



Graduate Women International  
Empowering women & girls through lifelong education

## GWI UPDATE – 31 August 2022

Early Bird registration is open!  
Registration is 60 Swiss francs until 31 October 2022.



*Early bird registration for the GWI 34<sup>th</sup> triennial General Assembly and Conference has been extended until 31 October! Click the image above to register today!*

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### — Graduate Women International (GWI) News —

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#### **Young Member Network (YMN) continues Conversation Series with Professional Segment**

The GWI YMN Monthly Conversation Series 2022 continues with its second segment, “Glimpses of Young Member Professions”. “After having interesting cultural interactions over the past six months, we are looking forward to strengthening our friendship bonds learning about each other’s professions”, says GWI YMN President, Sudha Srivastava, in her latest YMN President’s letter. The sessions are relaxed and last for one hour. You can join from anywhere - travelling, café etc. (no formalities needed). The next session, “**Career in Academics Inspiring Stories from Graduate Women Russia**” will be held 3 September 2022 from 4-5 CEST. GWI YMN members are invited to click [HERE](#) to register.

Following welcome remarks from Srivastava, taking the floor will be Ekaterina Marnitcyna, MA & PhD in the English language, Associate Professor at St. Petersburg State University of Industrial Technologies and Design, professional guide, translator and interpreter, as well as Irina Prokhorova, Lecturer at the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences and Mass Communications Financial University, Russian Federation, Head of Moscow branch of Graduate Women Russia.

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### — GWI Member News —

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#### **Forced Out by Climate Change? Proactive Planning in North America**

On 9 September 2022 at 4pm ET/10pm CEST GWI regional group CaMeUs, a cooperative between Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), Mexican Federation of University Women, and Women Graduates-USA, will host a webinar to explore migration that has resulted from extreme climate change worldwide. Panellists Amparo Martinez-Arroyo, PhD, renowned researcher in atmospheric science and climate action from Mexico; Deborah Anker PhD, Clinical Professor of Law in U.S.A. and Founder of Harvard Law School Immigration and Refugee Clinical program; and Warda Shazadi Meighen, Partner, Landings LLP and Adjunct Professor, University of Toronto Faculty of Law, will concentrate on causes, results, and proactive approaches to preparing for climate migrants in North America. The webinar will be moderated by Grace Hollett, past national president, CFUW, and

locally in NL with CFUW St. John's. [Click HERE](#) to register and please see the official event flyer at the end of this update newsletter!

### **YMN President Letter**

In her latest monthly letter GWI YMN President, Srivastava warmly welcomes three new members to the YMN in July, Deborah Adeyemo from Nigerian Association of University Women, Eveline van Eerd from GWI Netherlands, and Gisele Scanlon from Irish Federation of University Women. More new members from Spanish Federation of University Women and one from Argentina are in process. Additionally, Srivastava announces the YMN workshop, "Graduate women at the grassroots level: Localizing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through capacity building, awareness raising, outreach, community dialog, data collection, training, and support", to be held on 13 November as part of the [GWI General Assembly and conference](#). In her newsletter Srivastava shares August's motto, "Intergenerational Solidarity: creating a world for all ages! Solidarity across generations is key for sustainable development". [Click HERE](#) to read the full letter from Sudha and to learn more about YMN. GWI NFA members (in their 40s and under) are welcome to join YMN for free. If you know any friend/young member in your NFA who is interested, please share this online sign-up link [HERE](#).

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## —GWI 34<sup>th</sup> triennial General Assembly and Conference —

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### **Registration is open for the GWI 34<sup>th</sup> triennial General Assembly and Conference**

Under the theme, From Growth to Sustainability, the event will examine education and prepare participants to renew and rebuild GWI as a substantial contributor to the global, national, and local acceleration and implementation of the SDGs, in particular SDG 4. The draft agenda can be found [HERE](#). Venue: Online via Zoom. Number of participants: It is anticipated that there will be some 600 GWI members and participants in the event. 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](#).

Interactive workshops and seminars will be presented by GWI members by the YMN, and members from Canada, El Salvador, India, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Paraguay, Sierra Leone, Spain, Turkey and the U.S.A. The full line up will be announced by 31 August.

Sessions and panels will focus on the event theme and subthemes with the goal to springboard GWI towards a sharper focus on SDG 4, build working relationships with external stakeholders, and engage members in practical SDG 4 projects. Sessions complementing the subthemes will be offered by experts from GWI membership as well as distinguished international speakers. The General Assembly and Conference subthemes are:

Theme 1: The change we need: Youth as leaders and change makers for modern adaptability to achieve and implement SDG 4.

Theme 2: Graduate women at the grassroots level: Localizing the SDGs through capacity building, awareness raising, outreach, community dialog, data collection, training and support.

Theme 3: Addressing general and systemic inequality in education; developing and influencing policy.

Theme 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.

Theme 5: COVID-19: Compensating for the effects of COVID-19 on education for women and girls; how to adapt and move forward.

Expected Outcomes:

Delegates should leave the conference informed, enthused and with a commitment to the GWI Renew and Rebuild project and to taking an active and leadership role in implementing the strategies put forth and developed at the event.

Members with a clear vision for the future of GWI as a leading advocate for education in the world.

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## — GWI at the United Nations —

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### **Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice (CCPCJ) 31st side events report by Elisabeth Francis, GWI United Nations (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. The new report by Francis thoroughly covers six of the side events at CCPCJ 31, all related to justice for women. **GWI thanks Francis for her outstanding report and encourages readers to read and share it [HERE](#).**

### **The sixty-seventh session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67)**

The CSW67 will take place from 6 to 17 March 2023. Representatives of Member States, UN entities, and Economic and Social Council-accredited non-governmental organizations from all regions of the world are invited to participate and contribute to the session. The priority theme is “Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls”. GWI looks forward to its continued participation in CSW advocating for women and girls’ equal access to education at CSW67. For more information click [HERE](#).

### **High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) Summary**

The HLPF, was held 5 July - 7 July 2022 and 11 July - 15 July 2022, under the theme “Building back better from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) while advancing the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development”. The HLPF reviewed in-depth SDGs 4 (quality education), 5 (gender equality), 14 (life below water), 15 (life on land) and 17 (partnerships for the goals) taking into account the different impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic across all SDGs and their integrated, indivisible and interlinked natures. GWI works towards the achievement of SDG Goals 4, 5 and 17 in its programmatic and advocacy work with SDG 4 as its primary focus. Outstanding summary reports from GWI Vice President, Advocacy and Education, Louise McLeod, and GWI UN Representatives in New York, Maureen Byrne, PhD, Maryella Hannum, and Dr. Sophie Turner Zaretsky will be featured in an upcoming Update Special Edition that is not to be missed.

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## — Give the gift of membership —

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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 10’000 members in 60 countries, either as a GWI

independent member or as a member of one of our National Federations or Associations. To learn how to become a member [click HERE](#).

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— Did you know? —

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### **GWI has Independent Members!**

Did you know that in addition to its National Federations or Association members worldwide, GWI also has independent members in 20 countries including Albania, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Finland, Honduras, Jordan, Nicaragua, Peru, Portugal, Sweden, and Tanzania? To become an independent member [click HERE](#).

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— Dates and events worth noting —

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8 September	International Literacy Day, Global
12 Sept. – 7 Oct.	51 <sup>st</sup> Session of the Human Rights Council (HRC51)
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 <sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Graduate Women International**

7-9, Chemin de Balexert, CH-1291, Châtelaine, Geneva, Switzerland  
E-mail: [gwi@graduatewomen.org](mailto:gwi@graduatewomen.org) Website: [www.graduatewomen.org](http://www.graduatewomen.org)



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**Please see the official event flyers below.**



GWI Young Members Network (YMN) invites you to

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

*Career in Academics*

*Inspiring Stories from Graduate Women Russia*

**Saturday, 3rd September 2022**

**CEST 4-5 PM**



### **Ekaterina Marnitcyna**

Associate Professor at St.  
Petersburg State University of  
Industrial Technologies and  
Design, professional guide,  
translator and interpreter.  
MA & PhD in the English  
language



### **Irina Prokhorova**

Lecturer at the Department of  
Sociology, Faculty of Social  
Sciences and Mass  
Communications Financial  
University, Russian Federation,  
Head of Moscow branch of  
Graduate Women Russia

Register Today:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAsdeqsrDkjGt15FNAsp8h-VfOEvpRjiok>

**Please click HERE to register!**



# Forced Out by Climate Change? Proactive Planning in North America



## Advocating for innovative solutions for climate migrants

### Our Guest Speakers

Amparo Martinez-Arroyo PhD is a renowned researcher in atmospheric sciences and climate change from Mexico.



Deborah Anker PhD is a Clinical Professor of Law in USA and Founder of the Harvard Law School Immigration and Refugee Clinical Program.



Warda Shazadi Meighen is a Partner with Landings LLP and an Adjunct Professor with University of Toronto Faculty of Law in Canada.



Sept. 9, 2022 4:00 pm Eastern  
A discussion on Climate Migration, its impact on Women and Girls and pro-active proposals for redress

CaMeUs is a cooperative venture from Canada (CFUW), Mexico (FEMU), and USA (WG-USA), all members of GWI.

### Moderator

Grace Hollett is a past national president of the CFUW, works with CFUW national committees and locally in NL with CFUW St. John's.



### Zoom meeting link:

[https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYpf-2prz4pE9OpSwLe2VbAZxfEY1-\\_ixK](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYpf-2prz4pE9OpSwLe2VbAZxfEY1-_ixK)



Please click [HERE](#) to register for the CaMeUs webinar.