



GWI United Nation Representative Advocacy Report New-York 2018

GWI advocacy goals

1. 100% of United Nations Member States commit to policy, legislation, budget and infrastructure to facilitate transition of girls from primary to secondary school and ensure gender parity and gender equality throughout secondary education by 2030.
2. By 2030 100% of United Nations low income Member States have increased access to tertiary education for girls and women by 50%.
3. 100% of United Nations Member States commit to and implement policies for continuing education to empower women throughout the life course, within the formal and informal economies.
4. Influence the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4.
5. All 17 SDGs will include girls' education targets.

Please bear in mind these five overarching, long-term goals during any United Nations intervention that you make on behalf of GWI. Any intervention should push these five goals further.

NB1: *Although these goals represent GWI's mission, UN Reps are also invited to promote GWI key messages on areas where especially relevant e.g. women in STEM, securing investment in women teachers, addressing barriers to girls' education such as child marriage.*

NB2: *Please try to fill out this report comprehensively and bear in mind that any Advocacy Report that is not submitted on the official GWI Advocacy Report Template will be sent back.*

Meeting attended: (place, date, time, name of meeting)

Women Ambassadors' Luncheon: (11/20/18), Armenian Cultural Center Ballroom, NYC,
12:30 – 2:30 pm

Subject of meeting: Honor and thank women ambassadors who work at the UN

Refers to SDG no #: (please reference) SDG 5

Relevant treaties/conventions/resolutions:

What GWI [resolution\(s\)](#) does your attendance relate to? (i.e. Tolerance of Minority Groups (5), FGM (6), Human Trafficking (7), Child Marriage (8), etc.)

Intervention by GWI rep: (what you did)

Personal observations :

The NGO Committee on the Status of Women sponsored a luncheon for Women Ambassadors to the United Nations. The purpose of the luncheon is to honor and thank women ambassadors who work at the United Nations. Women who were recognized and received awards at the luncheon were:

- 1) H.E. Amb Besiana Kadare – Albania
- 2) Sofya Simonyan – Armenia
- 3) Hayfa Ali Ahmed Matar – Bahrain
- 4) Elizabeth Thompson – Barbados
- 5) Zelma Nobre Fassinou – Benin
- 6) Veronica Cordova – Boliva
- 7) H.E. Amb. Loreen Ruth Bannis-Roberts – Dominica
- 8) Martha Ama Akyaa Pobee – Ghana
- 9) H.E. Amb. Katalin Annamaria Bogyay – Hungary
- 10) Geraldine Byrne Nason – Ireland
- 11) Diedre Mills – Jamaica
- 12) Audra Plepyte – Lithuania
- 13) H.E. Amb. Arisoa Lala Razafitrimo – Madagascar
- 14) Linda Scott – Namibia
- 15) Lise Gregoire Van Haaren – the Netherlands
- 16) Mari Skare – Norway
- 17) Pannelope Althea Beckles – Trinidad & Tobago
- 18) H.E. Amb. Maria Bassols Delgado – Spain
- 19) Christine Kalamwina – Zambia
- 20) Rwanda (name unknown)
- 21) Sweden (name unknown)
- 22) Simone Monasebian – UNODC
- 23) WHO (name unknown)
- 24) Penny Abeywardena, Commissioner, International Affairs NYC
- 25) International Affairs, NYC (name unknown)

All award recipients thanked those in attendance for their work toward gender equity and stressed its importance. They elaborated on their continued commitment and dedicated work on women's issues and women's rights.

How this serves GWI members:

- a. Explain trends in development in this particular subject.
- b. Explain why these trends and developments are relevant to GWI and NFAs.
- c. Outline what needs to be done at international and national levels.

Next steps:(what needs to be done, who can we contact? Who did you network with?)

Did you take any photographs? If yes, please include captions

May GWI use this information on its social media?

Please send to the GWI office : sdl@graduatewomen.org and include photos where possible

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