GWI’s Spanish Speaking Culture Bridge Translates International Day of Women and Girls in Science 2024 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. For this occasion, GWI released an impactful infographic aiming to raise awareness and promote solidarity to rectify disparities, and serving as a testament of GWI’s commitment in promoting gender equality within the STEM community. The Spanish-Speaking Culture Bridge has kindly translated this infographic, enhancing the inclusivity of our work. **GWI would like to express its 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 GWI's vibrant Membership Marketplace NFA-to-NFA program. This platform actively cultivates collaborations between GWI affiliates. **GWI encourages all members to leverage the Membership Marketplace to foster initiatives enriching its global discourse and strengthening membership bonds. Find it [HERE](#).**

GWI Young Members Network (YMN) to celebrate International Women’s Day

*Submitted by Sudha Srivastava, President YMN and GWI Treasurer*

With great pleasure and enthusiasm, GWI YMN is hosting inter-generational celebrations to mark International Women’s Day (IWD) 2024. IWD theme for this year is “Inspire Inclusion.” All GWI 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, story, poetry, song...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 ahead of the event please contact: sudha.bfwg@gmail.com, latest by 3rd March.** This will secure your place in the event and we will call you to speak. We are excited to hear you! Feel free to come wearing purple to mark the day! [Click HERE](#) to register for the event. Check out the flyer [HERE](#). Please see the event flyer at the bottom of the Update.

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— GWI Member News —
The Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW) GWI Outreach Conversation Group hosts “Welcoming Refugees Three Canadian Stories and the GWI Experience” webinar
This successful webinar is a part of the GWI Outreach Conversation Group and was hosted by the CFUW Wolfville, CFUW Sherbrooke & District, and CFUW St. Catharines. The program featured three insightful speakers: Rachel Lutz, Olenka Kravets, and Denise Branden, from each CFUW branch respectively, who meaningfully shared their experiences in welcoming refugees to their communities, providing valuable insights into the challenges and successes of fostering inclusive environments. GWI appreciates this collaboration and thanks the GWI Outreach Conversation Group for these insights and for organizing this significant event. If you missed it, find the recording HERE. The breakout room summaries can be found HERE.

Applications open for 2024 Japanese Association of University Women (JAUW) fellowships!
The 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 how to apply.

— GWI at the United Nations —

Civil society briefing with M. Michèle Griffin on the upcoming Summit of the Future
On 25 January 2024, Michèle Griffin, Director of the Summit of the Future, engaged with United Nations-accredited Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Geneva. This exchange focused on updates regarding the Summit of the Future scheduled for 22-23 September 2024, in New York City. The Common Agenda report, the Secretary-General's vision for the future of global cooperation, proposes the Summit as a means to address global challenges and revive multilateralism. The Summit aims to produce an intergovernmental Pact for the Future, covering key areas such as sustainable development, international peace, science and technology, youth, and global governance, with a cross-cutting emphasis on human rights and gender. In parallel, the General Assembly committed to adopting a Declaration for Future Generations, annexed to the Pact of the Future, as an outcome of this Summit. This Declaration is an open, transparent, and inclusive process involving consultations with Member States and other relevant stakeholders. NGOs, including those with ECOSOC consultative status, such as GWI, are encouraged to actively engage in the Summit preparations, employing available resources and providing feedback on the recently released Zero Draft of the Pact, which can be read HERE. The United Nations Civil Society Conference in Nairobi on 9-10 May 2024 will serve as a platform for preliminary discussions and feedback on the Zero Pact. The Pact and its accompanying Declaration represent significant developments in fulfilling commitments made during the United Nations 75th Anniversary to strengthen coordination and global governance for the present and coming generations.
GWI participates in the United Nations Statistical Commission side event: *Urgent Action for Gender Equality in the SDGs: Accelerating Progress for Women and Girls by 2030*

This event was hosted by the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA). As the title preludes, the aim was to underscore the urgent need to prioritize the Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 5 on gender equality. In fact, an additional investment of $560 billion annually is necessary to achieve gender equality by 2030 and to effectively remove institutional barriers, including discriminatory laws, expanding women’s participation in leadership and decision-making. This event featured five esteemed speakers: Yongyi Min, Chief of SDG Monitoring Section at the Statistics Division of the United Nations DESA, responsible for monitoring the progress towards the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development. Ginette Azcona, Senior Research and Data Policy Specialist at United Nations Women, who manages the data and statistics for United Nations Women’s flagship reports, including the annual *Progress on the SDGs: The Gender Snapshot*, which can be read [HERE](#).

Miosotis Rivas Peña, the General Director of the National Statistics Office of the Dominican Republic. Joanne Crawford, the Strategic Adviser with the Equality Insights programme at the International Women’s Development Agency, and, lastly, Albert Motivans, head of the Data and Insights team at Equal Measure 2030, a civil society and private sector-led data and advocacy coalition. This event identified four crucial and necessary actions to accelerate progress:

1. **Expanding Gender Statistics:** by mainstreaming the gender approach in official statistics.
2. **Improve Access and Use of Gender Statistics:** by strengthening the dissemination processes and fostering an inclusive statistical culture.
3. **Promoting Gender Statistics in Public Policy:** by prioritizing gender statistics as a key area in public policy to garner political support and secure funding for gender data production.
4. **Strengthening Institutional Capacity of Governing Bodies.**

GWI thanks the insightful speakers and the DESA branch for organizing this meaningful event and, not only, shedding light on the current gender gaps, but also, providing clear directives on what needs to be done to improve these.
GWI holds CSW68 delegate and membership briefing on 22 February
In anticipation of the CSW68 taking place 11 - 22 March 2024 in New York, GWI hosted an information session for all GWI delegates and members that will be participating in person and virtually. This information session briefed the attendees and provided a platform for questions on the functioning of the CSW. The agenda for this session encompassed crucial topics, such as guidelines on participation, GWI’s parallel events (which you can already read more about below), an overview of GWI’s advocacy plan, and an exploration of GWI’s written statements. CSW offers 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 the opportunity to explore hundreds of events and connect with thousands of participants, in-person and virtually; and through the United Nations 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 to stay up to date on GWI at CSW68 on our webpage HERE.

GWI Breakfast Briefings on 11 & 14 March and Social Dinner on 13 March
GWI officially invites all members attending CSW in New York to join the Breakfast Briefings and Social Dinner to be held during the first week of the CSW68. Mark your calendars for the Breakfast Briefings taking place at the Ambassador Grill NYC, inside the Millenium Hilton Hotel on Monday 11 March and Thursday 14 March from 7 to 8 a.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST). During these briefings you will have the opportunity to hear from GWI’s President, Patrice Wellesley-Cole, and from GWI’s United Nations Representatives, Maureen Byrne and Maryella Hannum. Breakfast will be available for purchase. Additionally, the Social Dinner is taking place on Wednesday 13 March from 7 to 9 p.m. EST at Ali Baba Mediterranean and Turkish Cuisine.

Please note that the space is limited to 50 attendees, RSVP as soon as possible and no later than 12 March to membership@garduatewomen.org to secure your spot for this family-style plated dinner. Find the flyers at the bottom of this Update.

GWI to host three CSW68 parallel events. 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. EST. Register for this event HERE. Please see the event flyer at the bottom of the Update.
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](#). Please see the event flyer at the bottom of the Update.

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](#).

Find further parallel and side events organized and sponsored by our NFAs [HERE](#).

GWI CSW68 Written Statement

The CSW is the principal global intergovernmental body exclusively dedicated to the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of women around the world. Each year for CSW, representatives of Member States, United Nations entities, and NGO, including representatives from GWI, gather in New York at the United Nations headquarters and surrounding venues to evaluate progress and make steps towards gender equality and policies required to advance women worldwide. For this upcoming 68th session, GWI submitted a written statement. This statement posits education as the cornerstone on which a more equitable and prosperous future can be built for women and girls, and it is through financing of education that we can address poverty, narrow the gender gap, and strengthen institutions.

The statement emphasizes the pivotal role of education in increasing gender equality and poverty reduction, urging states to uphold existing United Nations mechanisms for action. It highlights the necessity of integrating education into poverty alleviation efforts and strengthening institutions, stressing the valuable contribution of NGOs. Education is a springboard for economic empowerment, it calls for sustained commitment to eradicate poverty, aligning with United Nations resolutions and SDGs. Gender-responsive financing is underscored as pivotal for equitable education access, with emphasis on partnerships, policy integration, and knowledge-sharing to drive meaningful change. **GWI invited you to read this impactful statement HERE.**

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— Give the Gift of Education —
Give the gift of education to women and girls around the world by contributing to our Girls’ Education for Brighter Futures Post-COVID-19 programme, which directly supports GWI’s advocacy work and projects held throughout the world to remove socio-cultural, gender-related and economic barriers girls face towards education endeavours.

— Did you know? —

Seventy-five years ago, during the 1948 Council following the ninth Conference of the International Federation of University Women (IFUW, now GWI), Madame Hegg-Hoffet highlighted the distressing circumstances faced by women displaced due to war and political upheavals. Approximately ten thousand university women who were formerly teachers and medical professionals like dentists, found themselves located in camps. IFUW felt responsible and collaborated with the International Refugee Organization assists women in continuing their studies and rebuilding their lives. Madame Hegg-Hoffet personally visited these displaced university women, ensuring their intellectual pursuits and fostering a sense of solidarity. The principles remain, the Hegg Hoffet Fund not only offers grants that enable graduate refugees to pursue courses, re-enter their previous professional fields, and undergo training in languages and other employability skills, recipients also find fulfillment in the companionship and moral support offered by GWI's national and local groups. This mirrors Madame Hegg-Hoffet's dedication, as she demonstrated a "giving heart, head, time, and money to this work of selfless devotion and service." Read more about the Hegg Hoffet Fund [here](#) and check out the brochure [here](#).

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INVITES YOU TO....

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY
GW INTER-GENERATIONAL CELEBRATIONS
7 MARCH 2024, 3PM CET (CENTRAL EUROPEAN TIME)

REGISTER: HTTP://USQWEB.ZOOM.US/MEETING/REGISTER/T2AUI-QB2ZBUHVTYKUQUMAV1M3AV4LSACOZ

All GWI 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 mike’ so bring your thoughts, story, poetry, song... If you have a story to share and would like to inform ahead of the event please contact: sudha.bf wg@gmail.com, latest by 3rd March.
We are excited to hear!
(Feel free to come wearing purple to mark the day)

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SUDHA SRIVASTAVA FRSA
PRESIDENT, GWI YOUNG MEMBERS NETWORK

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PATRICE WELLESLEY-COLE
PRESIDENT, GRADUATE WOMEN INTERNATIONAL

GWI will be honored with your presence at the
CSW68 BREAKFAST BRIEFINGS
Monday, 11 March 2024, 7:00-8:00 a.m.
Thursday, 14 March 2024, 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Program:
7:00 am - Friendly Greetings
7:30 am - Opening Remarks, GWI President
Patrice Wellesley Cole
7:40 am - Presentations by GWI United Nations Representatives, New York, Maureen Byrne and Maryella Hannum
8:20 am - Wrap Up

Ambassador Grill NYC
(Inside the Millennium Hilton Hotel)
1 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York
A breakfast buffet will be offered for $48, or you can order a la carte food and beverage. (Cost is plus tax & gratuity.) Please note that separate checks will be given to each person.

Please RSVP to Marie Mihalcea at least one day beforehand at membership@graduatewomen.org

GWI will be honored with your presence at the festive
GWI CSW68 Social Dinner
and International Women’s Day Gathering
Wednesday, 13 March 2024, 7-9 p.m.
(Please arrive by 7:00 p.m.)
Ali Baba Mediterranean & Turkish cuisine
224 E 53rd Street, New York, NY 10022
A family-style plated dinner will be served for $60 per person, inclusive of gratuity. Please note that the dinner cost is payable in cash & will be collected at upon entry. Beverages of your choice will be available for an extra cost.
Space is limited to 50 attendees. Please RSVP to Marie Mihalcea soon, and by 11 March at membership@graduatewomen.org
Educating Outside the Classroom: Women’s Museums Empowering Girls and Women

Sharon Rowell Australia
“Women in Museums: A New Professional for Women in Museums”

Patricia Galvan Mexico
“Women’s Museums in Mexico: an open book for the people”

Genoveva Adiglo Ghana
“Women’s Museums empowering girls and women: The case of Ghana”

Shirley Cocks New Zealand
“Shining a spotlight on South African women”

Husein Soz Turkey
“Empowering women: A journey through some Turkish women’s museums”

Laura Guzmán Mexico
GWI Education Coordinating committee convener

Date:
12 March 2024
7:30 p.m. Central European Time (CET)
2:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)

To register for this parallel event, visit the next site:
https://graduatewomen.org/csw68-general-information-and-registration/

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Financial Institutions and Infrastructures Perpetuating Poverty and Gender Bias

Mon, Mar 18, 2024, at 2.30 pm EST/ 11.30 am PST

Financial institutions and infrastructures intended to promote economic growth and alleviate poverty, systematically contribute to perpetuating and widening gender bias. Understanding inhibitive financial policies exposes the causal linkage with poverty, and the intersectionality of infrastructures with mindsets, which exclude women’s economic participation. What are some meaningful advancements to ameliorate systemic barriers to access the money-well? Are we addressing unbanked women? Are we including women in decision making?

Click HERE to register for this parallel event.
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZOpfuuusqT8pE9R-V_MEbC18s_5bGlqOi_7b#registration

Shalla Rao Mistry
CEO FounderSTEM-Institute,
VP Advocacy, Graduate Women International
Moderator - Speaker
Financial Institutions Perpetuating Poverty and Gender Bias

Hana Brixi
Global Director, Gender, World Bank
Innovating for Women’s Empowerment and Leadership

INVITED - Recently Appointed
Ms. Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda
UN Deputy Executive Director for Normative Support, UN System Coordination and Program Results for Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women

Monique Newiak
Deputy Chief of the IMF’s Inclusion and Gender Unit
Integrating a Gender Lens into Macroeconomic Policy

Join an insightful debate on financial Institutions Perpetuation Poverty and Gender Bias
Empowering women and girls through lifelong education for leadership, decision-making and peace.

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