



# DDE Newsletter No. 205

## Climate Crisis – Climate Justice

Two countries in Europe are powered by 100% renewable energy as wind capacity soars. Seven countries now generate 100 per cent of their electricity from renewable energy. [Read more ...](#)

Clean energy's dirty secret: the trail of waste left by India's solar power boom. As vast solar plants multiply, so does the scrap, set to reach 19m tonnes by 2050. But disposing of the waste often falls to informal traders who risk injury when dismantling broken panels. [Read more ...](#)

Did cloud seeding cause Dubai floods? Why experts say no. Chaos engulfed the UAE after its biggest city Dubai was inundated with water in the wake of record rainfall. [Read more ...](#)

Climate change: Deadly African heatwave 'impossible' without warming. A deadly heatwave in West Africa and the Sahel was "impossible" without human-induced climate change, scientists say. [Read more ...](#)

## Other News

'Why the silence? Why the inaction? It breaks my heart': Malala and Jennifer Lawrence take on the Taliban. The Oscar-winner and the Nobel laureate have teamed up to make Bread & Roses, a new film about the abuse of women in Afghanistan. In an emotional interview, they warn that the west ignores its message at their peril. [Read more ...](#)

The crisis in Sudan necessitates urgent action. The international community needs to push for peace, humanitarian access and funding for aid delivery. [Read more ...](#)

Water extraction and weight of buildings see half of China's cities sink. Some cities are subsiding rapidly, with one in six exceeding 10mm per year. [Read more ...](#)

Revisiting molokhia amid war and displacement in Gaza. A year ago, Siham Abu Shaaban made molokhia for Fork the System, explaining how it is considered a "lucky charm" of a dish that many families have to have on their Ramadan table. [Read more ...](#)

## Local News ...

Bill Douglas at 90: Watch the story of one of Britain's finest filmmakers and creator of Exeter's renowned cinema museum. [Read more ...](#)

## Topics discussed at Thursday's World at Lunch

China Confronts the Middle-Income Trap. While China obviously needs to boost private-sector confidence and revive growth with a more sustainable economic model, it is not clear that Chinese leaders fully appreciate the challenges they face. [Read more ...](#)

The West says China makes too much. Its workers disagree. Ren Wenbing is reluctant to leave the hollowed-out brick shell which was once a thriving factory in China's manufacturing hub of Dongguan. [Read more ...](#)

Percival Everett: Why I rewrote Huckleberry Finn to give slave Jim a voice ... The Booker Prize-nominated author had just hit a ball "wildly" out of court. [Read more ...](#)

Tall tales but no dessert: the storyteller of Karachi and his ice-cream cart library. In a country where 77% of 10-year-olds are illiterate, a reading scheme in Pakistan is reaching thousands of children in slums. [Read more ...](#)

### Campaigns ...

**Avaaz:** Protect the FGM Ban, Protect the Girls! The Gambia took a bold step forward by banning the practice in 2015 ... keep the ban in place. [Petition ...](#)

**Greenpeace:** Global Plastics Treaty - Pledge support for a strong, legally-binding global target that requires all states to properly cut plastic production? [Details ...](#)

### Campaign Updates ...

**War on Want:** And Still We Rise: The War on Want festival of Solidarity and Resistance. [Watch ...](#)

**War on Want:** Why the global farmers' protests matter. [Read more ...](#)

**Amnesty:** Three top nitrogen gas manufacturers in US bar products from use in executions. Move follows Alabama's recent killing of death row inmate Kenneth Smith using previously untested method. [Read more ...](#)