

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Changing climate casts a shadow over the future of the Panama Canal – and global trade. Facing a near unprecedented ‘rainfall deficit’, the Panama Canal has been forced to restrict the number of vessels passing through it. [Read more ...](#)

Root and branch reform: if carbon markets aren’t working, how do we save our forests? The world has looked to offsetting schemes to protect forests, fund conservation and fight the climate crisis – but many fail to fulfil their promises. Here are five ways to keep our forests standing. [Read more ...](#)

Flooding drives millions to move as climate-driven migration patterns emerge. Flood risk and climate change are pushing millions of people to move from their homes, according to a new study by the risk analysis firm First Street Foundation. [Read more ...](#)

Beyond Montreal: a year on has the world lived up to the promises made at nature summit? As Colombia announces it will host the next biodiversity meeting, there is cautious optimism about the progress made since Cop15. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

Moldova and Georgia celebrate opened EU membership talks. Moldova and Georgia celebrated after European Union leaders buoyed their aspirations to join the 27 member nation bloc by removing key hurdles on their long path toward membership. [Read more ...](#)

Aral Sea: an environmental disaster to rival Chernobyl. The Aral Sea was once the world’s fourth biggest inland sea, now it has dried up to reveal a secret biological weapons facility. [Read more ...](#)

‘Without work and hope’: Bethlehem’s Christmas economy bleeds from Gaza war. The West Bank city loses Christmas tourism amid daily Israeli raids and the continuing assault on the Gaza Strip. [Read more ...](#)

In a refugee camp in Chad, Sudanese women are running out of hope. A spontaneous settlement in Adré, a Chadian border town, has become a makeshift home for more than 100,000 Sudanese refugees. [Read more ...](#)

‘We live off the forest’: fears rise in Suriname as Mennonites look to settle. Secretive Christian sect poised to carve big farms out of the Amazon, despite concerns of Indigenous people about the settlers’ deforestation elsewhere in Latin America. [Read more ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

It's not shocking to see Israeli children celebrate the Gaza genocide. Israel has long been indoctrinating its children to believe Palestinians are less than human, and thus not worthy of empathy or compassion.

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Attenborough ship encounters mammoth iceberg. The UK's polar ship, RRS Sir David Attenborough, has come face to face with the world's biggest iceberg. [Read more ...](#)

'We make magic here': the Amazon community creating a future out of chocolate. An artisanal cacao business and an agroforestry project are transforming the lives of women and preserving precious forest.

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### Watch and listen ...

Channel 4: Cookstoves: Is the multibillion dollar carbon offset market flawed? [Watch ...](#)

### Local News ...

Carlton Power (owners of Langage Energy Park), a leading developer of renewable energy projects, has announced that it has successfully secured funding for its Langage Green Hydrogen Hub. [Read more ...](#)

New research reveals the Tudors were avid recyclers. Rich fabrics and fine embroidery seized from hundreds of churches closed by Henry VIII during the English Reformation were saved and repurposed through a remarkable recycling network [Read more ...](#)

### Things to do ...

#### Wednesday 21st February 2024 2pm to 3.30pm

*Beasts, Botanicals and the British Empire: Natural history drawings at the RAMM.* Professor Nandini Chatterjee and Holly Morgenroth, natural sciences curator at RAMM, explore an exquisite collection of nature-themed prints and watercolours produced by Indian artists in the early days of the British Empire in India. [Details ...](#)

### Campaigns ...

**Global Justice Now:** Call for release of Ugandan student activists 'On 24 November, seven students in Kampala were unjustly arrested during a peaceful climate protest against the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP), a massive fossil fuel project threatening 100,000 people and Lake Victoria' [Details ...](#)

**Change.org:** Freedom for Narges Mohammadi, winner of the Nobel Peace Prize "Woman, Life, Freedom". [Petition ...](#)

### Campaign Updates ...

**Debt Justice:** COP28 sweeps debt under the carpet. [Read more ...](#)

**Debt Justice:** COP28 outcomes for debt justice: a legacy of deepening debt crisis. [Read more ...](#)

**350.org:** COP28: Communities hold the line as outcome delivers a loophole-ridden text. [Read more ...](#)

**350.org:** Why haven't we solved the climate crisis yet? [Read more ...](#)

**Everyday Plastic:** Round up of 2023. [Read more ...](#)

**Biofuelwatch:** Newsletter December 2023. [Read more ...](#)