



**GWI Calls for 43rd Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC43) Civil Society Speakers**  
**Deadline to submit 13 December 2019**

Dear GWI Presidents and Coordinators of International Relations,

In preparation of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council, Graduate Women International, in collaboration with Geneva-based NGO Committee on Human Rights, is calling for applications for a speaker representing civil society to address the Council during the General Segment of the High-Level Segment. This will take place during the first week of the Council that begins 24 February 2020. The Council agenda is always fluid so an exact date for delivering the statement cannot be given.

GWI seeks a civil society speaker who can offer an informed yet visionary perspective on what the Council could bring to the promotion and protection of human rights, highlight the concerns of actual and potential victims of human rights violations in a constructive manner.

The civil society speaker chosen must have legitimacy from well recognised engagement at the grassroots level, **and most importantly, [rise above specific country situations and focus on a global vision for the Council to support.](#)**

*The 2020 statement (3 minutes) topic themes are:*

1. *Beijing +25, a call for action (achievements, challenges, way forward);*
2. *The impact of corruption on human rights and good governance;*
3. *SDG 10, inequalities (achieving inclusiveness in a globalized world);*
4. *Youth's voices for climate justice.*

Please note that there is no financial support available to cover travel costs to Geneva.

GWI is pleased to provide accreditation to the full Human Rights Council session that runs from 24 February to 20 March 2019.

**Please submit your CV, suggested statement topic and short Letter of Motivation for addressing the Human Rights Council to Stacy Dry Lara, [sdl@graduatewomen.org](mailto:sdl@graduatewomen.org) by 13 December 2019.**

***Along with your Letter of Motivation, please provide the following information:***

Name:

NFA:

Country of origin and country of residence:

Human Rights fields:

Issue to be addressed:

Availability in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of the 43rd Session of HRC: YES ( ) / NO ( )