Participants from the second round of workshops help to develop materials for the GWI Girls’ Choices Mobile Application that Orange Device Group is supporting

— Graduate Women International news —

The second Girls’ Choices Mobile Application workshop is held in Rwanda

Graduate Women International (GWI) in partnership with Paper Crown Institute delivered a second workshop in Kigali, Rwanda, to develop the GWI Girls’ Choices Mobile Application (app). The group of teenage girls, who also participated in the first workshop in March 2016, worked together to give feedback on materials for the application. Orange Device Group and GWI are working in partnership to deliver the mobile app, which seeks to address the information gap on tertiary education in the country. Once developed, this app will be a fun and accessible way of supporting up to 300,000 teenage girls to make informed choices in order to complete secondary school and transition to university, further education or professional work. After piloting in Rwanda the app will be extended to additional countries. For further information please contact Mr Paul William Delorme.

— GWI member news —

GWI member events at the 60th Commission on the Status of Women in New York

During the second week at the 60th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60), GWI members delivered a number of different events. Women Graduates – USA (WG-USA) delivered a session on Street Harassment of Women at the 60th Commission on the Status of Women (CSW60). The panel discussed measures which have been successful in curbing the problem of street harassment, for example on public transport. This discussion can be viewed in full on Youtube. In another event, GWI members Professors Shirley Randall and Jaya Dantas presented global case scenarios from India, Bangladesh, Rwanda and Western Australia about 'Implementation of Rights-Based Approaches to Enhance Effective Education for Women'. Also at the CSW60, GWI United Nations Representative Ms Mick Minard read the GWI statement on the overall CSW60 theme Women’s Empowerment and its link to Sustainable Development, which can be viewed on UNTV here. The full text of the written and oral statements can be found here.

— Advocacy —
Graduate Women International supports the campaign for a woman United Nations Secretary-General

Women constitute half of the world's population. To achieve gender equality economically, socially and politically, women must be within top policy-making circles and in leadership positions. Having a woman as United Nations (UN) Secretary-General opens doors for other highly qualified women to be considered for other leading roles within the UN as well as in other international positions of high visibility and responsibility. The UN supports gender equity (fairness), equality (equal access) and inclusion. Inclusion equates action and women must be included at the highest levels. There have been eight male Secretary-Generals and the ninth should be a woman. It is time. Read here for more information.

— Call for applications —

UN Trust Fund accepting proposals to end violence against women

The UN Trust Fund to End Violence Against Women is now accepting applications for its 20th grant cycle (2016) from civil society organisations and networks — including non-governmental, women’s and community-based organisations and coalitions and operational research institutions — and government authorities at the national and local levels. The deadline for submission of applications is 4 May 2016. All applications must be submitted online. Click here to apply.

— Give the gift of education —

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.

— Other information and events —

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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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