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Members of HKAUW and their scholarship recipients

— Graduate Women International news —

105th International Labour Conference, June, Geneva, Switzerland

Graduate Women International (GWI) United Nations (UN) Representative Ms. Katherine Hagen has been making interventions on GWI's behalf at the [105th International Labour Conference \(ILC\)](#) in Geneva. This is the annual policy-setting event of the International Labour Organisation (ILO). This annual Conference brings together governments', workers' and employer's delegates of the ILO member states. Often called an international parliament of labour, the Conference establishes and adopts international labour standards and is a forum for discussion of key social and labour questions. This Conference is an opportunity for GWI to advocate for enhancing women's economic participation as a means to promote international sustainable growth and economic development, increase health and living standards and contribute to women's agency and empowerment. Ms. Hagen will deliver a plenary statement at the ILC - [read the full statement here.](#)

— GWI member news —

GWI's national federations' and associations' (NFAs) varied and impressive achievements

GWI members are women truly committed to the GWI mission of empowering women and girls through education up to the highest levels. Member projects are implemented all over the world. As well as providing excellent post-graduate scholarships to South Korean women, the [Korean Association of University Women \(KAUW\)](#) has been engaged in a very successful training programme for women in Nge An Province, Vietnam: Vocational Training for Economic Independence of Vietnam Women. The [Hong Kong Association of University Women \(HKAUW\)](#), in addition to a thriving scholarship programme, has enthusiastically raised money for the GWI [Teachers for Rural Futures Project](#). The [Sierra Leone Association of University Women \(SLAUW\)](#) has secured funding for a new project entitled 'Community Action for the Retention of Girls in Schools'. [Become a member of our global federation GWI and join our cause.](#)

— Advocacy —

Women's economic empowerment takes centre stage at UNCTAD expert meeting

The [United Nations Conference of Trade and Development](#), UNCTAD, is the United Nations body responsible for dealing with development issues, particularly trade, the main driver of development. At the June 2016 meeting in Geneva on 'Trade as a tool for the economic empowerment of women', experts

discussed how to ensure coherence between trade and the economic empowerment of women, and cast light on ways to design and implement the "transformative actions" for gender equality and women's economic empowerment expected under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the [Addis Ababa Action Agenda on Financing for Development \(AAAA\)](#). UNCTAD's [Trade and Gender Programme](#) supports equal rights for women to economic resources and uses Information and Communication technology (ICT) to empower women, [a major advocacy area for GWI](#).

— Events —

IV Latin American Meeting of University Women - "Empowerment for Personal and Professional Leadership of Women and Girls"

The IV Latin American Meeting of University Women, 22-25 June 2016 in Panama City, Panama, aims to promote empowerment for professional and personal leadership of women and aims to share information, knowledge and ideas to work on behalf of the human rights of women and girls. The conference will be held at the Hotel Wyndham, Albrook Mall, Panama City, organised by the [Association of University Women of Panama, AMUP](#) and with the participation of women's organisations from Argentina, Bolivia, Costa Rica, Mexico, Panama and Salvador. To register please email: amuppanama@gmail.com before 22 June 2016.

— Legacies —

As a non-profit, non-governmental organisation, GWI is sincerely grateful for all [donations](#) received from the wills of members and [patrons](#), which make a significant difference in enabling advocacy activities and projects. By leaving a gift in your will to GWI, you are supporting the organisation to continue its mission to increase access to lifelong education for girls and women globally. Please remember to update your legacy to GWI if you have already made one for IFUW.

— Other information and events —

June	22 - 25	Empowerment for Personal and Professional Leadership Panama City, Panama
June	24 - 25	Canadian Federation of University Women AGM Ontario, Canada
June	24 - 27	University Women of Europe AGM and Conference Winchester, UK
July	14 - 15	Australian Higher Education Summit Melbourne, Australia
July	21 - 23	3rd Network Gender and STEM Conference 2016 Newcastle, UK
August	08 - 19	Women's Human Rights Education Institute Intensive Toronto, Canada
Nov	28 - 30	5th International Conference of Women's Museums , Mexico City

August 21 – 23 **GWI General Assembly, Cape Town, South Africa (members only)**

August 24 – 26 **GWI Triennial Conference, Cape Town, South Africa (open to the public)**



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