

Press Release

Launch of Graduate Women International 32nd Conference website
- *Education, gender and human rights to take centre stage* -

Geneva, Switzerland, 31 August 2015 – Graduate Women International (GWI) will hold its 32nd triennial conference in Cape Town, South Africa, on 24-26 August 2016. The Conference theme “At the crossroads of education, gender and human rights” will bring together multilateral, multistakeholder participants including policy makers, education experts, international organisations, civil society, and private sector enterprises. The conference will comprise four main strands: managing complexity in education; new technologies and their impact on secondary, tertiary and continuing education; human rights and education; and access to education for girls and women – challenges and solutions. The website (<http://www.gwiconference.org/>) is now open for information. Registration will open mid-October.

President of GWI, Catherine Bell, stated that “With just under one year to go, preparations are in full swing to make the GWI 32nd triennial conference *the* international event of the year for the promotion of girls’ and women’s education up to the highest level. We encourage all the different stakeholders interested in promoting quality education from various viewpoints to come and make the most of the opportunity.”

The 96 year-old GWI is introducing new aspects to its long-standing conference. As well as the possibility to present posters, seminars and workshops, this edition offers a greater range of invited experts, both as individuals and as panel participants, sponsorship to provide visibility to other organisations; a small exhibition space and a childcare centre. Sponsors are guaranteed significant international exposure and affiliation with a dynamic and compelling cause.

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Graduate Women International (GWI), is based in Geneva, Switzerland, and has an international membership. GWI was founded in 1919 as the International Federation of University Women. GWI is the leading girls’ and women’s global organisation advocating for women’s rights, equality and empowerment through access to quality education and training up to the highest levels. GWI is in special consultative status with ECOSOC and is an NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO and ILO.

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