



## GWI UPDATE 14 Sept 2016



The new GWI- NL members group

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### — Graduate Women International news —

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#### **GWI is delighted to announce its official name recognition by ECOSOC**

The name '[Graduate Women International](#)' (GWI) is now formally recognised by The United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) after a lengthy approval process. Whilst mindful of the significant achievements and accomplishments under its former name, International Federation of University Women (IFUW), GWI is both contemporary and more reflective of the dynamic membership of the organisation's historic 97 years. The new name was voted in by the membership and launched in Spring 2015. GWI is dedicated to carrying out the organisation's mission to empower women and girls through lifelong quality education and training up to the highest levels. To learn more about the history and transition of IFUW to GWI, click [here](#).

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### — GWI member news —

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#### **GWI welcomes new member GWI – Netherlands**

GWI is delighted to welcome [GWI - Netherlands](#) (GWI-NL) as a new association. A past member, GWI-NL have worked hard to establish their new association so that Netherlands members could once again be part of the GWI family. Terry Oudraad, the GWI-NL President, emphasises that the work of GWI and GWI-NL in relation to the education of girls and women (even at primary level) is certainly not yet finished. Without continuing education for women and girls in some parts of the world, girls are disadvantaged and this impacts negatively on their families and society. GWI addresses barriers to girls and women's education with active support through its global membership. News and information on the new group GWI-NL can be found on their website [here](#) (in Dutch).

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### — Advocacy —

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#### **New GEM Report shows the world is 50 years late in meeting education targets**

The new [Global Education Monitoring Report](#) (GEM Report) gives a comprehensive and disquieting update on the state of the world's education systems. It establishes that education is at the heart of sustainable

development and the [Sustainable Development Goals](#) (SDGs), yet the Report also makes clear that much work still needs to be done to achieve them. The Report draws attention to key areas of concern including a critical shortfall in financing for education and huge gaps in educational attainment. Most importantly the Report presents highly relevant data, invaluable as a tool to mark progress and take appropriate corrective action towards the achievement of [SDG4, Quality Education](#). The GEM Report can be downloaded in full [here](#).

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## — Opportunities —

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### Call for proposals for AWDF

The [African Women's Development Fund](#) (AWDF) is a grant making foundation that supports local, national and regional organisations working towards the empowerment of African women and the achievement of gender equality on the continent. The vision of AWDF is for women to live in a world where there is social justice, equality and respect for women's human rights. To this end, their mission is to mobilise and disburse financial, human and material resources to support positive transformation in Africa. To achieve its vision and mission, AWDF provides grant and technical support to women's groups and organisations in Africa working on issues in line with Women's Human Rights (WHR), and Economic Empowerment and Livelihoods (EEL), amongst others. For more information and an application form please go [here](#). The deadline for applications is 19 September 2016.

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## — Give the gift of education —

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[Join our GlobalGiving](#) campaign and help us raise US \$50,000 to support 50 women student teachers in 2016. 50 trained women teachers will provide quality education to up to 11,750 students per annum. GWI provides scholarships and mentoring support to young women from rural areas of Uganda to become qualified teachers and ambassadors for girls' education. Donate now and help us train women teachers to train 1000s of students. You can read more about GWI's project Teachers for Rural Futures [here](#).

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## — Other information and events —

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September	19 - 20	<a href="#">Preventing Violent Extremism through Education</a> New Delhi, India
October	22	<a href="#">IrFUW Annual Conference</a> Dublin, Ireland
October	25 - 26	<a href="#">International Universities Networking Conference</a> Istanbul, Turkey
November	22	<a href="#">Boosting Youth Employment: Growth &amp; Quality Jobs</a> Brussels, Belgium
November	27 - 30	<a href="#">Pan-Commonwealth Forum on Open Learning</a> Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
November	28 - 30	<a href="#">5<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Women's Museums</a> Mexico City

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