petition ...](#)

## Campaign updates ...

**Medical Aid for Palestinians:** 2023 becomes deadliest year for Palestinians in the West Bank as Israeli military launches fresh attack on Jenin. [Read more ...](#)

**Tipping Point UK:** Banking on Climate Chaos – Fossil Fuel Finance Report 2023 (this is a long report but the Executive Summary is just two pages). [Read more ...](#)

**Practical Action:** New farming project to change lives of young rural Kenyans. [Read more ...](#)

**Practical Action:** Off-Grid Success: Solar Chilling Fuels Malawi’s Produce Supply Chain. [Read more ...](#)