

## GWI UPDATE – 2 March 2022



*Founded in 1919 by graduate women from around the world who sought peace and education for all, GWI opposes violence and conflict of all kinds.*

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### — Graduate Women International News —

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#### **What is your National Federation or Association (NFA) up to? We want to hear from you!**

Your NFA stories are even more impactful when they are disseminated and shared around the world. If you are a member of Graduate Women International (GWI)NFA and you would like to share an interesting fact about your NFA or communicate about a project, please contact us by filling the form [HERE](#). We are always delighted to hear about the work of our NFAs towards the empowerment of all women and girls through education at the highest level.

#### **Zero Discrimination Day on the 1 March**

International Zero Discrimination Day is 1 March. Zero Discrimination Day highlights how people can become informed about and promote inclusion, compassion, peace and, above all, a movement for change. The day, founded by UNAIDS in 2014, aims to continue the global movement of solidarity to end all forms of discrimination promotes tolerance and emphasises that all people have the right to live a full life with dignity, that no one should be discriminated against for who they are. **GWI defends zero discrimination and the right to an inclusive, equitable and quality education.**

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### — CSW66 —

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#### **66th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66)**

All accepted CSW66 Forum Parallel Events have been uploaded to the NGO CSW66 Forum Virtual Portal. To access the Portal, please register for the Forum [here](#). Please note that your login information for last year's Forum will not work. You must register for a new account and set up a new login for the Portal.

GWI members who would like to participate in the United Nations (UN) segment of CSW66 are required to create an Indico account [HERE](#), then register for the CSW66 session. GWI will approve members only; **non-members will not be admitted to the GWI registry**. Proof of membership will be required before approval is granted. The deadline for **GWI members register for the CSW66 sessions has been extended until 5 March**. Approved registrants will receive direct email communications about CSW-related activities, events, and updates leading up to and during the session.

## **GWJ CSW66 Parallel Events**

### **Gendered Dimensions of Corruption and Its Impact in Gender Inequality**

GWJ, in cooperation with Women's United Nations Report Network, will present expert panellists who will address the gendered dimensions of corruption and the unique ways women experience corruption. **To register in advance for this parallel event use this link:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYqdeyurz8uGNueV9wreiVJzx7j8lg--S>

### **Climate Crisis and Education: A Woman's Voice Include**

To describe the global climate situation as it relates to education, GWJ representatives from five diverse regions will tell their country's story regarding the climate crisis and related sustainability concepts. A future perspective will be presented by GWJ young women as eco-anxiety is high among young people. GWJ experts on the role of education in the current teaching on climate crises and environmental migration regarding women and girls will be presented. The parallel event supports [GWJ's CSW66 written statement](#), the accomplishment of SDG 13 to achieve SDG 4, and UNESCO's urging that environmental education be a core curriculum subject by 2025. **To register in advance for this**

**parallel event use this link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMscuCqpjsvHd0hv6TxFCByCGPnfEk9bMti>

### **Young Women and Climate Action: Educating a Climate Conscience Generation**

Graduate Women International Young Member Network will present a panel of experts to share their views based on research and a strong database on the role of young women in contributing towards climate action as well as on how education plays a vital role in raising a climate conscious generation. Experts will also provide highlights of actions already taken and recommendations for the future. **To**

**register in advance for this parallel event use this link:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZ0pc-CtrDoiGdxSbYFZGJwBiLE-HJJsgNx>

### **"Our Ethical Consciousness and Actions Change the World: Towards the Participation of All People in Environmental Issues"**

GWJ's Japan Association of University Women (JAUW), the National Women's Committee of the United Nations NGOs, The International Women's Year Liaison Group (IWYLG), and Japan Women's Watch (JAWW) invite you to a CSW66 side event hosted by Permanent Mission of Japan to the UN and the previously three NGO to which JAUW belongs. Climate change has caused many natural disasters in various parts of the world, increasing the gap between the rich and the poor. The way we consume has affected nature in developing countries. In response to these problems, there is a strong need for action to create a sustainable recycling society from an ethical perspective. In this side event, good practices in ethical consumption education and zero-waste initiatives will be introduced from Japan, Sweden, and JICA's Kyrgyz project. Panelists will exchange opinions on actions that people of all ages can take in their daily lives to empower girls and women. **To register in advance for this side event use this link:**

[https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_G6bDZ3vSTqWHReTxrsGxNQ](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_G6bDZ3vSTqWHReTxrsGxNQ)

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## **— GWJ Member News —**

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### **Prevention of sexual harassment at workplace for women programme continues**

GWJ members are invited to attend an extension of the "Prevention of Sexual Harassment at workplace for women" NFA-to-NFA programme produced by the Indian Federation of University Women's Associations and the Egypt Association of University Women. To register in advance for this 5 March this session, please click [HERE](#).



### **Save the date! Peer-to-Peer Conversation organised by CFUW Nepean and CFUW Ottawa**

On 11 March, in Commemoration of International Women's Day, two Canadian Clubs, CFUW Nepean and CFUW Ottawa, invite GWI members from around the world to take part in a Peer-to-Peer Conversation on the nature of celebrations across cultures. International Women's Day is **our** day, so we wish to take this opportunity to learn about and appreciate each other, focusing on the contributions women make to the traditions and festivities that enrich our lives. This discussion will centre on celebrations for, and/or created by, women. Participants are invited to bring an item to share during their conversations.

What is celebrated in your culture in which women play a central role? This might be a celebration for women or prepared by women and it might be a large festival or an intimate family gathering. For this interactive Peer-to-Peer Conversation, you may wish to bring with you to share **some aspect of a celebration in your culture – such as an object, photograph, piece of clothing, recipe, song, or story.**

It is hoped to learn about the different roles that women play in celebrations across the globe. It is also hoped to better recognize the enduring commonalities that underlie our diverse traditions and appreciate why celebrations are important and meaningful in all of our lives. You are invited to a **zoom meeting on 11 Mar 2022, 10:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)**. Register today for the meeting, you will receive a confirmation email containing the information about joining us. **Register in advance for this meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYvdeyqqD8iHdefexrDKSt63P8LgBs8K48q>

### **GWI Young Members Network (YMN) launches 2022 monthly conversations series**

On Saturday, 5 February, GWI Young Members Network (YMN) launched YMN Monthly Conversation Series 2022 titled "Professions, Cultures, Friendships". A relaxed one-hour themed session between young members sharing their professions, cultures and their work in respective GWI NFAs (National Federations and Associations). A platform to strengthen our friendship and know each other better. The series is produced by young members, for young members! The sessions will be held on first Saturday of every month until June.

The launch session was on Culture and Friendship. "We were delighted to go on a trip to Turkey with Basak Ovacik and Emine Tuba Sahin. Presentation slides and access to recording is available on request. "We are looking forward to our next session on 5 March with two young members from Egypt", says Sudha Srivastava, President YMN and Alternate Coordinator International Relations British Federation of Graduate Women.

All GWI members (in their 40s and under) are welcome to join GWI YMN. Click [HERE](#) to access the online sign-up link: GWI invites the wide participation in the YMN by all NFA and independent members.

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## — GWI at the United Nations —

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### **GWI Statement to the Human Rights Council 49<sup>th</sup> session calls for increased education infrastructure**

Recalling its 45th Human Rights Council (HRC45) written statement (August 2020) in which GWI stressed that the COVID-19 compulsory social distancing was creating more dependency on technology and digital platforms. GWI repeats that increased dependence on digital technology and hybrid learning affects women and girls predominantly, putting them at higher risk of dropping out, of losing their fundamental human right to education and of jeopardising their present and future academic and professional opportunities.

GWI stresses the need for governments to replicate noteworthy, good practices and ensure that e-learning will not broaden existing digital inequalities and urges them to participate in reducing such imbalances by ensuring equal access to digital tools and skills. To this end, and as the demand for digital skills grows exponentially, governments must put into place infrastructure for training across all sectors and all levels of education. Hence, GWI insists on the crucial importance of SDG17 on the power of partnerships: governments must partner with telecom industries to develop development plans. GWI encourages you to download and widely distribute its HRC49 written statement [HERE](#).

### **Partnership Accelerator Programme now accepting applications!**

The Partnership Accelerator is seeking individuals to become a trainer on partnership effectiveness for Small Island Developing States. Accepted candidates will receive relevant material, virtual training, coaching, and take part in an in-person national partnership workshop to gain hands-on training experience. Profile of trainers - previous training experience (preferably in the field of development); experience and solid understanding and passion for multi-stakeholder partnerships; commitment to devote time for regular meetings, participate in virtual training sessions, and take part in an in-person national partnership workshop (about 5 days); and commitment and interest to engage in future opportunities to share gained knowledge. **Apply here by 11 March 2022. For more information on Supporting partnership effectiveness in small island developing states please see the webpage [HERE](#).**

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## — Give the gift of education —

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[Give the gift of membership](#) to the outstanding graduate women in your life! 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 become part of a global community of some 16'000 members in 60 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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*Alexa Grace, GWI Intern*

Did you know that Alexa Grace completed an exceptional 515.5 hours at GWI? "GWI congratulates Alexa for her outstanding contributions to GWI during her six-month internship and wishes her all the best and the utmost success in her future endeavours, says GWI Executive Director, Stacy Dry Lara.

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## — Dates and events worth noting —

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28 Feb- 4 March	Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women
28 Feb- 1 April	49th Session of the United Nations Human Rights Council
11 February	International Day of Women and Girls in Science
1 March	Zero Discrimination Day
8 March	International Women's Day
14-25 March	Commission on the Status of Women (CSW66)
21 March	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
22 March	World Water Day

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