

# 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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**City of UN Representation:** New York

**Session/meeting attended: (place, date, time, name of meeting)** 9/18/2020-virtual

- NGO/CSW September Monthly Meeting! Discussion with our [CSW64 Woman of Distinction Awardees](#), moderated by the [Youth Leaders & Young Professionals](#)
- NGO/CSW Business meeting conducted by NGO/CSWChair

**Subject of session/meeting:**

- Brief reports of the activities of the Women of Distinction (from DRC, Indonesia, Canada, Peru and Lebanon) were chosen to represent the UN 5 global regions. They discussed their advocacy activities for women and girls related to Beijing Platform for Action +25 and beyond. (The awardee from Lebanon unfortunately had no access to the internet).

- Generation Equality Forum- ensuring that young people are included in decision making processes
- **Plans for NGO/CSW65.This will be 100% virtual**  
Work is in progress to make this happen.

**Sustainable Development Goals addressed:**

All .

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

- ALL Human Rights Treaties including CEDAW
- ILO190 (to prevent sexual discrimination and violence in the workplace)  
See link  
[https://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=NORMLEXPUB:12100:0::NO::P12100\\_ILO\\_CODE:C190](https://www.ilo.org/dyn/normlex/en/f?p=NORMLEXPUB:12100:0::NO::P12100_ILO_CODE:C190)

**Summary of session/meeting:**

Issues discussed included:

Human rights violations, indigenous women, women with disabilities, GBV, sexual violence and exploitation, FGM, lack of a seat at decision making processes, lack of access to education including financial, food insecurity, the role of patriarchy, effects of climate change and armed conflict. Limited or absent access to the internet and social media.

Covid19 has resulted in very significant global effects which have led to negative effects on women and girls everywhere.

**Intervention by GWI representative:**

N/A

**How this serves GWI members:**

- Explain trends in development in this particular subject.
- Explain why these trends and developments are relevant to GWI and NFAs.
- Outline what needs to be done at international and national level

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

Increase advocacy at all levels.

Break down silos between different constituents and stress respect for different groups.

Encourage dialogue and cross education between young and older activists so that both can participate and make contributions.

Educate girls and boys about human rights, and appropriate behavior to eradicate sexual violence.

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