World Economic Forum/Davos:

- **Davos 2015: International Conflict Is Top Global Risk** – Coinciding with the gathering in Davos this week, the World Economic Forum released its annual Global Risks report. The full report can be found [here](#). **Full Article: Huffington Post**
- **Davos 2015: climate change makes a comeback** – For the past six years, the financial crisis has pushed climate change to the bottom of the agenda at Davos. But this year, there are clear signs that it has made a comeback. **Full Article: The Guardian**
- **Gore, Pharrell announce global Live Earth climate concert in June** – A Live Earth music event to demand action on climate change and galvanize public support in advance of the UN climate negotiations in December will take place on June 18 across seven continents. **Full Article: Reuters**
- **From water to weather: where to make money sustainably** – As leaders meet in Davos, a new report was released that identifies and ranks 15 opportunities to transform the effects of extreme weather, our reliance of fossil fuels, and the sharp rise in chronic disease, water scarcity and mass urbanization. **Full Article: The Guardian**
- **Bill and Melinda Gates call for action ‘right now’ on global warming, see better future for poor in 2030** (1.22.15) via Daily News – Bill and Melinda Gates in an interview and through their annual letter laid out the vision for the world's largest charitable foundation as they prepared to travel to the World Economic Forum and its annual networking meeting of heads of state and business leaders. **Full Article: NY Daily News**
- **Is Unilever set to become a benefit corporation?** (1.23.15) via The Guardian – The movement to put purpose at the heart of business strategy has received a major boost with news that several multinationals, including consumer goods giant Unilever, are considering becoming “benefit corporations”—for-profit corporate entities that commit to positive social and environmental goals. **Full Article: The Guardian**
- **Head of UN climate talks: ‘the pain in the shoe is not great enough’ for businesses to take action** (1.22.15) via The Guardian – Christiana Figueres, who heads up the global climate change talks, was visibly moved as she urged business leaders to take action to avoid runaway climate change at the World Economic Forum meeting in Davos on Thursday. The private sector can play a pivotal role in giving politicians the confidence to act, Figueres said, and she believes the lack of advocacy by companies is due to the fact that most of them still do not feel immediately threatened by climate change. **Full article: The Guardian**
- **United Methodist pension fund revises investment guidelines** (1.22.15) via Wall Street Journal – The United Methodist Church is implementing new guidelines for its $21 billion pension fund meant to steer it away from investing in coal energy and in companies that operate in countries thought to violate human rights. **Full article: WSJ**

Government:

- **In State of the Union address, Obama draws line on climate, says U.S. will lead the world** – President Barack Obama struck a defiant pose on the environment in Tuesday’s State of the Union address, signaling willingness to battle with Congress to keep his initiatives on climate and energy policy on track. **Full Article: Washington Post**
- **Senate says climate change real, but doesn't agree on cause** – The Republican-controlled Senate acknowledged Wednesday that climate change is real but refused to say humans are to blame during a series of votes that publicly tested Republicans’ stance on global warming. **Full Article: New York Times**