



GWI UPDATE – 1 March 2023



— Graduate Women International (GWI) News —

GWI to host two virtual parallel events during the 67th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67)

The CSW67 will take place virtually, in person and hybridly at the United Nations Headquarters in New York from 6-17 March 2023. The 2023 themes are:

- **Priority theme** : Innovation and technological change, and education in the digital age for achieving gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls.
- **Review theme** : Challenges and opportunities in achieving gender equality and the empowerment of rural women and girls (agreed conclusions of the sixty-second session).

As part of CSW67, GWI will host two virtual parallel events. A brief description of the parallel events is directly below and the full event flyers can be found by scrolling to the bottom of the Update.

Innovative Ideas in Education and Advocacy Advancing Women and Girls

14 March 2023, 4 p.m. Central European Time

Developed by GWI Vice President Education, Shirley Gillett, GWI Vice President, Advocacy, Shaila Rao Mistry, with contributions from the GWI Education and Membership Committees, the parallel event will consider new and innovative ways to approach education and advocacy work for women and girls. The question of how we should incorporate technological innovations to help women in girls to attain better education fulfilling Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4 will be explored. Participants will hear real-life examples, including those due to the COVID-19 working conditions, and audience participation is valued at this workshop **We invite you to register [HERE](#).**

Gender Equality in Digital Education: Young Women and Financial Challenges

16 March 2023, 4 p.m. Central European Time

This parallel event is developed by GWI Treasurer and Young Member Network (YMN) President, Sudha Srivastava, and GWI Executive Director, Stacy Dry Lara, with the contributions from GWI YMN. As the world is moving exponentially to the digital age of education transformation, financial barriers

persist to digital access for women and girls. This interactive event will explore gender disparities, due to financial factors, in accessing technological advances in education with examples from rural and urban areas. An expert panel comprised of four GWI YMN will present financial challenges for young women in today's digital world. A range of innovative solutions from various collaborations will be presented. There will be opportunities for audience discussion interaction via opinion polls, breakout sessions and round of QA. **We invite you to register [HERE](#).**

In addition to the two parallel events, GWI will be hosting **for its delegates and members only** two breakfast briefings and a social dinner during week one of the session. The GWI United Nations representatives, Maureen Byrne and Maryella Hannum, will provide updates on their work with the Zero Draft and more. **GWI delegates, please watch your email for confirmation of the venue and RSVP opportunities.**

GWI and Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) GWI Clubs mark International Day of Women and Girls in Science

To celebrate International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2023, GWI and CFUW GWI hosted a webinar on Saturday, 11 February 2023, to explore the question "What can GWI and CFUW do to promote women and girls in science?". GWI would first like to thank the speakers, Patrice Wellesley-Cole, GWI President, for opening remarks on the importance of women and girls in science; Shaila Rao Mistry, GWI VP Advocacy, for her remarks on the International Day; Barbara DuMoulin, CFUW VP International Relations, who provided an overview on what CFUW is doing to promote women in science with highlights of CFUW scientists and the latest national statistics on the topic; Cindy Adams, Executive Director, Scientists in Schools, who gave an overview of the remarkable Scientists in Schools program and, Mildred Asmah, GWI VP Projects, who presented the GWI Ghana Girls Science Lab as part of the GWI Bina Roy Partners in Development program. The event was hosted by GWI Executive Director, Stacy Dry Lara, who concluded with member feedback and reflections on the successes and challenges on the subject. GWI would also like to warmly thank the many GWI members present this day coming from numerous National Federations and Associations (NFA): Australia, Canada, Egypt, Ghana, India, Mexico, the Netherlands, Sierra Leone, Spain, Switzerland, Turkey, and the United States of America. Unfortunately, you missed the event? The recording can be found [HERE](#).

— GWI Member News —

GWI affiliate parallel and side events during CSW67

GWI highlights the exceptional contributions of its NFAs to the CSW67 by organising many exceptional parallel and side events with speakers from around the world. A brief description is in this section and the full event flyers can be found by scrolling to the bottom of the Update.

Virtual events

The Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW) will host a side event entitled, *Transforming Innovation and Technology to Empower Women and Girls: Is Establishing New Faculties of Engineering at Women's Universities the Panacea?* The event will be held 7 March 2023 at 7 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, 1 a.m. Central European Time, 8 March 2023, 9 a.m. Japan Standard Time. **We invite you to register [HERE](#).**

Women Graduates-USA to organise two CSW67 events

The first, in collaboration with American Medical Women Association, is entitled, *Harnessing the Power of Innovation and Technology to Improve Health*, to be held 9 March 2023 at 8 p.m. Eastern

Standard Time/ 2 a.m. Central European Time. Registration details will be found on the Women Graduates-USA website in the coming days.

The second event is entitled, *Advancing Digital Health Solutions: Putting Health Care Technology in Women's Hands*, and will be held 13 March 2023 at 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, 7 p.m. Central European Time. Shaila Rao Mistry, CEO and Founder of STEM Institute will moderate this event, which will feature exceptional expert speakers, including a senator, a NASA scientist and White House advisor, a global health advisor and professor of medicine, and a global health director. **We invite you to register [HERE](#).**

CAMEUS, a GWI Regional Group composed of Canada, Mexico, and the United States, is organizing an event entitled, *Digital Education: Lessons Learned and Innovations Introduced*, with speakers from each country in the North American region. This event will take place on 15 March 2023 at 3 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, 8 p.m. Central European Time. Hear how a high school teacher, an administrator, and a visual artist, all educators, problem-solved to engage and empower learners in meeting challenges presented by the pandemic. **We invite you to register [HERE](#).**

On-site events

The Federación Mexicana de Universitarias (FEMU) is organising an event entitled, *Sharing Experiences and Good Practices in Innovation, Technological Change, and Education in the Digital Age to Achieve Gender Equality and The Empowerment of All Women and Girls*, to be held at the Mexican Mission in New York and which will take place on 7 March 2023, at 10 a.m. Eastern Standard Time. The main goal is to share good practices between different countries in innovation, technological change, and education in the digital era to achieve gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls and Exchange experiences between NGOs and Higher Education Institutes. **Registration is required via FEMU.**

Following the above, CAMEUS is organising another event for 7 March 2023 at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Standard Time at the Mexican Mission in New York. The event will highlight the signing of a collaborative agreement between CAMEUS NFAs that commits to actions and objectives to be achieved in the coming years respecting the mission of the GWI, the CFUW, the FEMU and the WG-USA, as well as the 17 SDGs.

Finally, the CFUW will host an event entitled, *Evening the Odds in Digital Education for Marginalized Women and Girls*, to be held 7 March 2023, 4:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time at the Church Center of the United Nations, 8th floor. The pandemic has triggered an unprecedented move to online education and learning. Access to learning tools, computers, and the internet is critical to the changes in the world, especially for rural, marginalized, and indigenous women and girls, who frequently lack resources. The "Digital Divide" exacerbates the online risks they face and limits their economic/social opportunities. Marginalized women and girls are often targeted by cybercriminals as they are perceived to be vulnerable/less tech-savvy. This multifaceted session will consider technology's role in delivering online education. No registration required.

— GWI at the United Nations —

GWI participates in the Town Hall Meeting with Civil Society for the Opening Day of HRC52
"The future on this earth will be sustainable – or there will be no future." These are the words of Csaba Korosi, United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) president, for the opening of the 52nd Human Rights Council (HRC52) in which GWI participated on 27 February 2023. During this time of passionate

exchange with the civil society, the urgent need to put in place concrete measures to achieve the goals of the 2030 Agenda with the SDG formulated in 2015 by the UNGA was recalled. Indeed, it is urgent to respond to the climate crisis, both for environmental and health reasons. We must learn from our mistakes, but there is still hope. For example, the probability of the next pandemic in the next 25 years, which will be worse than the one we knew, is 62% to 68%, but if the 2030 agenda goals are reached, it is only 25% to 27%. Mr. Korosi also recalled the crucial role of NGOs in the process of negotiating texts with member states to reach the 2030 objectives: civil society must intervene, denounce, contribute, question and imagine answers; but also that of scientists whose voice must be heard more. Despite the gravity of the issue, the conclusion was positive: with the effective participation of all the actors concerned, it is still possible to change the course of events. **GWI thanks intern, Paloma Martial, for her exceptional coverage of this HRC52 session.**

GWI participates on the 61st session of the Commission on Social Development

GWI United Nations representatives in New York, Maryella Hannum and Maureen Byrne, participated in the 61st session of the Commission on Social Development held on 6-16 February 2023. The priority theme was Creating full and productive employment and decent work for all as a way of overcoming inequalities to accelerate the recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Developments. Their extensive summary of the session is forthcoming so please check back. **GWI thanks Maryella and Maureen for their tireless contributions.**

— Give the gift of education —

Give the gift of education to women and girls around the world by contributing to our new 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 girls face towards education endeavours. To contribute to GWI's work towards the safe access to quality education and to raise awareness about the gender barriers in education please click [HERE](#).

— Did you know? —

Did you know that the GWI Policy Resolutions are directly related to the 1995 Beijing Platform for Action 12 Critical Areas of Concern and the SDGs? See the connections [HERE](#).

— Dates and events worth noting —

27 Feb-31 March	Human Rights Council 52 nd session, Geneva
1 March	Zero Discrimination Day
6-17 March	Commission on the Status of Women 67 th session, New York
8 March	International Women's Day, Global
22 March	International Water Day, Global
25 March	Orange Day (monthly end violence against women), Global



Commission on the Status of Women
CSW 67 (2023)

The Education, Advocacy and Membership Committees of the Graduate Women International present a collaborative workshop titled,
“Innovative Ideas in Education and Advocacy to Empower Women and Girls”



Moderator
Stacy Dry Lara
Executive Director, GWI

DATE: 14th March 2023
Time: 11 EST/4PM CET



Moderator
Shirley Gillett
GWI Vice President, Education

Speakers



Shaila Rao Mistry.
GWI Vice President, Advocacy
Innovation in education through technology



Meera Bondre
GWI Vice President, Membership
Innovation in education through creative arts



Lucia Guzman
GWI Convenor, Education Committee
Innovation in education through drama



Confidence Dikgole
Member, GWI Education Committee
Innovative putting policy into home schooling



[https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlceqqpjgsH9E5y5FZFDd-Gyv6PZMqlO7Q](https://us02web.zoom.us/join/https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlceqqpjgsH9E5y5FZFDd-Gyv6PZMqlO7Q)



COMMISSION on the STATUS OF WOMEN



67th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67)



Gender Equality in Digital Education: Young Women and Financial Challenges

As the world is moving exponentially into the digital age of education transformation, the financial barriers still remain to access these for women and girls. This interactive event will explore gender disparities, due to financial factors, in accessing technological advances in education with examples from rural and urban areas. An expert panel of young women will present a comparative analysis based on strong database and research. Range of innovative solutions from various collaborations will be presented including public-private partnerships, development finance, government education budgets and international funding. There will be opportunities for audience interaction via breakout session, opinion polls and Q&A session.



16 March 2023

4:00 PM to 5:30PM

Central European Time (CET)



MODERATOR

Stacy Dry Lara
Geneva

BREAKOUT SESSION LEADERS

Eveline van Eerd
Netherlands

Ogechi Adiuku
Nigeria

Perine Wagdi
Egypt

Cynthia Adinortey
Ghana

REGISTRATION LINK

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/register/tZYsfuusrjMuHNNVFOmmyxUBjUWCILLWYRer#/registration>

SPEAKERS



Sudha Srivastava
United Kingdom



Tzazil Valencia
Mexico

Radwa Mohamed Abdel Fattah
Egypt



Agnes Adom-Konadu
Ghana

Graduate Women International
Young Members Network Parallel Event - CSW67

Transforming Innovation and Technology to Empower Women and Girls:

Is Establishing New Faculties of Engineering at Women's Universities the Panacea for Gender Equality?



Welcome remarks: **H.E. Ms. Mitsuko SHINO** / *Ambassador Extraordinary & Plenipotentiary Deputy Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations (tbc)*

Moderator
Dr. Masako KAMIYA / *Professor of Law, Gakushuin University*

Panelists & Titles

1. **Ms. Sayaka TANAKA** / *Waffle Co-Founder*
"Closing the Gender Gap by Empowering and Educating Women in the Technology Field"
2. **Ms. Asumi SAITO** / *Waffle Co-Founder*
"On the Way to Normalize Women in Tech"
3. **Mr. Takashi MATSUMOTO** / *Senior Specialist Lead of Deloitte Tohmatsu Consulting / Visiting Researcher of The University of Tokyo*
"Considering AI Service Management from Multi-stakeholder Values"
4. **Dr. Atsuko SANO** / *Project researcher of the BAI Global Forum / Interfaculty Initiative in Information Studies (IIS) at the University of Tokyo*
"Digital Transformation towards Gender Equality"
5. **Mr. Najibullah KOHISTANI** / *Program Manager, JICA Afghanistan Office*
"JICA's Cooperation for Women's Education in Afghanistan"

Date & Time : March 7th (Tue.) 19:00-20:30 EST
ONLINE March 8th (Wed.) 9:00-10:30 JST



Register Online at:
https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_JSMgIN98TVu4jGxCoXB5VA



Commission on Status of Women
Women Graduates-USA, An Affiliate of Graduate Women International

Advancing Digital Health Solutions Putting Healthcare Technology in Womens Hands

Mar 13, 2023, at 2.00 pm EST/ 11.00 am PST



Fast paced innovation in healthcare technology has enabled women an unprecedented opportunity to harness and better manage our own health. Digital health tools and tele-medicine provide direct access to health solutions, leading to better outcomes and overcoming challenges of accessibility and cultural stigmas surrounding women's personal health. Learn how Artificial intelligence (AI) platforms help women to better understand symptoms and shift from being reactive to being proactive about seeking the best self-care options.

Participate with the experts to seek solutions and learn how collaborative action in all sectors influences a better healthcare mindset for policy and funding.



Senator Dr Flordeliz (GiGi) Osler
Senator, Manitoba Canada, Specializes in Otolaryngology Head and Neck surgery injury, President of Canadian Medical Forum, CMA Championed DEI in Medicine, Named top -most 100 women on Power list



Dr Saralyn Mark
Endocrinologist, Geriatrician & Women's Health Specialist, Founder, President & CEO SolaMed American Medical Women's Assoc. Covid-19 Lead Solutions, LLC, Former Senior Medical/Policy Advisor- White House, HHS, NASA



Dr Padmini Murthy
Professor - Global Health Director NYMCSHSP, Secretary General Medical Women's International Assoc., Global Health Lead American Medical Women's Assoc.; VP Global NGO Exec. Com., Chair International Health APHA



Dr Beverly Johnson
Family Physician, Ottawa. Chair and founder of Global Health Canada, FMWC President, Co Chair -Medical Women International Assoc. Canada, Chair Teen Pregnancy Task Force .

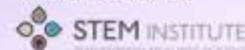
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Technology, Innovation, and Digital
Solutions towards Equity.

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Shaila Rao Mistry CEO Founder, Stem Institute, President, Jayco MMI, Aerospace and Medical, Advisory University of California- SBAC, California State Assembly – JEDE Council, CORE member of North America and Europe Caucus. Advocacy Director, Women Graduates USA, VP Advocacy, Graduate Women International



A UNCSW67 NCOCSW/NY PARALLEL VIRTUAL EVENT

DIGITAL EDUCATION: LESSONS LEARNT AND INNOVATIONS INTRODUCED



From Canada, USA and Mexico, hear how a high school teacher, an administrator, and a visual artist, all educators, problem-solved to engage and empower learners in meeting challenges presented by the pandemic.

15 MARCH 2023

3:00-5:00PM ET

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ON ZOOM](#)

SPEAKERS



GLENDIA HECKSHER

A Mexican artist who deploys a wide range of techniques and who believes that art is not a get away from life, but a threshold.



DR. MARGIE MORTIARTY

Award winning alternative high school administrator with 29 years' experience working with at-risk students in the USA.



ALISON EDWARDS

High School English teacher, Mt. Pearl, Canada, who believes strongly that all students should have their voices empowered and should see themselves reflected in their curriculum.

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EVENING THE ODDS IN DIGITAL EDUCATION



**FOR MARGINALIZED WOMEN
AND GIRLS**

MARCH 7 2023 4:30-6:00PM ET  **CCUN, 8TH FLOOR**

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**WITH
SPEAKERS**

A UNCSW67 NGOCSW/NY PARALLEL EVENT

WFOVA



Shirley Randell

Professor, AO, PhD, Past CIR
Australian Graduate Women

Beverley Park

Canadian Teachers' Federation (CTF),
Director, International and Social
Justice Program



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