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## GWI UPDATE – 26 October 2022



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*From Growth to  
Sustainability*

34th Triennial  
General Assembly and Conference

(to be held virtually)

**11 November - 13 November 2022**

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

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#### **Early bird tickets are only available for the next five days! Deadline 31 October.**

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 60 Swiss francs until 31 October 2022, so click [HERE](#) and register today! Beginning 1 November registration fee is 75 Swiss francs.**

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 announces General Assembly Keynote Speaker Dr. Helen Bond, Ph.D.**

GWI is excited to announce that the keynote speaker on day 1 of the General Assembly will be Dr. Helen Bond, Ph.D. Dr. Bond is an Associate Professor in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at Howard University in Washington D.C. With a Ph.D. in Human Development, Dr. Bond was recognised for her work with equity and technology integration. She has expertise in teacher education, prevention of violent extremism through education (PVE-E), international affairs, and human rights. Dr. Bond has been a liaison to the Center for African Studies and the Center for Women, Gender and Global Leadership. Dr. Bond is also a Fulbright-Nehru Scholar to India, as well as Co-Chair to the Sustainable Development Solutions Network. She served as an expert with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and the Ministries of Education in Ethiopia, developing a capacity study for a teacher licensing system for Ethiopia. Dr. Bond was inducted in the 2020 Alumni Hall of Fame by the Ohio State University-Mansfield for her work in diversity, equity, justice and education. **GWI thanks Dr. Bond in advance for sharing her knowledge and expertise at the General Assembly!**

## Conference Workshops, Seminars and Speakers!



- 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.

On the third day of the General Assembly and Conference on 13 November 2022, attendees can customize their itinerary by choosing from the **18 workshops and seminars** offered. Following the theme “From Growth to Sustainability”, the public conference will allot time for seven sessions, all running consecutively. Led by experts in the field, the workshops and seminars have been carefully curated to foster discussion and evaluate solutions on prominent issues in our world today. Each session is exactly 90 minutes in duration with 15 minutes between each session. There are three events running simultaneously in each session, in which attendees will have the option to choose one. Each of the three events of a session is either a seminar grouping or a workshop. Workshops are 90 minutes in length. A seminar grouping is 90 minutes in length with three or four consecutive seminar presentations of 20 minutes duration each. In anticipation of the Conference, the full schedule of the workshops and seminars are listed below. Click [HERE](#) for a partial description of some of the workshops and seminars. Don't miss out on this exciting line-up! **Register [HERE](#) today!**

### 13 November 2022 Workshops / Seminars Schedule

#### Session 1: 13:15 CET:

- Workshop 1:** Localising the SDGs (Sudha Srivastava (UK), Dr Başak Ovacik (Turkey)
- Workshop 2:** Exploring the Causes for Inequality In Education By Reviewing Cases, Dr Valerie Anne Wilkinson (Japan), Kei Foran (Japan)
- Workshop 3:** Caring for Our Educators, Shruti Sonthalia (India)

#### Session 2: 15:00 CET:

##### Seminar:

- 4a:** Citizens from the Cradle, Malvina Segovia (Paraguay)
- 4b:** Living with Blocks and Filters in Japan, Dr Valerie Anne Wilkinson (Japan)
- 4c:** How to Take Advantage of Being a Woman in the Workplace, Dr Marité Mehr (Spain)
- Workshop 5:** Hope for The Future, Dr Başak Ovacik (Turkey), Emine Tuba Sahin (Turkey)
- Workshop 6:** Graduate Women and The Localization of The SDGs, Dr Kehinde Grace Adeosun (Nigeria), Professor Comfort Onifade (Nigeria)

#### Session 3: 16:45 CET:

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#### Session 4: 18:00 CET:

- Workshop 7:** Gender and Women: Promoting Peace Through Arts, Glenda Hecksher (Mexico)
- Workshop 8:** Capacity Training Workshop for Youth as Changemakers, Professor Emily Ayo-John (Nigeria), Dr Comfort Otegbeye (Nigeria)

**Workshop 9:** How to Empower Women Beyond Basic Skills, Nuray Akmeric (Turkey), Zekiye Mihcioglu (Turkey)

**Session 5: 19:45 CET**

**Seminar:**

**10a:** Women and Girls in Care Work During Covid-19, Dr Gloria Luz Alejandre (Mexico)

**10b:** Teaching Beyond the Canon, Dr Rachel Anne Gillett (Netherlands)

**10c:** Intergenerational Leadership Steering Education Through Climate Change, Shaila Mistry (USA)

**10d:** SDG 101 Introduction to the SDGs, Dr Başak Ovacik (Turkey)

**Workshop 11:** Women Graduates-USA & Institute of International Education (IIE) Scholar Rescue Fund (SRF) Partnership, Maryella Hannum (USA), Laura Christoffersen (USA)

**Workshop 12:** Social Behaviour While Facing COVID-19, Dra. Teresita Ledezma de Calderon (Bolivia), Dra. Gloria Artovar Ossio (Bolivia)

**Session 6: 21:30 CET**

**Seminar:**

**13a:** Women's Organisations are Diminishing: Why is that?, Alyson Manning (New Zealand)

**13b:** Assessing the Gender Gaps in Academia and the Effects of COVID-19, Rae Duff (New Zealand)

**13c:** COVID-19: Compensating for the Effects of COVID-19 on Women and Girls, Rosa Maria Mendoza Hidalgo (El Salvador)

**13d:** Tackling Growing Inequalities in Education in New Zealand and Sierra Leone, Yeabu Tholley (Sierra Leone), Dr Shirley Gillett (New Zealand)

**Workshop 14:** How We Do Advocacy: Fighting for Social Justice and Education, Heather Oxman (Canada), Audrey Hobbs-Johnson (Canada)

**Workshop 15:** Educating The New Generations for a More Equal, Peaceful World, Malvina Segovia (Paraguay), Noemí Castillo (Panama), Dr Marité Mehr (Spain)

**Session 7: 23:15 CET**

**Workshop 16:** Learning for Life, Enhancing Social Citizenship, Dr Linda Robertson (New Zealand), Dr Sian Halcrow (New Zealand)

**Workshop 17:** An International Bank for Women, A Way to Compensate for Inequity, Ana Milagro Marroquín Funes (El Salvador), Rosa Maria Mendoza Hidalgo (El Salvador)

**Workshop 18:** Educating the Nature Mindset for the UN SDGs: A Motivational Synergy to Solve the Climate Crisis (English and Spanish), Laura Rojo MacLeod (USA), Midge Delevan (USA)

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— Did you know? —

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Did you know that no travel arrangements or expenses are needed to attend the 34<sup>th</sup> triennial General Assembly and Conference! 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!](#)

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—Dates and events worth noting—

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11-13 November  
17 November  
19 November  
20 November  
25 Nov.- 10 Dec.

GWI 34<sup>th</sup> triennial General Assembly and Conference  
International Student's Day  
World Toilet Day  
World Children's Day  
16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence

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