



Graduate Women  
International (GWI)

# Press Release

**Graduate Women International is delighted to bring together global and local experts to join international discussion on issues in education at their Cape Town Conference**

Geneva, Switzerland, 30 June 2016 - Graduate Women International (GWI) is proud to announce its 32nd Triennial Conference, 24-26 August 2016, in Cape Town, South Africa. With the theme 'At the Crossroads of Education, Gender and Human Rights', GWI will host a programme of inspirational individuals presenting on innovation and best practices in providing lifelong, quality education for girls and women.

The Honourable Minister Matsie Angelina Motshekga; South African Minister of Basic Education, Honourable Minister Naledi Pandor, Minister of Science and Technology, and rights activist and academic Professor Jonathan Jansen, will open the conference as keynote speakers. Representatives from the United Nations Educational Social and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), the United Nations International Telecommunications Union (ITU), and a range of independent experts will share their experience on four strands; managing complexity in education, new technologies, education and human rights and the effects of violence on access to education for girls and women. Specific topics include cyberbullying, education as a catalyst for entrepreneurship, and girls in science and information and communication technologies (ICTs).

GWI President Catherine Bell states: "The Conference will provide a prime opportunity for educationalists, policy makers, private sector and civil society to network, benchmark best practice and make a substantial contribution to the dialogue on how best to empower girls and women and achieve the Education 2030 agenda".

Graduate Women International (GWI) is a membership-based international NGO based in Geneva, Switzerland, with presence in over 80 countries. Founded in 1919, 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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