

GWI United Nation Representative Advocacy Report

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)

At UNO Vienna, MOE79; Thursday 21st March 2019; 1:10-2:00 pm

Event: Commission on Narcotic Drugs, 62nd session

Meeting: Science in context: freedom of research with scheduled substances

Subject of meeting:

This event provided a context of

- right to science and freedom of research
- case studies on MDMA-assisted psychotherapy for PTSD research
- clinical trials and on MDMA-assisted psychotherapy for PTSD clinical trial
- presentation on a transdisciplinary approach to evidence and knowledge generation
- and social/anthropological research for harm reduction services.

Refers to SDG no #: (please reference)

SDG 3: Ensure healthy lives and promote wellbeing for all at all ages

SDG 5: Gender equality

SDG 10: Reduced inequality

Relevant treaties/conventions/resolutions:

The International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights recognizes the right of everyone to “enjoy the benefits of scientific progress and its applications” and demands that states “respect the freedom indispensable for scientific research and creative activity”. It continues that “the steps to be taken by [States] to achieve the full realization of this right shall include those necessary for the conservation, the development and the diffusion of science and culture.”

Intervention by GWI rep:

As the event’s format were presentations, active participation was not possible.

How this serves GWI members:

Aura Roig, a harm reduction researcher presented social/anthropological research for harm reduction services. The Metzineres project is Catalonia’s first integrated harm reduction program and generates data research on those who use a harm reduction service for women in the center of Barcelona. It performs grassroot research as women who use drugs in general don’t appear in data and therefore are invisible. Their research questions include “who is using these services, their profile, needs and relation with substances etc.” The conduct of this research faces multiple challenges as it deals with controlled substances. Nevertheless, it also has a strong positive impact and notable conclusions.

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



Figure 1: GWI Member and NGO Representative at UN Vienna Olivia Klemmer participating in the event « Science in context: freedom of research with scheduled substances ». From left to right the speaker Jose Carlos Bouso (medical researcher), Aura Roig (harm reduction researcher), Jonathan Lubecky (study participant) and Keren Tzarfaty (PhD therapist and researcher).

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Yes.