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Press Release

The Graduate Women International 32nd Triennial Conference, 24-26 August in Cape Town, will advance the global dialogue on education, gender and human rights

Cape Town, South Africa, 24 August 2016 - Graduate Women International (GWI) is proud to announce the opening of 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 is hosting a programme of educational experts, presenting on innovation and best practices in providing lifelong, quality education for girls and women.

Keynote speakers including the South African Deputy Minister of Basic Education; rights activist and academic Professor Jonathan Jansen; and Ms Saniye Gülser Corat, the Director of the Division for Gender Equality in the Office of the Director-General at the UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, France, will open the conference. Representatives from United Nations agencies, The Brookings Institution, global and South African-based academics, 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 leadership and entrepreneurship in education, the application of new technologies, and addressing barriers in education for girls and young women.

GWI President Catherine Bell states: "The GWI 32nd Triennial Conference provides a prime opportunity to advance the global conversation on how to best achieve the Education 2030 agenda. Educationalists, policy makers, private sector and civil society have the perfect setting to network, benchmark best practice and make a substantial contribution to the dialogue on empowering girls and women through education to the highest levels."

Graduate Women International (GWI) is a membership-based international nongovernmental organisation (NGO) based in Geneva, Switzerland, with a 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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