



GWI UPDATE – 12 October 2022



Graduate Women International

*From Growth to
Sustainability*

34th Triennial
General Assembly and Conference

(to be held virtually)

11 November - 13 November 2022

— Graduate Women International (GWI) News —

Save the Date! GWI conference workshops and seminars published!

On 13 November at the GWI public conference, interactive workshops and seminars will be presented by GWI members from Canada, El Salvador, India, Japan, Mexico, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Paraguay, Sierra Leone, Spain, Turkey, the USA, and the GWI Young Member Network (YMN). The workshops and seminars will focus on the five 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. The full line-up of speakers, workshops and seminars with times has been published and can be found by clicking [HERE](#). Don't miss out! Click [HERE](#) to register today!

GWI releases 2022 International Day of the Girl (IDOG) social media campaign

In 2011, the United Nations (UN) General Assembly passed a resolution adopting 11 October as the IDOG. This day is celebrated annually and serves to promote the recognition of girls' rights. The day is a reminder to the international community of the unique challenges girls face around the world and highlights issues concerning gender inequality. This year, GWI produced a comprehensive social media campaign to reach a wide and diverse audience to celebrate girls worldwide and raise awareness about challenges faced. It's not too late to download and share this campaign [HERE](#).

GWI celebrates rural women and girls on International Day of Rural Women

Observed annually on 15 October, the International Day of Rural Women celebrates the limitless potential, resilience and critical role of rural women and girls in global societies. For the 2022 celebration of rural women and girls everywhere GWI is re-releasing its popular 2021 international advocacy toolkit. The toolkit helps concerned organisations to raise awareness about the contributions of and challenges faced by rural women and girls. **Of importance for international advocacy work, the toolkit provides linkages of rural women and girls lives and challenges to the 17 Sustainable Development Goals.** GWI invites you to download the toolkit [HERE](#).

— GWI Member News —

Young Member Network (YMN) Conversation Series



On 3 September 2022, the GWI Young Member Network (YMN) hosted a conversation series titled “Glimpses of Young Member Professions”. During the webinar, participants heard from guest speaker, Ekaterina Marnitcyna, from Graduate Women Russia who shared challenges faced in academia and career and how those challenges were overcome. [Click HERE](#) to watch the full Conversation Series event. **GWI congratulates YMN President, Sudha**

Srivastava, and the YMN for hosting another successful Conversation Series, and warmly thanks Ekaterina for sharing her inspiring professional story.

The Spanish Speaking Cultural Bridge hosts its 10th event

The Spanish Speaking Cultural Bridge held its 10th event on 13 September 2022. During a very interesting panel discussion on Gender Journalism, four renowned journalists from Argentina, Bolivia, Mexico and Paraguay spoke and discussed ways to incorporate more inclusive journalistic practices, how to highlight the situation of women in the media and promote change for equality, and ways to make visible the diversity of women and their contributions to society. Speakers highlighted that in many countries, statistics show that although there are more and more female journalists and reporters, at the editorial level the number of women is scarce. The Spanish Speaking Cultural Bridge webinars will be back in 2023 with the first planned for 10 January 2023. More details to follow. **GWI congratulates the GWI Membership Marketplace Spanish Speaking Cultural Bridge project coordinators for highly successful 2022 webinar series!**

Jubilee Celebrations for the 100th anniversary of Graduate Women Austria (VAÖ)

VAÖ invites all members to participate in celebrating its 100th anniversary! There is an exciting programme of events such as sightseeing tours, museum visits to learn about women’s history, a tour of the women’s studies department at Vienna University and a centenary dinner. For the full programme of events [click HERE](#). To register for the event, please [click HERE](#) and send your completed form to vaoe.100@gmail.com. **GWI congratulates VAÖ on 100 years and for putting together a beautiful programme of celebration!**

— 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

Early bird tickets are only available for the next two weeks!

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 October 2022, so click [HERE](#) and register today!**

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 United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular SDG 4. There will be networking opportunities in the Conversation Café, voting delegates will select an entirely new Board of Officers and Committee members, and the event co-host, IFUWA is preparing a beautiful interactive cultural experience video. **Click [HERE](#) to register.**

— GWI at the United Nations —

The 67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women

Historically, since its inception in 1947, the two-week Commission on the Status of Women is a time for like-minded women to gather, discuss and learn from each other and advocate around the rights of women and girls. The CSW67 is occurring from 6-17 March 2023 with the priority theme *Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls*. The session will also review agreed conclusions of the CSW sixty second session, *Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls*. As an international NGO in consultative status with ECOSOC, GWI is submitting a written statement titled: *Promising possibilities of increased Internet usage and distance learning with consideration that implementing distance learning necessitates overcoming crucial innovation and technological challenges to advancing the status of women and girls*. The statement is currently circulating for cosponsors for other ECOSOC accredited organisations. Once finalized, the statement will be widely available. For more information about the CSW67 [click HERE](#).

— Give the gift of education —

Teachers for Rural Futures (TFRF) Programme Update Report

Give the gift of education to young women by contributing to our TFRF Programme, which directly supports young women from rural Uganda to obtain their teaching degree. This GWI programme aims, no matter the challenges, to increase the number of female teachers in rural Uganda. These new teachers will be mentors and positive influencers for school-aged girls to remain in school. GWI recently published a programme update report on GlobalGiving titled "Students Express Sincere Gratitude to Donors". **To read the full report [click HERE](#).** To support the education of 50 women teachers to educate 1000's [click HERE](#).

— Did you know? —

Did you know that over 200 GWI members from 40 countries have already registered for the 34th triennial General Assembly and Conference! **Don't miss out on the first-ever GWI virtual General Assembly and Conference!** No travel arrangements or expenses are needed. Just simply register and participate from the comfort of your home or office. Some National Federations and Associations are even forming watch gatherings to participate as a group. Join your GWI sisters! [Click HERE](#) to register today!

—Dates and events worth noting —

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
20-23 October	100 th Anniversary Jubilee Celebrations, Austria
24 October	United Nations Day, Global
11-13 November	GWI 34 th triennial General Assembly and Conference

Follow us on social media!



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 Website: www.graduatewomen.org

