



GWI UPDATE – 3 August 2022



*International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed on 9 August each year.
Click [HERE](#) for the 2022 Infographic!*

— Graduate Women International (GWI) News —

GWI honours Indigenous Women with 2022 infographic

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples is observed on 9 August each year to raise awareness about protecting the rights of the world's Indigenous populations as well as to recognise the achievements and contributions that Indigenous Peoples make to improve world issues such as environmental protection. The day was designated by the United Nations (UN) General Assembly in December 1994, marking the day of the first meeting of the UN Working Group on Indigenous Populations in 1982, now the Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous People. GWI shares this infographic to mark this day with an emphasis on the 2022 theme: “The Role of Indigenous Women in the Preservation and Transmission of Traditional Knowledge”. [Click HERE for the 2022 International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples Infographic.](#)

International Day of the Girl (IDG) 2022 Girls Speak Out Townhall Nomination Form

Please use this form to nominate ONE girl speaker OR moderator from your organization or school for the Girls Speak Out Townhall for IDG 2022. Nominating organizations or schools must have a designated adult willing to attend at least three preparation meetings, as well as being available to prepare girl speakers or moderators individually as needed ahead of the townhall, including communicating important information to girl speakers or moderators and ensuring they are able to attend meetings and the townhall. Please send your nominations to idgsubmissions@gmail.com by 12 August 2022. Nomination criteria for girl Speakers, nomination criteria for girl Moderator for the live hybrid townhall and nomination criteria for girl chat Moderators for the virtual online discussion during the townhall can be found [HERE](#).

— GWI Member News —

Graduate Women New Zealand (GWNZ) Celebrates its 100th Year!

Graduate Women New Zealand was formed in 1921 and by the 1980s they had over 2000 members. Since then, GWNZ has grown even more with branches in four different locations around New Zealand. GWNZ offers its warmest congratulations to GWNZ for 100 years of commitment to advocating for women and girls' equal access to quality education! Click [HERE](#) to visit their website and learn more about their important work.



Rae Duff (Left) and Dorothy Meyer (Right) of GWNZ

GWI National Federation and Association (NFA) Leadership Changes

Has the leadership in your NFA changed? To keep the flow of communication between the GWI Board, Executive Officer, headquarter office and our membership, it's important we maintain an accurate list of NFA leadership. Please do fill in and submit this [NFA Contact Details Collection Form](#) so GWI can maintain accurate records and communications. This year is especially important as the 34th triennial General Assembly and From Growth to Sustainability public conference will be held 11-13 November 2022.

— GWI 34th triennial General Assembly and Conference —




Graduate Women International

*From Growth to
Sustainability*

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

11 November - 13 November 2022

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 —

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) 31st overview by Elisabeth Francis, GWI UN Representative, Vienna

The 31st Session of the CCPCJ took place 16-20 May 2022 in Vienna both virtually and in person. One hundred and thirty countries were represented as were 55 NGOs. More than 80 side events were held. Elisabeth Francis, GWI UN Representative, Vienna represented GWI.

As the main policymaking body of the UN addressing crime prevention and criminal justice issues, CCPCJ plays a critical role in advancing collective efforts against national and transnational crime, while strengthening fair and effective criminal justice institutions. The Thematic Discussion of this Session was on 'strengthening the use of digital evidence in criminal justice and countering cybercrime, including the abuse and exploitation of minors in illegal activities with the use of the Internet'. Much time was also spent on reviewing the implementation of the Kyoto Declaration and taking forward the global agenda on human trafficking, corruption, and environmental crime.

Opening of the 31st Session was, Chair, Ambassador Hikiyama, Japan; Economic and Social Council, President, Colleen Vixen Kelapile; Executive Director, UN Women, Sima Sami Bahous; UN Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC), Executive Director, Ghada Waly.

Executive Director, Waly, urged Governments to use the Session to reaffirm commitment to preventing and combatting different forms of crime and promoting international cooperation. "During times of instability", she said, "the most vulnerable are the most in need of assistance, as criminal networks take advantage of people left without income and without social protection and who are desperate for safety and opportunity".

For the first time, the Executive Director of UN Women, Sima Sami Bahous, was a keynote speaker. She noted the links between women's well-being and crime prevention, saying "we cannot combat crime without a justice system that is trusted by women and that works for women...I reiterate UN Women's strong commitment to continue working with the UNODC in supporting the joint efforts of the CSW and the CCPCJ for the benefit of women, girls, and societies everywhere so that we leave no one behind".

As regards gender-related issues, many countries emphasised the importance of addressing gender-based violence and femicide, noting that there had been an increase in such crimes during the pandemic. The increased vulnerability of women in conflict situations, i.e., Ukraine, was also emphasised. Gender-based cybercrime was much discussed. Concern was expressed about the growth of bias crimes more broadly, and the need to track bias in the operations of criminal justice systems. The need to increase diversity in the composition of law enforcement agencies was also mentioned. For instance, the authorities that deal with crimes such as human trafficking, including immigration services, law enforcement and the justice sector remain heavily dominated by men. GWI thanks Ms. Francis for her exceptional report and encourages readers to read and share it [HERE](#).

HRC50 written statement and session wrap up

The 50th session of the Human Rights Council recently wrapped up in July with a full day discussion on the Human Rights of Women. "We cannot build a fair and equal system without the strong and meaningful participation of the women and girls, in all their diversity, who work as caregivers, and of the women and girls who themselves receive or are in need of care and support. We need to listen to their voices. We need to rebuild the system with them", Michelle Bachelet, UN High Commissioner for Human Rights on the occasion of the Human Rights Council Annual Full Day Discussion on Women.

"Girls are denied education when they have to care for siblings or their own children in the absence of childcare, and are in turn unable to care for themselves", she adds. [Click HERE to read the full statement.](#) [Click HERE](#) to read the GWI HRC50 written statement.

— Give the gift of education —

Girls Education for Brighter Futures Post COVID-19 Programme GlobalGiving Report

Give the gift of education to young women and girls by contributing to our Girls Education for Brighter Futures Post COVID-19 Programme, which directly supports GWI's advocacy work and projects around the world to remove socio-cultural, gender-related and economic barriers women and girls face towards education endeavours. GWI recently published a programme update report on GlobalGiving titled "Equal Access to Education Must be a Top Priority!". **To read the full report [click HERE.](#)**

— Did you know? —

Every Woman and Every Girl Written by Emily Lawson

Did you know that GWI has an official song? This song honours the inspirational work of GWI done in the past 103 years through their initiatives to ensure opportunities and education for all women and girls around the world. "The lyrics are inspired by the illuminating power of women in all walks of academic, community, family and career life. This also refers to the women and girls around the world who are strong, powerful leaders in all aspects of life who continue to advocate for themselves and others", wrote Emily. GWI invites you to listen to the song [HERE.](#)

— Dates and events worth noting —

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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