

# GWI United Nation Representative Advocacy Report 2020

## 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.**

**NB:** *Although these goals represent GWI's mission, our United Nations Representatives are should always promote all GWI key messages and represent GWI professionally.*

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**Session/meeting attended: (place, date, time, name of meeting)**

*The Role of Global Citizenship in Global Governance: Today and in the Future*

A UN75 Dialogue; Organized by Coalition for Global Citizenship 2030; UN2020  
Baha'i International Community  
866 UN Plaza, NY

**Subject of session/meeting:**

At the crossroads of UN75; UN2020; Agenda 2030  
Explore queries on:

- 1) What are the limitations of the current system of global governance?
- 2) How do we work to overcome them?
- 3) What kinds of models can assist humanity to move towards a more globally egalitarian society?

**Sustainable Development Goals addressed:**

Agenda 2030; all 17 goals

**Relevant treaties/conventions/resolutions referenced/addressed:**

Agenda 2030; SDGs; UN75; UN2020; UN Framework

**Summary of session/meeting:**

The Coalition for Global Citizenship is a newly formed subgroup of the Thematic Cluster of the NGO Major Group as part of the HLPF, and has formed with the aim of bringing issues of Global Citizenship to discussions of Sustainable Development (SD). It continues the initial work (now as a part of the NGO Major Groups) of the Coalition for Global Citizenship 2030 (CGC) which was previously recognized as a coalition of 120 organizations working in the areas of youth, gender, education, health, peace and women's economic empowerment, engaging with the United Nations through advocacy, policy recommendations, side events, and by convening dialogues related to global citizenship.

The session focused on Global Citizenship and its role in Global Governance, at the crossroads of the UN 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and in light of the aims and goals of Agenda 2030. After presentations and insights by 3 key speakers the floor was open for discussion. The meeting covered assessments, solutions, and consideration of new possibilities. The presentations began with the statement that obtaining a quality education is the foundation and most critical aspect to creating sustainable development. Transformative education, peace education, global citizenship education is critical in dealing with the challenges of today's world in the midst of popular discontent and with more and more feeling globalization is not working for them. The year of 2020, the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the UN, is quite different than it was in 1945 when the UN was created. In preparing for a way forward, and as part UN2020 and UN75, two initiatives are available online as opportunities to take part in the process and join in the "World's Largest conversation". More information on the initiatives and a toolkit can be downloaded <https://www.un.org/en/un75/join-conversation>. An international one minute survey is also available to have a say about the "future we want" at <https://un75.online>. Information is available at both links and is able to be downloaded and included on organization websites for distribution and use by all.

Conversation included imagining what the UN will look like in the future. How Global Citizenship can converge with Global Governance. How to move forward from ideas of national to a global solidarity approach, which would also enable more of an ability to implement HR laws and agreements. In this regard, discussion followed on reconstituting the governing structure. Discussion also included concerns regarding achieving Agenda 2030. In particular, concerns expressed and acknowledged that advances were made through the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), and, at 5 years out on the SDGs results are lacking and in some cases going backwards.

**Next steps: (What needs to be done)**

Sharing of weblinks above to join the world's largest conversation, take part in the one-minute survey and download the toolkit for UN75.

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