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Six
Weeks



Five
Topics



National Federations or Associations (NFA) are GWI member organizations. NFAs lead activities, programs, and advocacy on national, regional, and local levels. The Summer Series highlights 2023-2025 Triennial Reports from 16 NFAs.



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THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF GWI NFAS

GWl is a global network comprised of **48** NFAs worldwide, each driving change through grassroots **initiatives**. During the 35th Triennial period, these NFAs achieved remarkable success **developing and managing national and community projects** that advance women's and girls' education in diverse contexts.

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THE GLOBAL IMPACT OF GWI NFAS



Each post in the summer series includes a clickable icon linking to the full NFA reports.

This summer, GWI highlights the **inspiring work of the NFAs**, showcasing innovative, community-led solutions that address barriers to education, promote gender equality, and contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals. From local classrooms to international advocacy, **these initiatives demonstrate the power of collective action** and the impact of investing in women and girls.

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A SIX-WEEK JOURNEY THROUGH GWI NFA ACTIVITIES



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The GWI Summer Social Media Series celebrates the work of GWI NFA. Across five weekly themes, the series highlights projects, advocacy, scholarships, partnerships, and community initiatives featured in the 2023–2025 Triennial Reports. Each post within a given week will include that week's topic icon, creating a clear visual link to the five themes.



Week 1
Introduction



Week 2
Education



Week 3
Leadership



Week 4
Advocacy



Week 5
Wellbeing



Week 6
Partnership

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SUPPORT FOR HIGHER EDUCATION



Education is central to GWI work. Many NFAs support women at the **university and doctoral levels**. Their engagement includes scholarships, fellowships, research awards, and direct financial support.

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AUSTRALIAN GRADUATE WOMEN (AGW)

THREE CENTENARY SCHOLARSHIPS & ANNUAL PHD FELLOWSHIPS

AGW awarded **three centenary scholarships** in 2023, marking its commitment to advancing women's education. It continues to offer **three annual fellowships** of AUD 8,000 each to support female PhD students.

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BRITISH FEDERATION OF WOMEN GRADUATES (BFWG)

£240,000 IN DOCTORAL GRANTS

The BFWG Fund for Women Graduates distributes about £240,000 each year in **grants to doctoral students** at British universities. The BFWG **Scholarship Fund Trust** awarded seven grants in 2024 and four grants in 2025.

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SPANISH FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (FEMU)

40+ STUDENTS SUPPORTED

FEMU associations run **scholarships fund** that **supported more than 40 students** between 2022 and 2025. The funds promote education, lifelong learning, and cultural growth.

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TURKISCH ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (TAUW)

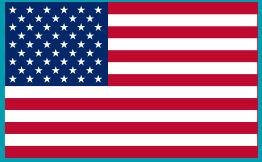
EMERGENCY FUNDING FOR ~ 600 STUDENTS

After the 2023 earthquake, TAUW mobilized **emergency funding** to support nearly **600 female university students**. The scholarships continue until the students' graduation.

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WOMEN GRADUATES-USA (WG-USA)

SCHOLAR RESCUE FUND

WG-USA continued its **partnership** with the **Institute of International Education's (IIE) Scholar Rescue Fund** and awarded \$5,000 to a scholar. Strengthened leadership development and international engagement.

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EDUCATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND LEARNING BEYOND SCHOOL



Working directly with schools, teachers, and community partners, GWI promotes safe access to quality education by raising awareness and removing barriers to learning, including improving school access and supporting local projects.

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BENIN ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE WOMEN (BAGW)

FILLES & SAVOIRS POUR DEMAIN (GIRLS AND LEARNING FOR TOMORROW)

BAGW launched **awareness campaigns** in rural high schools and started **partnerships with school administrations** to support scholarship access. Its education work is part of the “Filles & Savoirs pour Demain” program.

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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (CFUW)

INTERNATIONAL SERVICE PROJECTS

CFUW supported education projects through its International Service Projects. They contributed to the **Darakht-e-Danesh Library** and to the two projects **“She Belongs in School”** in Mozambique and **“Retaining Girls in School”** in Nepal.

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EGYPTIAN ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE WOMEN (EAGW)

SEMINARS ACROSS COMMUNITIES

EAGW organized **seminars on multiple topics**, such as gender equality, environmental architecture, mental health, family counselling, and culture. Additionally, EAGW ran swim training and **teaching workshops** through Bina Roy project activities.

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GHANA ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (GAUW)

EMPOWERMENT FOR AKOTOKYIR ANGLICAN SCHOOL

GAUW organized an **empowerment program** for selected girls from Akotokyir Anglican School. The program provided **practical skills and knowledge**, with plans for the project to be repeated in additional schools.

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IRISH FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (IrFUW)

NORTH/SOUTH WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

IrFUW made key **recommendations to the Irish Department of Education** to improve access to higher education for traveller, migrant, and disadvantaged girls, helping to open more **inclusive pathways into university**.

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LITHUANIAN UNIVERSITY WOMEN ASSOCIATION (LUWA)

PARLIAMENT, MUSEUMS & UNIVERSITIES

LUWA worked with local **community centers**, hosted conferences at the Lithuanian Parliament, and continued national conferences in partnership with **museums and universities**. Additionally, LUWA ran projects on topics such as history and culture, and legal issues.

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GRADUATE WOMEN SCOTLAND (GWS)

ANNUAL RESEARCH PRESENTATION DAYS

GWS held **annual Research Presentation Days** in 2022-2025. The events featured **PhD students** from a wide range of subject focuses and created a platform for **regular research exchange**.

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TURKISCH ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (TAUW)

PERMANENT TAUW SECONDARY SCHOOL

TUKD built the **environmentally friendly** “TAUW Permanent Secondary School” **in Antakya** after the 2023 earthquake, as a **part of the rehabilitation process**. The project restored access to education and promoted sustainable infrastructure.

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ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN UGANDA (AUWU)

TEACHERS FOR RURAL FUTURES

In Uganda, AUWU **trained and deployed young women educators** in underserved communities as part of the Teachers for Rural Futures Project from 2023 to 2025. The project aims **to reduce the shortage of female educators.**

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LEADERSHIP AND REPRESENTATION

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP AND PUBLIC LIFE



NFAs create opportunities **for women and girls to build leadership skills** through training, public platforms, and programs that support them in developing greater confidence and strengthening their visibility.

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AUSTRALIA GRADUATE WOMEN (AGW)

PUBLIC RERESENTATION

AGW President Jaya Dantas spoke at the **high-level interactive dialogue** at CSW 69 in 2025, highlighting the AGW advocacy for women's and girls' rights. In her remarks, she **linked the AGW work to the Beijing Platform for Action review** and reaffirmed its continued relevance.

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BENIN ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE WOMEN (BAGW)

CAMPUS LEADERSHIP FÉMININ

The BAGW project “Campus Leadership Féminin” trains **women as civic leaders and mentors**, equipping them **to take on active roles in communities**. Through workshops on public speaking, community engagement, and leadership ethics, participants gain practical skills and confidence.

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IRISH FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (IrFUW)

GIRLS' PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION

IrFUW continued its “**Girls’ Public Speaking Competition**” in law firm sponsorship. The competition reached **more than 150 schoolgirls each year** and drew a record audience of more than 250 in Galway.

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GHANA ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (GAUW)

GLOBAL COMPETENCIES SEMINARS

GAUW organized a **seminar on global competencies and leadership** development for its members. The seminar strengthened participants' skills for **navigating international academic environments** and built networks of women in academia and related institutions.

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JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (JAUW)

WOMEN IN POLITICS

JAUW set “**Young People’s Voices and Perspectives**” as a national seminar theme and continued research and discussions on the topic. JAUW **participated in the Swiss Pavilion EXPO2025** event in August 2025 with the title “**Women in Politics.**” That brought together female politicians.

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SWISS ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (SAUW)

A CENTENNIAL OF WOMEN RESEARCHERS

The SVA/ASF DU used its 2024 centennial to **highlight the contributions of women researchers** at the University of Bern. Speakers presented work on AI in music, linguistics, art, medicine, politics, and gender bias.

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LEADERSHIP AND MENTORSHIP

LONG-TERM SUPPORT: MENTORING AND GUIDANCE



Through **mentoring, guidance, and structured support**, GWI NFAs help girls and young women stay in education, develop leadership skills, and prepare for future careers. NFAs also strengthen their own members through lifelong learning and **professional development**.

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GRADUATE WOMEN SCOTLAND (GWS)

PRESERVING MCR PATHWAYS

GWS supported efforts to **preserve Glasgow's MCR Pathways** program in 2023. The program provides **mentoring for young people with limited parental support**, helping them build confidence and access new academic and career opportunities.

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ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN UGANDA (AUWU)

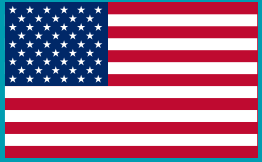
MENTORSHIP FOR RURAL EDUCATORS

“Teachers for Rural Futures Project” by AUWU includes **mentorship and leadership development** for young women becoming quality female teachers in rural Uganda. The project **improved retention and academic performance** among female students.

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WOMEN GRADUATES-USA (WG-USA)

MEMBERSHIP ENGAGEMENT & ANNUAL MEETINGS

WG-USA built an **informed and connected membership** through webinars on climate, women's health, advocacy, immigration, and membership, and annual meetings to increase **advocacy and leadership, across generations.**

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RESOLUTIONS AND NATIONAL INFLUENCE



The work of GWI NFAs includes **policy submissions, formal resolutions, and direct engagement with public institutions**. The NFA activities demonstrate the impact of these activities as NFAs moved issues from meetings into official processes.

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AUSTRALIA GRADUATE WOMEN (AGW)

NATIONAL-LEVEL ADVOCACY

AGW advocated for **women's higher education, refugee higher education, older women's issues, and homelessness**. AGW contributed to the National Women's Health Strategy, Australia's migration policy, and **parliamentary inquiries**.

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BRITISH FEDERATION OF WOMEN GRADUATES (BFWG)

JOINT RESOLUTION ON VIOLENCE

BFWG supported a **resolution** with the National Council of Women (NCW) that addresses **violence against women and girls**, a **united call for stronger protection and systemic change**. The joint action highlights efforts to protect women's safety and rights.

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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (CFUW)

CFUW POLICY RESOLUTIONS

CFUW adopted **resolutions on critical education topics, such as** period poverty, sexual and reproductive health services, 2SLGBTQ+ rights, domestic violence, fossil fuel phase-out, archiving resolutions, and housing as a human right.

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SENEGALESE ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (ASFDU)

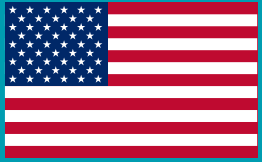
WOMEN'S RIGHTS, PEACE AND SECURITY

ASFDU contributed to **policy reviews through the Ministry of Women, Family, and Child Protection**. Members worked on women's rights, peace and security action plans, gender-based violence workshops, and country reports for the United Nations system.

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WOMEN GRADUATES-USA (WG-USA)

UN REPORTING AND DECISION-MAKING

WG-USA submitted written statements to the United Nations and prepared quarterly UN reports. It **tracked U.S. legislation on women** in decision-making, healthcare access, education equity, gender-based violence, trafficking, and artificial intelligence.

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INSTITUTIONS AND THE UNITED NATIONS



GWI NFAs work with ministries, municipal institutions, university networks, and civil society organizations. United Nations participation is an example of how the GWI network of NFAs connects national work with international policy and influence spaces.

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AUSTRALIA GRADUATE WOMEN (AGW)

NATIONAL ALLIANCES AND CSW PRESENCE

AGW maintained **membership in three National Women's Alliances**: Equality Rights Alliance, Economic Security for Women, and the Harmony Alliance. They have held **ECOSOC status** since 2022 and maintained a presence at CSW in the past years, with their largest delegation in 2025.

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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (CFUW)

CSW PARTICIPATION

CFUW sent a delegation to each annual Commission on the Status of Women (CSW67,68,69), and through **written statements and policy input**, delegates contributed to **official discussions and CSW Agreed Conclusions**.

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JAPANESE ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (JAUW)

CSW DELEGATIONS AND FOLLOW-UP SEMINARS

JAUW participates annually in CSW with in-person and online delegates and ensures its **impact through follow-up seminars** that strengthen national advocacy, build member knowledge, and **advance action on education priority issues.**

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GRADUATE WOMEN SCOTLAND (GWS)

UK DELEGATION STRATEGY AND CIVIL INPUT

GWS representatives joined **strategy meetings with the UK government** delegation and contributed to **debriefs and advocacy linked to Beijing+30**. They engaged in discussions, shared civil society perspectives, and supported follow-up actions.

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SENEGALESE ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (ASFDU)

INTERNATIONAL PLATFORM AND PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

ASFDU used CSW sessions as a platform to present its work in an international setting, **sharing its efforts with a global audience**. That participation helped raise the association's profile and **strengthened its position with public institutions** in Sénégal.

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SPANISH FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (SFUW)

YOUTH ENGAGEMENT FOR EQUALITY

The Marbella Association of SFUW launched “**Youth for More Equality and Less Violence,**” an innovative **social media hackathon** funded by the Andalusian Government and supported by the Marbella City Council to engage young people in promoting gender equality.

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SWISS ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (SAUW)

FEDERAL OFFICE AND CSW ADVOCACY

Swiss CSW representatives worked closely with the **Federal Office for Gender Equality** and the **Swiss Mission** to the United Nations throughout the CSW process, contributing to coordination, advocacy, and follow-up on key gender equality priorities.

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ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN UGANDA (AUWU)

PARLIAMENTARY FORUM AND EDUCATION EQUITY

AUWU joined the launch of the Ugandan Parliamentary **Forum to End Child Marriages and Teenage Pregnancies** in 2024 and contributed recommendations on **menstrual health and education equity** through consultations on the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women.

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

MENSTRUAL HEALTH AND DIGNITY



Menstrual health appears in GWI NFA activities as both a **gap in education and a public health issue**. NFAs addressed the issues through policy resolutions, school initiatives, practical training, and community **conversations about access, dignity, and school attendance**.

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CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (CFUW)

CFUW RESOLUTION ON MENSTRUAL HEALTH

CFUW adopted a 2025 **resolution on period poverty and menstrual inequity** in Canada. By placing menstrual health on its formal policy agenda, CFUW treated it as a **national issue tied to health, equality, and access** to essential support.

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GHANA ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (GAUW)

MENSTRUAL HYGIENE AND EDUCATION

GAUW launched a menstrual hygiene project to **address menstrual health issues** among girls, providing practical support and information on menstrual health and dignity. The project focuses on removing **everyday barriers that affect girls' education**, attendance, and participation.

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ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN UGANDA (AUWU)

REUSABLE SANITARY PADS AND HEALTH EDUCATION

AUWU **trained adolescents, teachers, and parents** in the Luuka District to make reusable sanitary pads in 2024 and 2025. The program combined **practical instruction** with **health education** sessions and **community dialogue**, while also addressing barriers linked to **stigma and school attendance**.

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HEALTH AND WELLBEING

COMMUNITY HEALTH AND WELLBEING



Health-related work in the NFAs goes beyond formal healthcare and **includes seminars and support services**. These activities connect health with family responsibilities, well-being, and recovery.

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EGYPTIAN ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE WOMEN (EAGW)

WOMEN'S MENTAL HEALTH AND SELF-DEVELOPMENT

EAGW reached 100s of women through seminars on violence against women and girls, mental health, and self-development. Expert speakers, from Food and Agriculture Organization strengthened knowledge about well-being across all stages of life.

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LITHUANIAN UNIVERSITY WOMEN ASSOCIATION (LUWA)

QUALITY OF LIFE AND RESILIENCE PROGRAMS

LUWA actively supported long-term **care patients at Prienai Hospital**, including **well-being programs and art therapy** in its further program work, helping to enhance patients' quality of life and emotional resilience.

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TURKISCH ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (TAUW)

POST-EARTHQUAKE SUPPORT AND EDUCATION

TUKD established a **four-container complex** after the 2023 earthquake, including a **psychosocial support unit**. The site hosted **visiting lecturers** as well as providing **educational programs** on women's rights, health, family communication, and entrepreneurship.

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ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN UGANDA (AUWU)

EDUCATION BARRIERS AND FIELD RESEARCH

AUWU provided **advisory services** promoting emotional well-being and self-esteem to **support early mental health education**. AUWU carried out field research on barriers to girls' health and education, then used those findings to shape program design and advocacy messaging.

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CULTURE AND PARTNERSHIPS

CULTURE CONNECTS



GWI NFAs show that **culture is connected to education and advocacy**. They used literature, public **events, libraries, exhibitions, and discussion** programs as part of their work to raise awareness, inspire dialogue, and engage communities across generations.

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EGYPTIAN ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE WOMEN (EAGW)

YOUTH, CULTURAL EXCHANGE, AND COMMUNITY BUILDING

EAGW organized **seminars** on different topics, including youth, cultural change, story-based discussion, and African women. They celebrated annual iftar gatherings, handicraft **workshops**, and **exhibition visits** that foster community, dialogue, and cultural exchange.

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SPANISH FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (FEMU)

SEMINARS, TRANSLATIONS AND MANIFESTO

FEMU held **seminars, literary discussions, lunches and trips, and meetings** with other women's associations. It also published a **manifesto in defense of migrant women** and one for equality and against gender-based violence. FEMU translated GWI infographics and social media campaigns into Spanish.

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SENEGALESE ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (ASFUDU)

CULTURE, GENDER, AND SOCIAL HUB

By hosting the 2024 Arts Biennale, ASFUDU's Bineta DIOP Library transformed art into a platform for dialogue on women's rights, gender equality, civic engagement, and social change, engaging artists, visitors, and the wider community.

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CULTURE AND PARTNERSHIPS

PARTNERSHIP AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY



Partnership work is evident throughout the NFA activities, **spanning digital literacy and fundraising, cross-border collaboration, and educational projects.** These partnerships support local and regional cooperation.

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BENIN ASSOCIATION OF GRADUATE WOMEN (BAGW)

DIGITAL LITERACY AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP FOR WOMEN

BAGW launched “Femmes Connectées” in **partnership with Women Empowered-Benin (WE)**. The program delivers **digital literacy, internet safety, and digital entrepreneurship workshops** in different languages and has reached more than 120 participants.

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BRITISH FEDERATION OF WOMEN GRADUATES (BFWG)

COLLECTIVE ADVOCACY

BFWG continued to actively collaborate with the **National Council of Women** (NCW) and the **National Alliance of Women's Organisations**, strengthening shared efforts to raise awareness about violence against women and girls.

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CAMEUS - NORTH AMERICA



CANADIAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (CFUW),
MEXICAN FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (FEMU),
WOMEN GRADUATES-USA (WG-USA)

The three NFAs **signed the memorandum** of understanding to form CAMEUS. CAMEUS is the GWI North America Regional, a collaboration among CFUW, WG-USA, and FEMU. They focus on the **security and educational needs of women** refugees, immigrants, and migrants.

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IRISH FEDERATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (IrFUW)

NORTH/SOUTH WOMEN'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

IrFUW convened partners from North and South at **Queen's University Belfast** to strengthen **cross-border collaboration** in women's education and leadership, resulting in a joint action plan for young women across government and universities.

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SENEGALESE ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN (ASF DU)

EDUCATIONAL TOURS ON ENVIRONMENT

ASF DU organized **awareness tours on environmental preservation**, working with the Centre d'Éducation et de Formation Environnementale (**Centre for Environmental Education and Training**) and the Ministry of the Environment and Ecological Transition.

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GWI NFA WORK FROM LOCAL TO GLOBAL



Over these past summer weeks, we have **followed the GWI NFAs through their work** in education, leadership, advocacy, health, culture, and partnerships. Each **activity shows a specific way the NFAs are engaged** and creating progress.

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GWI NFA ACTION ACROSS THE NETWORK

From scholarships and school access to public speaking, UN engagement, health programs, cultural projects, and digital initiatives, **NFAs have turned the work into specific actions** in their international, national, and local contexts. These examples show how **local work can add up to meaningful, measurable progress.**

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FROM IDEAS TO ACTION ACROSS CONTEXTS

GWI links the **national efforts to a shared network** focused on women's and girls' education, leadership, and equality in the international context. NFAs can **respond to local needs** while GWI expands those experiences **into international spaces and global advocacy**.

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THE LONG-TERM EFFECT OF GWI NFA WORK

The activities in this campaign are not isolated projects. They are part of a **long-term effort** to expand educational opportunities and strengthen women's and girls' rights. Over time, **these actions build momentum** for lasting policy change and help **create environments where girls can learn, lead, and thrive.**

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THANK YOU FOR THE WORK AND COMMITMENT!

THANK YOU to each **NFA** that shared its work and to the planning, partnership, and persistence behind every program. Your **commitment is what turns GWI actions into development** in schools, communities, and institutions, and it continues to **inspire and strengthen advocacy** for women and girls.

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