



GWU UPDATE – 14 February 2024



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF WOMEN AND GIRLS IN SCIENCE

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2024 Theme: Women and Girls in Science Leadership, a New Era for Sustainability

GWU marks International Day of Women and Girls in Science with a comprehensive infographic.

— Graduate Women International (GWI) News —

GWU Young Member Network (YMN) to celebrate International Women's Day 7 March 2024

submitted by Sudha Srivastava, President YMN and GWU Treasurer

With great pleasure and enthusiasm, GWU YMN is hosting inter-generational celebrations to mark International Women's Day (IWD) 2024 on 7 March at 3 p.m. Central European Time (CET). The IWD theme for this year is "Inspire Inclusion". All GWU members are invited to share their stories - how you have been inspiring inclusion in your community, workplace, family, country, globe. The event is an 'open mic' so bring your thoughts, stories, poetry, songs...everyone joining the celebrations will get to take the stage for a minute or two. **If you have a story to share and would like to inform us ahead of the event please contact: sudha.bfwg@gmail.com, no later than 3 March.** This will secure your place at the event, and we will call you to speak. We are excited to hear from you! Feel free to come wearing purple to mark the day! **Register [HERE](#). Find the flyer with more information below.**

GWU marks International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2024 with infographic

The International Day of Women and Girls in Science, observed annually on 11 February, underscores the importance of achieving equal participation and inclusivity for women and girls in science. This day is pivotal in highlighting the pressing need to address gender disparities within the field. In alignment with this imperative, GWU released an infographic to highlight this occasion. This visual narrative portrays the challenges faced by women and girls, aiming to raise awareness and promote solidarity to rectify these disparities, and serves as a testament of GWU's commitment in promoting gender inclusivity within the scientific community. **Find our infographic [HERE](#), to see the proactive efforts in advocacy and initiatives pursued by GWU for decades.**

Now offered in Spanish: GWU International Day of Education Discussion on Green Education

To mark 2024 International Day of Education, observed annually on 24 January, GWU held an open member Discussions Network dialogue within its global community of graduate women.

The initiative fostered an exchange of insights from GWI members all around the world about green education. The Spanish-Speaking Culture Bridge has kindly translated this publication, enhancing the inclusivity of our work. **GWI expresses our sincerest gratitude to the Spanish-Speaking Culture Bridge for their invaluable contribution and continued commitment, read the Spanish translation [HERE](#).** The Spanish-Speaking Culture Bridge, a notable initiative, has emerged as a product of our vibrant Membership Marketplace NFA-to-NFA program. This platform actively cultivates collaborations between GWI affiliates. **We encourage all GWI members to leverage the Membership Marketplace to foster further initiatives enriching our global discourse and strengthening our community bonds. Find it [HERE](#).**

— GWI Member News —

YMN celebrates International Women and Girls in Science

The GWI YMN is celebrating International Day of Women and Girls in Science by spotlighting two GWI young members who work in STEM fields in our 23 February (4 p.m. CET) conversation session under the ‘Growing Together’ conversation series launched last year. All young members from GWI NFAs and GWI Independent Members are invited to register and join the conversation. These monthly conversations also provide a platform for young members to get to know each other better and find ways to collaborate. GWI YMN is free for all GWI NFA and Independent young members. Any new young members who would like to join YMN, can sign up here: <https://graduatewomen.org/young-member-work/>. Mark your diaries for 23 February at 4 p.m. CET and see you there! Stronger together!! - Sudha Srivastava, President YMN. **Please see the flyer at the end of the page for more information. Register Today [HERE](#).**

Applications now open for 2024 JAUW fellowships!

The Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW) established the International Fellowship Program on 1 April 1987. The objective of the programme is to allow promising non-Japanese women researchers/graduate students to conduct research in Japan by providing them with a fellowship to spend 4-6 months in a research institute/university. Eligibility to apply for this fellowship is limited to those individuals who have received invitations from a Japanese host institution. **Click [HERE](#) to find out more about how to apply.**

Elisabeth Francis, United Nations Representative, Vienna elected 2nd Vice Chair

GWI is honored to announce that Elisabeth Francis, GWI United Nations Representative, Vienna, has been elected 2nd Vice Chair of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Vienna. This role, spanning a two-year term, is indicative of her dedication to women and girls’ issues and her leadership qualities. “Elisabeth’s election reflects well on GWI’s standing amongst the many NGOs active in Vienna and we are proud of her representation,” says Stacy Dry Lara, GWI Executive Director. **GWI extends congratulations to her and wishes her a successful term ahead.**



Elisabeth Francis, GWI's United Nations Representative, Vienna, elected 2nd Vice Chair

— GWI at the United Nations —

Advancing Green Education: Graduate Women International Urges States to Embrace Green Education for Sustainable Future of Women and Girls

In the written statement submitted to the 55th session of the Human Right Council being held at the Palais des Nations in Geneva from 26 February to 5 April, GWI is optimistic that “Green Education” can serve as an overarching global concept under which different and context-sensitive approaches to the future of education can be integrated. GWI expressly urges States to reaffirm their commitment to SDG 4, noting that Green Education emphasizes the inclusion of environmental principles, sustainable practices, and climate change education within formal and informal learning environments. **GWI encourages readers to read and widely distribute the full statement that can be downloaded [HERE](#).**

— Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) 68th Session —

GWI to hold CSW68 delegate and membership briefing on 22 February 2024

In anticipation of the 68th session of the Commission on the Status of Women (CSW68), taking place 11 - 22 March 2024 in New York, GWI is hosting an information session for all GWI delegates and members that will be participating. This information session will be held on **22 February 2024 at 8 p.m. CET** to brief attendees and provide a platform for questions on the methods of work of the CSW. The agenda for this session encompasses crucial topics, such as guidelines on participation, GWI’s parallel events (which you can learn more about below), an overview of GWI’s advocacy plan, and an exploration of GWI’s written statements. In the last few years, the CSW has offered a virtual environment that allows everyone to participate in the various sessions. There are two ways to participate in the CSW68: the **CSW68 Forum** offers civil society the opportunity to explore hundreds of events and connect with thousands of participants, in-person and virtually; and through the **UN Women CSW**, the principal global intergovernmental body dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women, the sessions can be watched via the UN Web TV. **We urge all GWI members participating in CSW68 either in person or virtually to join us for this information session by registering [HERE](#). See the information session flyer below. Stay up to date on GWI at CSW on our webpage [HERE](#).**

GWI host three parallel events during CSW68, find more information [HERE](#):

Educating Outside the Classroom: Woman’s Museums Empowering Girls and Women

Developed by GWI VP Education, Shirley Gillett, and GWI Education Committee Convenor, Lucia Guzman, with support from GWI Education Committee, this event will highlight newly established women’s museums or sections within existing ones as a means to showcase that museums are vital for empowering women. GWI will demonstrate how museums challenge norms and promote women’s rights. Date and time: **12 March 2024, 7:30 p.m. CET/2:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). Register for this event [HERE](#).**

Financial Institutions and Infrastructure Perpetuating Poverty – Gender Bias in Economic Policy

Developed by GWI VP Advocacy, Shaila Rao Mistry, with support from GWI Membership Committee, this parallel event will consider financial institutions and infrastructures intended to promote economic growth and alleviate poverty, systematically contributing to perpetuating and widening gender bias. We identify effective policies for inclusion of women, particularly the unbanked women and diversity, as critical steps redress these exclusionary, gender biased differentiating practices and predatory individuals.

Date and time: **18 March 2024**, 7:30 p.m. CET/2:30 p.m. EST. **Register for this event** [HERE](#).

Sustainable Financing for Gender Equality: Young Women’s Perspective

This parallel event is developed by GWI YMN President, Sudha Srivastava, and the GWI YMN. As the world is moving towards a sustainable future, we cannot imagine gender equality without sustainable financing specially for young women. This interactive event will explore gender disparities due to financial factors with examples from various regions of the world

Date and time: **19 March 2024**, 1:30 p.m. CET)/ 8:30 a.m. EST. **Register for this event** [HERE](#).

— Give the Gift of Membership—

The GWI Independent Member network is growing, with many new members joining from around the world over the past few months. A thoughtful gift for the graduate woman in your life is GWI membership. There are many benefits of being a member of GWI including belonging to an influential international NGO composed of graduate women influencing policy and legislation on women’s issues at the international level and gaining an international perspective of women’s issues through networking activities. Click [HERE](#) to find out how to join GWI a [GWI NFA](#) or as an [Independent Member](#).

— Did you know? —

Teachers for Rural Futures (TFRF) GlobalGiving Report, 7 January 2024

GWI is excited to share its latest GlobalGiving report for the TFRF program. GlobalGiving is a platform that connects donors to grassroots projects worldwide. In this most recent report, GWI shares the exciting progress made by TFRF scholarship students. GWI’s TFRF program aims to increase the number of qualified female student teachers in Uganda by providing scholarships and mentoring to young women from rural areas for them to become qualified teachers and ambassadors for girls’ education. Notably, GWI celebrates the recent graduation of one of the students. This achievement is a testament to the importance and effectiveness of your donations, showcasing the positive ripple effect on the lives of those benefiting from this initiative and their surroundings. **By continuing to support GWI initiatives, such as TFRF, donors contribute to promoting education and empowering women. GWI invites you to learn more** [HERE](#), **and keep donating** [HERE](#).

— Dates and events —

20 February	World Day of Social Justice
22 February	GWI Delegate and Membership Briefing - CSW68
01-02 March	IFUWA's International Conference, Pune
08 March	International Women's Day
10 March	DEADLINE - Call for inputs for the EMRTD
10 March	International Day of Women Judges
11-22 March	Commission for the Status of Women 68 (CSW68), New York
12 March	Parallel Event on Educating Outside the Classroom
18 March	Parallel Event on Gender Bias in Economic Policy
19 March	Parallel Event on Sustainable Financing for Gender Equality
21 March	International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination
31 August	GWI Swiss NFA Centenary, Berne, Switzerland



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**GWI Delegate and Membership Briefing:
Commission on the Status of Women 68th Session**

Questions about the GWI
CSW68 programme?



**Join the GWI briefing on
22 February 2023,
8-9 p.m. CET
for details.**

**Briefing
Agenda**

- How to Participate in CSW68
- GWI Parallel Events
- GWI Advocacy
- Let's Go Virtual!
- GWI Written Statements
- And more!

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