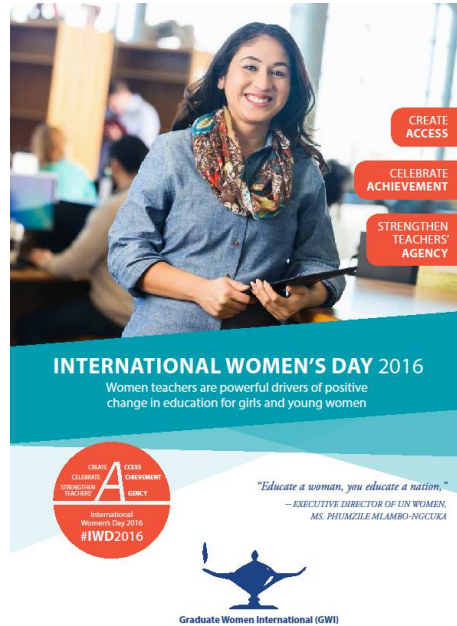




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— Graduate Women International news —

International Women's Day (IWD) 8 March 2016

Graduate Women International (GWI) wishes all its members and Update readers a happy International Women's Day 2016! This day celebrates the achievements of women past and present all over the world, and is an opportunity for advancing women's rights. This year, GWI is highlighting the value qualified women teachers bring to society, and calling for more young women to be encouraged into the field of science, technology, engineering and mathematics to promote gender parity in this sector and to increase diversity and innovation. In Uganda, GWI is directly addressing the lack of women teachers as a barrier to girls' secondary education by sponsoring girls from rural areas to qualify as teachers through the [Teachers for Rural Futures](#) project. Read our IWD press release [here](#). Engage with us on women's education and rights issues and [join us!](#)

— GWI member news —

Triumph for advocacy against Non-State Actor Torture in Canada

GWI is delighted to congratulate its affiliate the [Canadian Federation of University Women \(CFUW\)](#) members Jeanne Sarson and Linda MacDonald, for their work on a resolution on Non-State Actor Torture which has now come before the House of Commons in Canada - as Bill C242, a Private Members Bill. The [video of MP Peter Fragiskatos reading of the bill can be viewed here](#). Jeanne and Linda have committed the last 25 years to advocating on this issue and this success is a triumph for them and the first step in getting legal action. The full text of the Bill can be [read here](#).

— Advocacy —

Accelerating Investment in Women through Certification – W+ Standard

This [White Paper](#) makes the case for a new and innovative option for a certification system that channels measurable and verifiable benefits directly to women and women’s organisations. The [W+ Standard \(W+\)](#) is designed to promote investments in women’s empowerment through a system that both measures results and puts money into the hands of women, which is likely to have transformative impacts on gender inequality and the economy, among other impacts. Read the White Paper [here](#). For more information on how GWI supports the business case for the economic empowerment of women, read [here](#).

— Events —

Global Summit of Women Conference Warsaw, Poland 9-11 June 2016: Registration now open

GWI long-term partner the [Global Summit of Women](#) is hosting a Conference with the theme ‘Women, Building an Inclusive Economy in the Digital Age’ Warsaw, Poland, 9-11 June 2016, which is now open for [registration](#). 1,000 women including leaders from government and business are expected to participate with the aim of opening up opportunities for women in the digital economy, ensuring market access for the next generation of women entrepreneurs, and accelerating women’s ascent to [business leadership](#). GWI will also be addressing [education and leadership](#) and related issues at the [GWI Conference 2016](#).

— Legacies in favour of GWI —

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.

— Other information and events —

March	09 - 11	Future Sense- Universities Shaping the New Era Canberra, Australia
April	08 - 10	European Women and Sport Conference Stockholm, Sweden
June	24 - 25	Canadian Federation of University Women AGM Ontario, Canada
June	24 - 27	University Women of Europe AGM and Conference Winchester, UK
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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