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## 2022 Nominations Committee Members' Profiles

### Irene Kafui Vorsah Amponsah, Ghana

Irene Kafui Vorsah Amponsah (PhD), from the **Ghana Association of University Women (GAUW)** is a Lecturer, Data Analyst and the former Department Registration and Examination Officer of the Statistics Department of the School of Physical Sciences in the College of Agriculture and Natural Sciences, University of Cape Coast-Ghana. Her area of specialization is Computational Statistics. She has over 20 publications to her credit in areas of statistics, mathematics, STEM and gender. She is currently the president of Women in Statistics Ghana and a member of Ghana Statistical Association, Caucus for Women in Statistics, Graduate Women International and many others. Dr. Kafui is a peer educator, and mentor. She is an active member of GWI Young Members Network and has been trained as a United Nations Sustainable Development Goal Ambassador by GWI.

### Hazel Bowen, South Africa

Hazel has been a member of **South African Association of Women Graduates (SAAWG)** for many years, holding office as Branch President (Cape Town) and National President on a number of occasions. She has arranged several national conferences and initiated several projects (some of them funded by Project 5-0 and Bina Roy). She administered SAAWG bursaries for many years and was on the Editorial Board for the SAAWG Journal also for some years. Her GWI/IFUW activities include being convener of both the Resolutions and Membership Committees and she was Vice-President: Education and Advocacy on the 2016-2019 GWI Board of Officers. She has the distinction of being Honorary Life Member of SAAWG.

Hazel studied Politics, History and Industrial Psychology and is an English teacher (for second language and foreign students). She also has diplomas in Business Management and Human Resource Management, and Certificates in Adult Learning in the Workplace, Conflict Resolution, Mediation and Computer applications. Besides being involved in various non-profit organisations she was instrumental in developing a non-profit training centre for which she received acknowledgement as "Woman of Enterprise" and was featured in the Women's Directory from 1994 to 1997. She then went on to set up and run her own training centre, preparing (mainly) women for the world of work, and providing office administration skills.

### Yasemin Dönmez, Turkey

Yasemin Dönmez has been a member of the **Türk Universiteli Kadınlar Derneği (TUKD)** since 1982 and, and she has served for 20 years as an active manager. She established the Istanbul Kadıköy branch in 2006. She is the founding president of the branch, and she has been the branch president for many years. She has managed many projects about women. She participated in the General Assemblies of the UWE- European University Women and IFUW International Federation of University Women.

In 2013, she took part in the Local Arrangement Committee at the General Assembly of the IFUW Conference in Istanbul, hosted by Turkey, and carried out sponsorship relations. They carry out the Strong Woman, Happy Woman project, which is the most important work of the Kadıköy branch, together with the municipality, which is the local government, and they provided training to adult women. They also did a presentation about how to implement the project to the participants as a workshop in 2019 GWI Centenary conference Geneva.

She is an architect and has a Master's degree. She worked as a control engineer in the Ministry of National Defense Construction Department for 20 years. She participated in the meetings of the Ministry of National Defense throughout Turkey, representing the institution. She is currently retired. She continues to work on women, their rights, and the education of female university students. She is married and has a daughter.

### **Karoline Dorsch-Häsler, Switzerland**

Karoline was born in Switzerland, and she has been a member of the **Swiss Association of University Women (SVA)** for about 25 years. She was first Treasurer of the Zürich Branch, since 2014 she has been President and since 2020 Co-President of the Zürich Branch. She was CIR SVA for five years. Since 2019 she has been GWI Assistant Treasurer Switzerland. She is a member of the Organisational Development Steering Committee.

She received a Master's degree in microbiology from the University of Bern, Switzerland and a PhD in Microbiology from St. Louis University, St. Louis, MO, USA. For a long time, she performed research at the University, first in the USA, then Switzerland. From 1992 until her retirement, she was Executive Secretary of the Swiss Federal Committee for Biosafety. She has two sons and two granddaughters.

### **Lynne Kent, Canada**

Lynne Kent is the VP Membership in the **Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW)**, on the CFUW Communications Committee and currently a director of HHP Foundation for the Vancouver Club. She was President of the Learning Disabilities Association of BC for eight years, served four years on the World YWCA Nomination Committee and eight years on the YWCA Canada Nominations Committee. She was on the search committee for the World YWCA General Secretary and on the WYWCA Envisioning Committee. She holds a degree in psychology and developed a career in office management.

### **Verónica Rivas, Mexico**

Verónica Rivas has been a member of **Federación de Mujeres Universitarias (FEMU)** since June 2018. Verónica is a graduate of the Intercontinental University as a Business Administration. She has a special interest in participating in sustainable projects, mainly focused on the empowerment of women through education; as well as the dissemination of economic issues and gender equality that allow financial and emotional independence of women. In 2013 she had the opportunity to start a Specialty in Dissemination of Economics at the MIDE (Museum of Economics) in Mexico City where she presented as a final project "The Creative Economy in education: A means for reintegration".

Since 2019 she has completed several diplomas among which are: Diploma in Economic History of Mexico (MIDE), Diploma in Applied Sustainability: creative decisions and analysis of public policies; Diploma in Macroeconomic Indicators of conjuncture in Mexico, Diploma in Corporate Social Responsibility, Diploma in Sustainable Tourism, Diploma in Intelligent Water Management, Diploma in Equality and Empowerment of Women. Verónica has participated in different international exchange

experiences. She is a member of GWI's Organisational Development Steering Committee for Latin America. Veronica enjoys reading and listening to music, is studious and disciplined, and enjoys teamwork. She remains open to change, is persistent in the face of challenges, and is interested in continuing to learn. Running, traveling, and meeting new people are one of his main passions.

## **Malvina Segovia, Paraguay**

Malvina Segovia has been a member of GWI since 2003 when she joined the organisation as an independent member. Fifteen years later, she helped establish the Paraguayan branch in 2018. She is the founding president of the **Paraguayan Federation of Graduate Women (PFGW)**. She holds a B.A. in English, a Master's degree in Hispanic Philology and a Doctorate in Education. Passionate by linguistic and cultural studies, she has worked in the field of sociolinguistic for many years and wrote her doctoral dissertation on Gender Discourse. Currently, she is a lecturer and a researcher. She has extensive experience working in international programs in schools in Paraguay, England, and France.

Malvina has worked in several local NGOs in her country to develop educational projects to benefit families and children in the vulnerable sector. As a Board member of the International Federation for Family Development (IFFD) Paraguayan branch, Malvina also has an opportunity to work with families and communities and contribute to build more respectful and peaceful relationships. She has served on both the OD Steering Committee for Latin America and the YMN OD Group where she helped organize the GWI YMN SDGs Ambassadors Program.

## **Chizuko Suzuki, Japan**

Chizuko Suzuki has been a member of the **Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW)** for ten years. After serving the NFA as a Committee Chair of International Networking, she served as JAUW CIR from June 2018 – May 2022. She has been serving on the GWI Organisational Development Steering Committee since last September. She is also serving the National Women's Committee of the United Nations NGOs, Japan, which JAUW belongs to, as a Secretary of General Affairs. She has been enjoying these NGO activities particularly after retiring from the full-time professor of Nagasaki Junshin Catholic University in 2015, while currently staying at the university as a visiting professor.

Chizuko earned a BA from Tsuda College, Tokyo in 1968, in the English linguistics, received a Master of Education from the ICU (International Christian University), Tokyo in 1971, and studied as a working student in Nagasaki University Graduate School of Medicine majoring in Social Medicine focusing on Global Health including International Cooperation from 1999 to 2008 to complete her PhD degree course including a field work of research and practice in Zimbabwe with four times of visit there. She has two sons and two granddaughters both of whom are university students majoring in biomedical science.