



GWI UPDATE – 13 September 2023



Students from the Teachers for Rural Futures student teachers practice in Northern Uganda.

— Graduate Women International (GWI) News —

GWI Board of Officers holds Town Hall today: Still time to register for session two

The first session of the GWI Board of Officers Town Hall was held this morning at 6:00a.m. Central European Summer Time. There is still time for GWI members to participate in the second session that will be held at 6:00p.m. Central European Summer Time this evening. All GWI members are invited to click [HERE](#) to register. Registration will close soon.

GWI Teachers for Rural Futures students complete student teaching practice

GWI is delighted to share some exciting news and extend our warmest congratulations to the dedicated students of the GWI Teachers for Rural Futures program. These outstanding young women have successfully completed their summer student teacher practice, marking a significant milestone in their educational journey and commitment to the education of girls in rural Uganda. Their hands-on experience during the summer practice will have a positive impact on rural girls staying in school as they look up to their GWI role models. We look forward to helping these aspiring young educators as they embark on their teaching careers through the Teachers for Rural Futures programme. We invite you to read out latest donor report [HERE](#). We gratefully thank all of the programme donors and to make a donation, please click [HERE](#). **Let's continue to empower and celebrate the achievements of these future educators together!**

GWI welcomes new Legal and Governance Committee Convenor



Ms. Suwithida
Charungkaitikul, Ph.D.

GWI extends its heartfelt congratulations and a warm welcome to Ms. Suwithida Charungkaitikul, Ph.D., on her appointment as the Legal and Governance Committee Convenor from the Thailand Association of University Women. We express our sincere appreciation for her willingness to contribute to GWI's mission of advocating for the safe access to quality education and lifelong learning for women and girls. Our best wishes and support are with her for a successful tenure and a meaningful contribution to the committee.

— GWI Member News —

Indian Federation of University Women's Associations (IFUWA) to hold "Working Together for a Sustainable Future" international conference

IFUWA will be hosting an International Conference on 1-2 March 2024 in Pune, India, on the theme '**Working Together for a Sustainable Future**'. There will be a plenary session where experts from different academic and professional worlds will deliver the idea of sustainability from different perspectives. The conference will be inclusive of the University Women Asia and South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation Graduate Women International panel discussions dealing with issues and challenges faced by women with regard to all forms of sustainability in the regions. IFUWA looks forward to many GWI Board members and NFA participation from across the world at the said conference and extends a warm invitation to visit the subcontinent in the best of the season. More details and registration opportunities will be conveyed subsequently.

— GWI at the United Nations —

Commission on the Status of Women 67th session (CSW 67) Agreed Conclusions: Final Outcome Analysis

Shaila Rao Mistry, GWI Vice President Advocacy, presents highlights of GWI advocacy participation at CSW 67, with analysis of Agreed Conclusions, including gains and losses and recommendations. She notes the presence and participation at CSW continues to ensure, equity for women remains the center focus for policy and action.

"This CSW 67 theme comes at a critical time in the advancement of equity of women and girls. "Women Leading Technology: Building Pipelines to High Decision Making". The digital revolution and Artificial Intelligence take over presents unprecedented opportunities for women and girls, yet simultaneously given rise to profound new challenges which severely compound gender inequalities. The digital divide limits women's access to life-saving information, mobile money products, agricultural extension, or online public services. These factors critically influence women's ability to access education, own bank account and make informed decisions about her life and liberty. CSW 67 theme addresses moving the needle in all four sectors of public, private, government and academia and exposes missed opportunities. The AC, principal output of the CSW contains analysis of the priority theme, and sets concrete recommendations and expectations for governments, private sector, and civil society stake holders to be implemented at global, national, and local levels". To access Shaila's comprehensive analysis, click [HERE](#).

GWI United Nations Representative, Maryella Hannum, summarizes the 2023 High-Level Political Forum (HLPF)

From 10-19 July 2023, GWI United Nations Representative in New York, Maryella Hannum, participated in the HLPF on the theme, "Accelerating the recovery from the coronavirus disease (COVID-19) and the full implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at all levels". This event is aimed as a midterm review of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development that encourages all member states, developed and undeveloped, to report on the implementation status, successes and challenges encountered in achieving all 17 SDGs interlinked goals.

This session put a special emphasis on the need for solid plans to accelerate actions with a focus on the reality that only 12% of the SDG targets are on-track for 2030. To fully implement the 2030 agenda, GWI advocates the principle that gender equality and access to lifelong education have a critical impact on sustainable development, significantly pushing progress toward achieving the 2030 Agenda and all 17 SDGs. In agreement with the UN Secretary General's 2023 Progress Report Special Edition and to deliver SDG 4 (ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all), Maryella emphasised that "education financing must become a national investment priority". Examples of effective and essential measures were given such as making education free and compulsory, increasing the numbers of teachers, improving basic school infrastructure, and embracing digital transformation. **GWI thanks Maryella representing GWI at the HLPF, and invites discovering her comprehensive report and all the different measures suggested [HERE](#).**

— Give the gift of education —

Give the gift of education to women and girls worldwide by contributing to the Girls 'Education for Brighter Futures Post- COVID-19 programme, which directly supports GWI's international advocacy work and projects held throughout the world to remove socio-cultural, gender-related and economic barriers girls face towards education endeavours. GWI's goal is for 500 supporters to commit to a moderate monthly donation. To learn more about the Girls Education for Brighter Futures project, click [HERE](#). Join the 500+Challenge today by clicking [HERE](#).

— Did you know? —

GWI welcomes fall 2023 intern, Marie Mihalcea, and thanks Salomé Delsaux



Marie Mihalcea, Intern

Originally from Paris, France, I recently graduated with a Masters in Legal and Political theory from UCL (University College London), allowing me to come into contact with the tensions that arise when formal theories meet the complexity of concrete political situations. Considering questions about women's agency, justice and freedom has been a central interest for me as an undergraduate and postgraduate student and it is a great honour to now be able to apply my knowledge and experience to GWI's mission to improve the lives of other women and girls through educational empowerment. I believe that GWI provides the ideal working environment to exercise my skills in research and communication while helping me gain a hands-on approach to the concrete workings of an international scale NGO. I am excited to be working alongside experts in the field of women's rights and integrate a network of graduate women from all over the world! I am beyond thrilled and look forward to the next few months working with GWI! **GWI warmly welcomes Marie to the team!** GWI also offers its thanks to Salomé Delsaux, after three months of a rich and productive internship. Salome recently graduated from a master's degree in international and European Law at the Catholic University of Lille. **GWI congratulates Salomé for her contributions to GWI during her three-month internship and wishes her all the best and utmost success in her future endeavours.**

— Dates and events —

11 Sept – 13 Oct	54 th Session of the Human Rights Council, Geneva
18-19 September	SDG Summit, New York
21 September	International Day of Peace, Global
5 October	World's Teachers Day, Global
11 October	International Day of the Girl, Global
15 October	International Day of Rural Women, Global
25 Nov-10 Dec	16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, Global

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