



Graduate Women International (GWI) United Nation Representative 2019 Attendances Summary Report

GWI advocacy goals

1. 100% of United Nations Member States commit to policy, legislation, budget and infrastructure to facilitate the 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.

NB: *Although these goals represent GWI's mission, United Nation representatives are also encouraged 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, violence against women and gender-based violence.*

Please submit your completed 2019 United Nations Representative Summary Report to Stacy Dry Lara via email sdl@graduatewomen.org no later than 31 December 2019.

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What are your overall observations about your 2019 term as a United Nations representative?

- In 2019 I recognized the crucial role Major Groups and other Stakeholders (MGoS) play in the achievement of Agenda 2030 and became active within these groups. The coordination of input of MGoS regarding Sustainable Development (SD) and Agenda 2030 is facilitated by UNDESA. MGoS provide a high-level of active NGO engagement with intergovernmental processes as well as providing a platform for NGO voices in implementing policies around sustainable development. Collaboration with MGoS facilitates and supports GWI Advocacy Goals and provides many benefits such as : attendance at all official meetings of the HLPF, meeting/s with High-Level Officials on SD, access to all official information and documents, NGO intervention/s in official meetings, preparing and presenting collective written and oral

contributions, making recommendations, organizing side events and round tables in cooperation with Member States and the Secretariat, a platform for true engagement to achieve goals, and the building of important networks. I am currently active with MGoS on Women, NGOs, Children & Youth, Global Citizenship, Education and Academic Stakeholder Groups along with Together 2030. By working collectively and as part of various coalitions in these areas it provides a platform to become more informed, to have more of a voice, and to collectively advance policies and implementation of SDGs.

- An awareness and recognition of numerous obstacles in achieving the SDGs and Agenda 2030. The complicated ability to collect data through national statistics offices and how it impacts real progress in implementing and achieving the goals.
- A global backslide in womens rights at home and globally.
- Funding constraints at the UN and within UN Agencies that impact the ability to advance goals.
- Shrinking space at the UN for Civil Society engagement.

Would you like to reapply in 2020 to be a GWI United Nations representative?

Yes

If yes, what are your 2020 goals and initiatives for your next term as a GWI United Nations representative?

To become more active within the MGoS groups and advocate more adeptly on GWI mission and advocacy goals. To become more involved with UNESCO NY and to continue the work with NGOCSW/NY on various planning committees for more experience relevant to GWI. I believe I have a foundation now to go deeper in my work on GWI advocacy goals.

Do you have additional comments and suggestions for the GWI United Nations representative programme?

It would be helpful to have periodic phone conversations or zoom meetings as a team on UN Rep Advocacy with GWI Geneva (perhaps quarterly) and possibly with GWI UN Reps in other regional locations as a larger group at least once per year. I think the occasional meeting and communication as a group would be helpful for the direction of programme in terms of efforts and ideas in advancing GWI Advocacy Goals.

Please fill out the table with all the sessions and meetings you attended in 2019. (The date and location are significant for the GWI quadrennial report.)

Title of session / meeting	Date	Location	Meeting Topic and GWI significance
NGO/CSW63 – Served as Co-Chair of the Logistics Committee. For 2019 this	January – March 2019	Church Center United Nations (CCUN);	Representing GWI in a Leadership role as part of the NGO/CSW63 planning committee. Working with

committee continued to meet and work weekly January through March 2019 to ensure smooth flow of operations for all 400+ parallel events during NGO CSW63 Forum including the recruiting, scheduling and training of 100+ students and volunteer staff, venue/site visits, preparing handouts, training materials, packets, slides, etc		Salvation Army; Phone; Email	youth and volunteer staff in training and raising awareness of the work of CSW as well as the goals and mission of GWI. Youth engagement. (See UN Rep Advocacy Report)
Attend Monthly NGOCSW monthly meetings	Year-round	Year-round; 3 rd Thursday of the month	Representing GWI during monthly meeting attendance and advocating for goals and mission of GWI.
WG-USA ECOSOC Committee Meeting – Serve as Committee Member	January 14	Phone Meeting	Meeting agenda relative to WG-USA ECOSOC Planning for CSW/63 Share events and work as GWI UN Rep
UNESCO Inaugural International Day of Education	January 24	UN CR4	<p>UN Res 73/25 <i>Recognizing</i> that education plays a key role in building sustainable and resilient societies and contributes to the achievement of all of the other Sustainable Development Goals; it increases the productivity of individuals and strengthens the potential for economic growth, develops the skills needed for decent work, develops the professional skills needed for sustainable development, including in the fields of water and sanitation, green energy and the conservation of natural resources, helps to eradicate poverty and hunger, contributes to improved health, promotes gender equality and can reduce inequality, and promotes peace, the rule of law and respect for human rights,</p> <p><i>Acknowledging</i> the importance of working to ensure inclusive and equitable quality education at all levels – early childhood, primary, secondary, tertiary and distance education, including technical and vocational training – so that all people may have access to lifelong learning opportunities that help</p>

			them to acquire the knowledge and skills needed to access opportunities to participate fully in society and contribute to sustainable development
Ali Baba Restaurant/NYC	January 24	46 th & 2 nd Ave/NYC	Met in person to arrange for GWI CSW63 dinner to finalize Date/Menu/Costs per Hazel Bowen
Grace Hotel/NYC		NYC	On site visit to view and consider hotel for GWI CSW/63 Delegates per Hazel Bowen. This hotel did not seem to be compatible as to location etc
Marymount Manhattan College	January 24	NYC	On site visit to view and consider shared university housing for GWI CSW/63 Delegates per Hazel Bowen
57 th Session of the Commission for Social Development (CSoD57)	February 11-21	UN NY	<p><u>Priority Theme:</u> Addressing Inequalities and Challenges to Social Inclusion through Fiscal, Wage and Social Protection Policies</p> <p><u>Two Focused Emerging Issues:</u> Empowerment of people affected by natural and humanmade disasters to reduce inequality; and addressing the differential impact on persons with disabilities, older persons and youth.</p> <p>The CSocD57 consisted of high-level panel discussions, ministerial session on social protection, interactive dialogues and panel discussions, and side events on the priority theme and emerging issues including the Civil Society Forum.</p> <p>Served to explain the prominent themes of social protection and inequalities at several high-level meetings scheduled to take place in 2019 and their relevance in achieving sustainable development and Agenda 2030. Understanding the link between pervasive inequalities and the need for social inclusion through social protection systems is key in advocating for the adoption and implementation of</p>

			<p>policies that will address inequalities, ensure access to social protection systems and lead to sustainable development.</p> <p>(See UN Rep Advocacy Report)</p>
WG-USA Education Meeting	February 18	Phone Meeting	Education Initiatives for WG-USA
WG-USA SDG Resource Committee Meeting	February 18	Phone Meeting	SDG Resource Committee Meeting on strategy for organizing as a group resource for membership
WG-USA ECOSOC Meeting	February 25	Phone Meeting	Meeting agenda relative to WG-USA ECOSOC Planning for CSW/63 Share events and work as GWI UN Rep
Mandatory training of NGO/CSW63 100+ Volunteer Staff & Students. Develop a full program for the day of training including site visits at all venues for volunteer staff. Training included overview of CSW/NGOCSW/UNWomen/Role as volunteer staff, understanding of & expectations by conference participants, cultural considerations, do & don'ts, etc.	March 1	CCUN	Youth Engagement; Briefings on CSW and NGOCSW; Raising awareness of the work and mission of GWI & CSW
WG-USA Board Retreat	February 8-9	Newark NJ	WG-USA Board Retreat prior to CSW63. Share events and work at as GWI UN Rep, increasing membership, & youth engagement
GWI Delegate CSW63	March 11-22	UN NY	Attend numerous and various sessions, parallel events and meetings over 2 week period as part of CSW and NGO/CSW63 including GWI Breakfast Meetings and Briefings, WG-USA Briefings, GWI Dinner Event, WG-USA Lunch, NGOCSW Reception, Regional Caucus meetings, and reading the GWI Oral Statement at CSW63
WG-USA ECOSOC Committee Meeting	March 25	Phone Meeting	Debrief CSW63. Share events and work as GWI UN Rep
WG-USA Education Meeting	April 1	Phone Meeting	WG-USA Education Initiatives

GWI UN Rep Lunch Meeting & introduce potential new member WG-USA	April 18	NY	Introduce potential new member for WG-USA following GWI UN Rep Lunch and NGOCSW Monthly meeting
WG-USA ECOSOC Committee Meeting	April 29	Phone Meeting	Share events and work as GWI UN Rep
UNESCO Advancing Quality Education & Lifelong Learning through Science Technology & Innovation	May 14	UN NY	The event highlighted ways to harness science, technology and innovation (STI) in advancing quality and equitable education to all especially as the digital divide is growing bigger and inequalities persist. The discussion: explored interactions between STI and education, in particular, how technology could be harnessed for the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 4; shared information on latest trends and good practices in applying technology and innovation, including AI, in advancing relevant, equitable and inclusive quality education and lifelong learning opportunities for all; fostered a debate on competencies and skills that are required in today's labour market; discussed how education can prepare individuals and societies to live, work and contribute to society in the era of the fourth industrial revolution.
WG-USA Young Professional Networking Meeting	May 20	Phone Meeting	Share events and work as GWI UN Rep
NGOCSW/63 Forum Debrief for Students and Volunteer Staff	May 30	CCUN	Debriefing session for students & volunteer staff from CSW63. Program included brief small group breakout followed by report back to larger group. Advocacy Training Session by Susan O'Malley, Chair of NGOCSW/NY, feedback, distribution of Certificates of Appreciation & pizza. The session was followed by Young Professionals Beijing +25 meeting event including Documentary film, " Passion and Politics: the Life and

			<p>Work of Charlotte Bunch,” and discussion with Charlotte Bunch herself! After learning about BPfA there was brainstorming about ways of joining the global Beijing+25 Campaign lead by UN Women, NGOCSW and other coalitions. Youth Engagement. (See UN Rep Report)</p>
NGOCSW Election Committee (phone and in person meetings during the months of May & June)	June 20	CCUN	Serve on the NGOCSW Elections Committee to ensure smooth election of new Chair and open executive positions.
UN@75 & Agenda 2030: For Inclusive Stakeholder Engagement	June 28	Phone Meeting	Explore opportunities for civil society collaboration with UN world-wide dialogues on UN@75. Consider the potential of UN@75 as a platform to curate proposals to strengthen the UN system. Leverage the synergies and complementarities among and between major UN anniversaries and agreements taking place in 2020 for Inclusive Stakeholder Engagement.
High Level Political Forum (HLPF) on Sustainable Development	July 9-18	UN NY	Attend various sessions, briefings and side events during the HLPF. The 2019 HLPF took place July 9-18 including a three-day ministerial meeting of the forum. The theme for the HLPF was " <i>Empowering people and ensuring inclusiveness and equality</i> ". The set of goals reviewed in depth were all deeply relevant to the Advocacy Goals of GWI and included: <u>Goal 4</u> : Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all. <u>Goal 8</u> : Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all. <u>Goal 10</u> : Reduce inequality within and among countries. <u>Goal 13</u> : Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts. <u>Goal 16</u> : Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to

			justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels. <u>Goal 17</u> : Strengthen the means of implementation and revitalize the global partnership for sustainable development.
GWI 33 rd Triennial “Peace through Education”, Centenary Celebration and Conference	July 25-28	Geneva	Conference participant; UN Geneva group tour; Essentials Tour Geneva; Triennial, Centenary Celebration & Conference. Deliver two presentations 1) An Intro on GWI UN Reps in NY; and 2) The Process of CSW in the Quest for Securing Women’s Rights
Together 2030 Debrief on HLPF 2019 & Exchange on upcoming SDG Summit	August 14	Webinar	Open discussion to share impressions, ideas, and reflections around the HLPF 2019
Education for Sustainable Development: Cultures, Cities & Communities for SDGs	September 23	Columbia University	As part of the SDG Summit Series of Events
Civil Society SDG Forum as part of the SDG Summit. Systemic Analysis, Proposed Pathways and Institutional Reforms to Advance the 2030 Agenda Society SDG Forum	September 24	UN NY	The CS SDG Forum was facilitated by civil society constituencies of the HLPF Major Group and other Stakeholders Coordination Mechanism (MGoS), under the overall coordination of the HLPF MGoS Steering Group (SG) and explored elements of other dialogues and forums taking place as part of the SDG Summit.

UNESCO Futures of Education: Learning to Become	September 25	UN NY	High-Level Panel as part of the SDG Summit. UNESCO is launching the Futures of Education project in an attempt to mobilize the many ways of being and knowing worldwide to reflect on and generate debate on how education might need to be rethought in a world of increasing complexity, uncertainty, and precarity. UNESCO is establishing a high-level International Commission of eminent thought leaders of diverse expertise and perspectives from the worlds of politics, academia, the arts, science and business. Through a consultative process involving governments, policy-makers, civil society, youth, educators and other stakeholders – the International Commission will prepare a report for 2021 that will provide an agenda for policy debate and action at multiple levels. (See UN Advocacy Report)
WG-USA ECOSOC Committee	September 30	Phone Meeting	WG-USA ECOSOC Planning for CSW/64 etc. Share events and work as GWI UN Rep
NGOCSW Planning Meetings for CSW64	Monthly through year-end	CCUN	Monthly planning meetings and attended as part of the NGOCSW Study Group (in place of the Zero Draft Document) and member of the Woman of Distinction (WOD) Committee to nominate and select 5 regional Women of Distinction in this special review year. Work on the WOD committee through the fall months as candidates were nominated, submitted applications, selected, and announced.
Various calls and meetings for CSW64 Delegate hotel accommodations WG-USA & GWI (as requested)	October & November	Phone and in person meetings	Gathered detailed info for hotel accommodations contracts for WG-USA and GWI.
Organize and coordinate GWI location for dinner for CSW64	December & January 2020		Arrangements for GWI dinner event for CSW64 at Ali Baba Turkish Restaurant

Arranged for meeting with former officer of the United States Mission to the United Nations (USUN) and GWI UN Reps to consult with how to engage more effectively with UN Missions with a focus on GWI Advocacy Goals	October 23	NYC	Meeting with Laurie Phipps, former officer with USUN (See UN Rep report)
WG-USA Board Meeting	November 18	Phone meeting	Sit in on WG-USA Board meeting as part of transition and as newly elected board member at large for 2020
Webinar /ECOSOC Orientation	November 21	Online	The objective of the Webinar was to provide all NGOs with a strong understanding of the United Nations and the ways in which participants can get involved and contribute to the work of the organization through ECOSOC affiliation. It included an hour of presentations, followed by an hour of Q&A.
Review CSW64 delegate applications for WG-USA	December 5 & 6		Requested to review CSW64 delegate applications and submit recommendations
Together 2030 webinar HLPF First Cycle "Taking Stock on HLPF First Cycle: lessons learned and what's ahead for the next four years"	December 5	Online (New Castle University)	Speaker presentations and open discussion (See UN Rep Report)
Global Citizenship NGO Major Group Cluster	December 17	Online Zoom Call	Newly formed coalition of NGO Major Group as a Cluster on Global Citizenship. Initial meeting discussion in shaping a stakeholder group on this topic

Thank you very much for all of your professional participation, hard work, personal time, financial contributions and dedication to Graduate Women International!

You and your work are very appreciated and critical to our mission to advance the status of women and girls through education.

*Respectfully,
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Executive Director
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