



## GWI UPDATE – 27 May 2020



**GRADUATE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL (GWI)**  
Connecting Across Borders for Growth of Knowledge and Friendship

**EXPLORING GWI POLICY RESOLUTIONS 5 & 6:  
GENDER AND MIGRATION/ASYLUM  
WEBINAR**

*Wednesday, 3 June 2020*  
*10-11am (first session) 4-5pm (second session) CEST*

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Plan to attend future webinars on GWI Policy Resolutions, Gender and Art, GWI Programmes and more!

*Graduate Women International (GWI) continues its 2020 Webinar Cycle “Connecting across Borders for Growth of Knowledge and Friendship” with a webinar, Exploring GWI Policy Resolutions 5 & 6, Gender and Migration/Asylum*

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### — International Advocacy News —

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#### **GWI Menstrual Hygiene Day 2020 Advocacy Toolkit and Infographic**

Menstrual Hygiene Day (MHDAY), observed annually on 28 May, is a reminder that women and girls across the world continue to face a variety of unnecessary challenges due to their menstruation. This year, GWI is marking its third observance of [Menstrual Hygiene Day](#) (MH Day) with the release of an informative, impactful and ready-to-use advocacy resources toolkit, including the GWI [2020 MHDAY infographic](#) and prepared social media posts.

We encourage our affiliates and friends to widely distribute the toolkit to local, national and international channels. Please click [HERE](#) to view and download this [exclusive toolkit](#). Look for the full campaign on the GWI [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages.



GRADUATE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL TOOLKIT  
**Menstrual Hygiene Day 2020**  
 28 MAY 2020

*GWI 2020 Menstrual Hygiene Day Toolkit.  
 Click on the picture above to access the toolkit*



GWI promotes improving menstrual hygiene education and access to adequate sanitation services on

**Menstrual Hygiene Day**

28 May 2020

Menstrual Hygiene Day (MHD), celebrated every 28 May, became an international day of observance in 2014 as a result of initiatives promoting menstrual hygiene management (MHM) by WASH United. The day highlights the need to alter negative social norms and make menstrual hygiene a priority. MHD promotes empowering women to manage menstruation hygienically and safely while reducing shame and stigmatization associated with menstruation. In order to empower women, there needs to be a change in social norms. As an MHD partner since 2018, GWI works to eliminate Menstrual Hygiene Insecurity (MHI), which acts as a necessary and complex barrier to women's education and empowerment.



**Did You Know?**

At any given time, **800 million** women and girls are menstruating.  
(WHO)



Yet, it is estimated that **1 out of every 10 women in the world** has been unable to afford sanitary products at some point in her lifetime.  
(International Federation of Gynecology and Obstetrics)

*GWI 2020 Menstrual Hygiene Day Infographic.  
 Click on the picture above to access the infographic.*

— Member News —

**University Women Europe President meets the Israel Association of University Women (IAUW)**

Earlier this year, Dr. Anne Negre, President of University Women Europe (UWE) and member of the French Association of University Women (ASFDU) travelled to Israel, where she was welcomed by members of the Israel Association of University Women (IAUW). Dr. Anne Negre and members of IAUW visited the Knesset, the unicameral national legislature of Israel and met with Orly Almagor Lotan, team leader and research specialised in women's rights at the Knesset Research and Information centre.



*In front of the Chagall Tapestries in the Reception Hall of the Knesset. From right to left: Efrat Toussia-Cohen, (Ex- President IAUW), Ora Sharon (Deputy President IAUW), Fayge Cohen (Ex- President IAUW), Anne and Philippe Negre, Yemima Peretz Gabay (President IAUW) Judy Cohen, (CIR of IAUW)*



*Dr. Anne Negre with Orly Almagor Lotan (right) and Yemina Pertz Gabay (left)*

## Meet our members: Veridiana Domingos Cordeiro, GWI Independent Member from Brazil

GWI, as a unique organisation, bringing together graduate women from all horizons for the empowerment of all women and girls through education at the highest level. GWI's mission is also to build connection, understanding and friendship between graduate women across the world. Today, new Independent Member from Brazil, Veridiana Domingos Cordeiro, shares thoughts: *"I am a sociologist and researcher based in São Paulo, Brazil. I have a Master's degree in Sociology (University of São Paulo) and Ph.D. in Sociology (University of São Paulo/the University of Chicago). I undertake researches on memory, identity, social theory, philosophy of mind, and social technology. Besides that, I have been trying to disclose Brazilian Sociology for the international audience as a way to value the great scientific work done by developing countries in Social Sciences. During the pandemic, the scientific work has been directly impacted, esp. the work done by women in developing countries. Social distancing has also been damaging, especially for Social Sciences that work with primary empirical data. I have just been impacted by the pandemic in a final stage research of vulnerable and institutionalized people in rural Brazil. As I collect memories of violence of people who do not have a full internet connection, it becomes impossible to undertake remote interviews, with such sensitive topics. Joining the hands of the women scientists, especially the ones who work in hostile conditions, is the beginning to overcome this scenario of uncertainty"*.

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## —GWI 2020 Webinar Cycle —

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GWI Spring 2020 Webinar Cycle "Connecting across Borders for Growth of Knowledge and Friendship" continues:

[REGISTER TODAY! \(GWI Members Only\)](#)

**Exploring GWI Policy Resolutions 5 and 6: Gender and Migration/ Asylum Webinar**  
**3 June 2020, 10-11am CEST, (first session), 4-5pm CEST (second session)**



The poster features the GWI logo at the top, which is a blue square with a white silhouette of a person with arms raised. Below the logo, the text reads: "GRADUATE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL (GWI)", "Connecting Across Borders for Growth of Knowledge and Friendship", "EXPLORING GWI POLICY RESOLUTIONS 5 & 6: GENDER AND MIGRATION/ASYLUM WEBINAR", "Wednesday, 3 June 2020", "10-11am (first session) 4-5pm (second session) CEST", and "CLICK HERE TO REGISTER". At the bottom, there is a small line of text: "Plan to attend future webinars on GWI Policy Resolutions, Gender and Art, GWI Programmes and more !".

[REGISTER TODAY! \(GWI Members Only\)](#)

**GWI Gender and Art Webinar: Prejudices and Satisfactions in a Woman's Artistic Creation**  
**11 June 2020, 4-5pm CEST**



**REGISTER TODAY! (GWI Members Only)**

**Exploring GWI Policy Resolution 2: Sexual and Reproductive Health Education Webinar  
17 June 2020, 10-11am CEST (first session), 4-5pm CEST (second session)**

The webinar series kicked off on 8 May and has included three webinars.

**Missed the change to participate? Not a problem!** The recording of all three webinars are now available for all current GWI Members. To access each of the recordings, please click on the webinar links below. The videos recordings are password protected and accessible freely to GWI members. GWI members can contact [info@graduatewomen.org](mailto:info@graduatewomen.org) to obtain the necessary password to view share with member networks. Please visit the GWI Member Corner for more information on the previous and upcoming GWI webinars. [Register Here for the upcoming GWI webinars!](#)

- GWI Twinning Programme Webinar was held 8 May 2020, [access the full recording of the webinar HERE.](#)
- Gender and Media Webinar: “Empowering or threatening?” was held 15 May 2020, [access the full webinar recording HERE.](#)
- GWI International Advocacy Webinar was held 21 May 2020, [access the full webinar recording HERE.](#)

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— Call for Applications —

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**2020 UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence**

UNESCO invites governmental and non-governmental entities, civil society actors and individuals active in strengthening foundations for peace and tolerance to propose candidates for the award. Kindly find [here](#) the call for nominations for the 2020 edition of the Prize, and [here](#) the nomination form (Annex I, page 3) as well as the Statutes of the Prize (Annex II, page 11). More information on the Prize is available [here](#). Should you have any question, please contact: [tolerance.prize@unesco.org](mailto:tolerance.prize@unesco.org). We are pleased to inform you that **the closing date for submissions is postponed to 15 June 2020** at midnight CEST.

### UNESCO Literacy Prizes 2020

UNESCO is calling for applications and nominations for the 2019 UNESCO International Literacy Prizes, which this year will award outstanding programmes and individuals who promote literacy around the world within the theme of ‘Literacy and Multilingualism’. Since 1967, the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes have rewarded excellence and innovation in the field of literacy. Over 490 projects and programmes undertaken by governments, non-governmental organizations and individuals around the world have already received recognition and support for their excellent work. Deadline for candidates to submit applications to nominating entities: **28 June 2020** (midnight, Paris time). Deadline for nominating entities to submit their nominations to UNESCO: **12 July 2020** (midnight, Paris time). Click [HERE](#) for more information about the prizes available and the application process.

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## — Give the gift of membership —

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Graduation season is upon us: with the turn of a tassel, a new generation of female leaders and changemakers emerges, carrying with them an incomparable sense of pride, accomplishment and hope for what’s yet to come. Celebrate the accomplishments and limitless potential of the graduate women in your life, [give the gift of membership!](#) GWI membership allows graduate women to join the leading women’s international organisation that works to empower girls and women through access to lifelong, quality education and training. [Give the gift of membership](#) to provide new graduate women with the opportunity to raise their voice at the global level by becoming a part of a community of some 16’000 members in 56 countries, either as a GWI independent member or national member of one of our NFAs.

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## — Did you know? —

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On the occasion of the GWI 36<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Council in 1955, Dr. J Robb, International Federation of University Women (IFUW), now GWI, delivered an address focused on her representation to the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). According the GWI history books, Dr. Robb delivered a “brilliant discourse on the Federation’s consultative relationship with ECOSOC”. She said that vital aspect of the relationship was that IFUW action on affiliate national policy must be delivered from IFUW as an “international body” and that the relationship with ECOSOC is two-way in that it allows IFUW to bring expert opinions to the United Nations through the special consultative status IFUW had been granted and in return ECOSOC information should be filtered through “our whole organisation and to our members”.

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## — Other information and events —

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28 May	Menstrual Hygiene Day, Global
12 June	World Day Against Child Labour, Global
19 June	International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict, Global

20 June	World Refugee Day, Global
22 June	Human Rights Council 44 <sup>th</sup> session begins, Geneva (TBD)
23 June	International Widows Day, Global
7-10 July	Generation Equality Forum Paris
15 July	World Youth Skills Day, Global
30 July	World Day Against Trafficking in Persons, Global
31 July	Pan-African Women's Day, Global
9 August	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, Global
12 August	International Youth Day, Global
8 September	International Literacy Day, Global
14 Sep-2 Oct	Human Rights Council, 45 <sup>th</sup> session, United Nations Office, Geneva
18-20 September	Centenary of the French Association of University Women

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## Follow us on social media!



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