



## **GWI UPDATE      20 January 2016**



*Cape Town, South Africa, where GWI's 32<sup>nd</sup> Triennial International Conference will take place in August 2016*

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### — Graduate Women International news —

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#### **Graduate Women International Triennial Conference 2016 – exciting programme taking shape**

The [programme](#) for the [Graduate Women International \(GWI\) Conference, Cape Town 24-25 August 2016](#) is taking shape. The theme 'At the crossroads of education, gender and human rights', will focus discussion on four key strands: a) Managing complexity in education b) New technologies and their impact on secondary, tertiary and continuing education c) Human rights and education – from teenager to adult in education and active life, and d) Access to education for girls and women. Among the panels, participants will be able to choose from many exciting subjects, including cyber bullying with speakers from the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), and a panel on business and leadership education. To register and for more information please go [here](#). Early bird rates are still available!

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### — GWI member news —

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#### **Women Graduates-USA sets organisational goals for the path forward**

As part of an ongoing organisational capacity assessment review, Women Graduates-USA (WG-USA) benefited by having external and internal professional reviews generated by member input to help set future direction. Following this input, [WG-USA](#) came up with the five following goals: 1) To have a positive impact on the economic, social and political issues affecting women and girls, globally; 2) To attract a membership of US-based graduate women interested in making a social impact; 3) To be the leading organisation providing Education and Advocacy and Leadership Training for women in a global society; 4) To build partnerships with civil society organisations and multi-lateral institutions particularly the United Nations; 5) To become a leading member of [Graduate Women International](#) and create meaningful partnerships with its international affiliates. GWI applauds the revitalising efforts of [WG-USA](#) and wishes them all success in realising their goals.

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### — Advocacy —

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**The Inter-Parliamentary Union releases a new report on women in parliaments worldwide**

The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) has released [a new report on the numbers and proportion of women in parliaments worldwide](#). The IPU was established in 1889 and is the international organisation of Parliaments. The Union is the focal point for world-wide parliamentary dialogue and works for peace, international co-operation and representative democracy. It contributes to the defence and promotion of human rights, and works to co-ordinate the exchange of experience among parliaments and parliamentarians of all countries as well as intergovernmental and non-governmental organisations which are motivated by the same ideals. GWI advocates for education for women up to the highest levels to foster their decision-making in all aspects of society and governance. Read our manifestos [here](#).

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## — Call for nominations —

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### **Opportunity to nominate for new members of the CEDAW Committee- elections June 2016**

The term of 11 Committee for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) members will be expiring in December 2016. The [CEDAW Convention](#) is the only UN human rights treaty that focuses on gender issues. In this regard, it is important that the twenty-three experts of the CEDAW Committee have an understanding of the realities of women's lives and have competence in the field of women's human rights. NGOs can help by identifying women and feminist experts with a strong understanding and experience of promoting and protecting women's rights and who are willing and able to be Committee members. For more details on the CEDAW convention and the articles relevant to GWI's mission read [here](#). The deadline for nominations is 7 March 2016. More information on the CEDAW elections procedure can be found [here](#).

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## — Give the gift of education —

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GWI provides scholarships and mentoring support to young women from rural areas of Uganda to become qualified teachers and ambassadors for girls' education, through study at Makerere University. We would like to invite you to [join our GlobalGiving](#) campaign to raise \$50,000 to support 50 women student teachers in 2016. 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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January	27	<a href="#">Free from Fear, Free from Pain- Eliminating FGM in Europe</a> Brussels, Belgium
March	09 - 11	<a href="#">Future Sense- Universities Shaping the New Era</a> Canberra, Australia
April	07 - 08	<a href="#">Bricks and Clicks for Europe</a> Galway, Ireland
June	14 - 17	<a href="#">Missing and Marginalised Conference University of Waterloo</a> , Canada
June	24 - 27	<a href="#">University Women of Europe AGM and Conference</a> Winchester, UK
July	21 - 23	<a href="#">3<sup>rd</sup> Network Gender and STEM Conference 2016</a> Newcastle, UK

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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