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To honour International Women’s Day, which lands on March 8, 2014, here are some articles, events, resources and a video...

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Learn about initiatives, events, news and inspiration at the International Women’s Day website.

Women, Work, and the Economy: Macroeconomic Gains from Gender Equity

Women make up a little over half the world’s population, but their contribution to measured economic activity, growth, and well-being is far below its potential, with serious macroeconomic consequences.

This Sept 2013 Staff Discussion Note from the International Monetary Fund examines macro-critical features of women’s participation in the labor market, the constraints preventing women from developing their full economic potential, and possible policies to overcome these obstacles.

Joss Whedon’s 8-minute acceptance speech at Equality Now awards, 2006. Watch the whole thing.
Trust me.

“Why 2014 is a key year for women’s rights and gender equality,” The Guardian, Feb 4, 2014

“[There’s] a growing recognition that countries cannot thrive if half the population is left out of education and work, or not included in decision-making...” Seriously? A “growing recognition”? Sheesh.

The Guardian has recently launched a women’s rights and gender equality section to provide a specific focus on the pressing issues affecting women, girls and transgender people around the world, and the critical work being carried out by women's rights movements. Find out more via the hyperlink above.

The organizing committee of the World Conference of Indigenous Women, held last October in Lima, Peru, ratified a plan of action on February 9, 2014 to eradicate the violence, discrimination, racism and poverty suffered by indigenous women the world over. They asked states to draw up a new sustainable, redistributive and solidarity-based economic model.

The whole article, “Indigenous Women Request States To Adopt An Economic System That Respects Nature,” is at the Association for Women’s Rights in Development (awid.org).