



## GWI Update – 13 May 2015



*Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) member, Wanja Munaita, meeting Chelsea Clinton in Nairobi, Kenya on 1 May*

## Graduate Women International news

### GWI capacity building workshop

GWI's European regional capacity building workshop "Communities for Action" will be held on **4-5 June 2015** in Sofia, Bulgaria. Participation in the workshop is open to all GWI members in the [United Nations Europe and Central Asia regions](#), and free of charge. The two-day event will include interactive sessions, presentations and useful tools to support recruitment, retention and engagement of members. This is an ideal opportunity to develop an action plan to activate your membership community. For further details and to register for the event please contact [Lorraine Mangwiro](#). Deadline for registration: **15 May 2015**.

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## National Federation and Association (NFA) news

### Kenya

On 1 May 2015 Wanja Munaita, GWI and Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) member, attended a [No Ceilings](#) conversation on girls' secondary education hosted by Chelsea Clinton in Nairobi, Kenya. The event, held at Farasi Lane primary school, highlighted the importance of keeping girls secondary education at the centre of development strategies, examining the challenges and opportunities for new and existing partnerships. Bringing together multistakeholder participants, the discussion emphasised that the time was ripe to encourage collaborations in order to advance and strengthen support for the Collaborative for Harnessing Ambition and Resources for Girls' Education (CHARGE). Chelsea Clinton called on all partners and stakeholders to work collectively to advance girls' secondary education. GWI is proud to be part of the CHARGE initiative, convened by the Center for Universal Education (CUE) at the Brookings Institution and the No Ceilings Initiative at the Clinton Foundation. Read more about GWI's [CHARGE commitments here](#).

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## Advocacy

### Webinar: the role of women in peacekeeping

Women Graduates – USA (WG-USA) will host a webinar on "The Peace Algorithm: Women, Inclusion and Citizen Action" on **Saturday, 16 May 2015 from 11:00am to 12:00** (Eastern Daylight Savings Time). The webinar, open to members and non-members, will discuss the critical role of women in peace-building

and will examine the efforts of the US State Department, Congress and the United Nations to promote this role worldwide.

For more information and to register please contact [geetadesai@optonline.net](mailto:geetadesai@optonline.net) or visit [www.wg-usa.org](http://www.wg-usa.org).

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## Grants and Proposals

### Award for French researchers

The French newspaper *Le Monde* is calling for applications for *Prix Le Monde de la recherche universitaire* – an annual award for university research. Launched in 1997, the Award intends to enhance the early works of young French researchers, involved in the study of scientific, economic, social and/or artistic disciplines. For the eighteenth edition, the Award is open to two categories: human and social science teachers (all disciplines); and science teachers of mathematical, mechanical, computer, physical, chemical, earth sciences and the universe, life sciences, neuroscience, medicine (research doctorates only), as well as in related technologies. **Deadline for entries: 29 May 2015.** [Read here](#) for more details on eligibility.

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## Donations in favour of GWI

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## Other information and events

May 14 – 16	<a href="#">2015 Global Summit of Women</a> , Sao Paulo, Brazil
May 16	<a href="#">WG-USA webinar</a> , online
May 19 – 22	<a href="#">World Education Forum</a> , Incheon, South Korea
May 23 – 25	<a href="#">International Conference on ICTs and Post-2015 Education</a> , Qingdao, China
May 29	<a href="#">University Women of Europe (UWE) Meet and Greet</a> , London, United Kingdom
June 4 – 5	GWI “Communities for Action” Workshop, Sofia, Bulgaria
28 August – 1 September	<a href="#">UWE Conference “Networking as a Quality”</a> , the Netherlands
August 21 – 23 (2016)	GWI General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa (members only)
August 24 – 26 (2016)	GWI Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa (open to the public)

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