



Graduate Women International
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GWI UPDATE – 20 July 2022




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*From Growth to
Sustainability*

34th Triennial
General Assembly and Conference
(to be held virtually)

11 November - 13 November 2022

*REGISTRATION IS OPEN for the Graduate Women International virtual
34th triennial General Assembly and Conference! Early Bird register today for CHF 60.*

— Graduate Women International (GWI) News —

GWI welcomes the Thailand Association of University Women (TAUW)!

“The Thailand Association of University Women would like to express our sincere thanks to GWI for welcoming us. Being an active member again will provide us several opportunities to learn, share, and support each other on many essential issues of women and girls. We really look forward to working with you and other members soon”, says TAUW President and CIR, Suwithida Charungkaitikul, Ph.D. **GWI congratulates TAUW and sends a warm welcome for reaffiliating with GWI.** For TAUW contact details click [HERE](#).

GWI Membership Marketplace Spanish Speaking Culture Bridge Project holds 8th session

On 12 July, the GWI Membership Marketplace project, Spanish Speaking Cultural Bridge, held its 8th event, a round table on the topic, “**How to involve men in the fight for women's rights**”. Guest speakers from Argentina, Spain, and Panamá – Mag. Zulema Arrupe, Dra. Isabel Jiménez, and Mag. Itzel Sayaveedra, respectively – presented enlightening insights from very different point of views on ways to transform patriarchal masculinities. For this cultural change towards a new masculinity to occur, education at all levels is fundamental. Participants discussed measures to raise men's awareness of their privileges and to get them to use their voice to make inequalities visible, as well as to involve them more and more in paid and unpaid care work. The debate showed that for social transformation towards equality and non-violence we need a decisive change in the mentality, customs and gender stereotypes of women, men, girls, and boys. **“GWI congratulates its Spanish-speaking national federations and associations on this very successful Membership Marketplace project. Engaging men and boys to address women and girls' rights issues is critical to reducing gender-based violence and other forms of discrimination”**, said Stacy Dry Lara, GWI Executive Director.

Young Member Network (YMN) completes Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Ambassador training series

The GWI YMN recently completed its SDG Ambassador training series. Twenty-six Certified Ambassadors from 12 countries gained their GWI SDG Ambassador certificates. This series marks another successful project towards the YMN efforts of enabling the YMN to grow and flourish. The YMN Monthly Conversation Series 2022, a relaxed conversation to strengthen our friendship and know

each other, continues on 6 August, 10:00 AM CEST and will present "Glimpses of Young Member Professions" STEM Career and Work-Life Balance: Story of a Microbiologist Dr. Cynthia A. Adinortey Acting Coordinator of International Relations, Ghana Association of University Women and Molecular Microbiologist and Senior lecturer at the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, University of Cape Coast -Ghana. All GWI YMN members are invited to click [HERE](#) to register for the Conversation Series. Please see more details about the event in the flyer at the end of the newsletter. To read YMN President, Sudha Srivastava, full monthly letter (June) please click [HERE](#).

YMN Online Sign-Up: Any GWI member (in their 40s and under) from a national federation or association (NFA) can join YMN for free. If you know any friend in your NFA who is interested in joining the network, please share this online [sign-up link](#):

— GWI Member News —

GWI welcomes a new association in Spain!

With great honour, GWI announces the founding of the Spanish Association of University Women (SAUW) of Murcia. SAUW Murcia is comprised of 22 women whose president is Francisca Liaño. Francisca has been following GWI activities for years and was able to create the Association in Murcia, a city with a well-known University, with the support of GWI NFA's in Bilbao, Madrid and Marbella. **GWI sends its warmest welcome and congratulations to SAUW for this expansion of membership!**

Panama Association of University Women "Peace Education"

Submitted by Jazmeira Cabrera, Association of University Women Panama (AMUP) President

On 7 June 2022, AMUP, developed a Reflective Panel on Peace and Disarmament, at the University Centre of Penonomé. AMUP President, Jazmeira Cabrera, together with associates of the organisation, professors, and students at the University Centre, participated in the panel calling for peace and global solidarity through education. The 3rd UNESCO World Conference on Higher Education, 2022, "Beyond limits. New ways to reinvent higher education", held in Barcelona from 18-20 May 2022 noted that "the persistence of armed conflict is a great threat, and the world has become less safe in the last decade. The political situation in many countries and regions remains insecure, exposed to violence and armed clashes, jeopardizing the progress made in recent decades in banning war as a legitimate way to resolve conflicts." Peace education is the only way to end this threat. "Educating our girls and young women for peace means ensuring a future without violence. No to war, to devastation, to human suffering, especially the most vulnerable", said Cabrera. **GWI congratulates AMUP for hosting this extremely significant event!**

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Registration is open for the GWI 34th triennial General Assembly and Conference

Under the theme, From Growth to Sustainability, GWI is proud to be hosting the 34th triennial General Assembly and Conference virtually on 11-13 November 2022 in collaboration with the Indian Federation of University Women's Associations. Early bird registration is CHF 60 until 31 August 2022, so register today! GWI members are invited to [register today HERE!](#)

The General Assembly and Conference will centre around five subthemes:

Interactive workshops, seminars and panels will focus on the event theme and subthemes. Sessions complementing the subthemes will be offered by experts from GWI membership as well as distinguished, international, and experienced speakers.

The virtual General Assembly and Conference is open to all GWI members worldwide. Please click [HERE](#) to register. Non-members of GWI are invited to register for the Conference portion [HERE](#).

- 1 The change we need: Youth as leaders and change makers for modern adaptability to achieve and implement SDG 4.
- 2 Graduate women at the grassroots level: Localizing the SDGs through capacity building, awareness raising, outreach, community dialog, data collection, training and support.
- 3 Addressing general and systemic inequality in education; developing and influencing policy.
- 4 Beyond the basic skills (reading, writing and arithmetic): Promotion of education for peace, health, civics, culture and the arts, ecology, and sports, social and vocational skills.
- 5 COVID-19: Compensating for the effects of COVID-19 on education for women and girls; how to adapt and move forward.

— GWI at the United Nations —

GWI written statement to the UNODC Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ)

GWI submitted a written statement to the UNODC CCPCJ 31st session held 16-20 May 2022. In the statement, GWI urges the United Nations and member states to strengthen the sanctioning of crimes incurring severe environmental effects, encourage international cooperation between law enforcement agencies and acknowledge and support the recommendations of civil society. The CCPCJ was established by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) resolution 1992/1, upon request of General Assembly (GA) resolution 46/152, as one of its functional commissions. The Commission acts as the principal policymaking body of the United Nations in the field of crime prevention and criminal justice. Read the full statement [HERE](#). **GWI thanks United Representative, Elisabeth Francis, for participating in this critical session and facilitating the GWI report. Her full account of the CCPCJ session and side events will be featured in the 3 August Update!**

“Taking Ownership of the 2030 SDGs: Global Goals Through Local Action”

Submitted by GWI United Nations Representatives, New York, Maureen Byrne, Ph.D.; Maryella Hannum, M.Sc.; Sophie Zaretsky, M.D.

On 15 June 2022, the Global Impact Committee of GWI affiliate WG-USA, hosted an interactive webinar on achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UN SDGs). The virtual event featured a presentation by Susan Angus, Executive Director of the Commission on Voluntary Service & Action (CVSA). Click [HERE](#) to read the full comprehensive event report. **GWI offers special appreciation to GWI UN Representatives, Maureen Byrne, Ph.D.; Maryella Hannum, M.Sc.; Sophie Zaretsky, M.D. for submitting their exceptional coverage and valuable report on this event.**

“Integrating Sustainable Development Goals into Higher Education”

The Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) is an open partnership between several United Nations (UN) entities and the higher education community that aims to highlight the critical role of higher education in achieving sustainable development. Each year, HESI organises a global forum as a special event to the High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) which is the UN's main platform for reviewing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. As a lead-up to the Forum, HESI hosted a series of

webinars highlighting the role of higher education in building back better from COVID-19 and advancing the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about webinar one in the series and [HERE](#) to learn more about webinar two, submitted by Louise McLeod, GWI Vice President, Advocacy and Education.

–Give the gift of membership –

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.

– Did you know? –

Did you know that GWI maintains special relations with UNESCO? Since its founding, UNESCO has sought to collaborate with nongovernmental organisations (NGOs), which are fundamental civil society partners for the implementation of the Organisation’s activities and programmes. Over the years, UNESCO has built up a valuable network of cooperation with NGOs having an expertise in its fields of competence, i.e., education, science, social and human sciences, culture, communication and information. Currently, UNESCO is enjoying official partnerships with 401 NGOs and 33 foundations and similar institutions. GWI is one of UNESCO’s official partners.

–Dates and events worth noting –

30 July	International Day for the Elimination of Trafficking in Persons, Global
31 July	Pan-African Women’s Day, Global
9 August	International Day of Indigenous Peoples, Global
12 August	International Youth Day, Global
20-23 August	100 th Anniversary Jubilee – Graduate Women’s Association, Austria
8 September	International Literacy Day, Global
21 September	International Day of Peace, Global
5 October	World Teachers Day, Global
11 October	International Day of the Girl, Global
15 October	International Day of Rural Women, Global
17 October	International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, Global
24 October	United Nations Day, Global
11-13 November	GWI 34 th triennial General Assembly and Conference

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Empowering women and girls through lifelong education for leadership, decision-making and peace. GWI, formerly IFUW, is in special consultative status with ECOSOC since 1947 and is an NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO and ILO.

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Please see the official event flyer in the next page below.



GWI Young Members Network (YMN) invites you to

YMN Monthly Conversation Series 2 "Glimpses of Young Member Professions"

STEM Career and Work-Life Balance: Story of a Microbiologist

**Saturday,
6th August
CEST 10-11 AM**

**Virtual on Zoom
Register today:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZEvf-2vqD8tGdW3F7VChX7WcMYHeIU7LISj>

**Dr. Cynthia A. Adinortey
Acting CIR,**

Ghana Association of University Women
Molecular Microbiologist, Senior lecturer at the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, University of Cape Coast - Ghana. Aside teaching, conducting research with special interest in antimicrobial resistance. Cynthia is an enthusiastic STEM advocate.



Click [HERE](#) to register for this event!