

Press Release

Graduate Women International advances the global dialogue on critical issues in education at its 32nd Triennial Conference in Cape Town, South Africa, 24-26 August 2016

Geneva, Switzerland, 21 July 2016 – Graduate Women International (GWI) is proud to be hosting the 32nd Triennial Conference in Cape Town, 24-26 August 2016: ‘At the Crossroads of Education, Gender and Human Rights’. This conference will tackle globally relevant education issues central to GWI’s mission: empowering girls and women through quality education to the highest levels.

Interactive seminars, workshops and posters will focus on the four conference programme strands: managing complexity in education; new technologies and their impact on secondary, tertiary and continuing education; education and human rights; and access to education for girls and women.

Sessions complementing the four programme strands will enable nuanced discussions to take place, benefitting from a variety of distinguished and experienced speakers. Mrs Saniye Gulser Corat, a leading voice as UNESCO’s Director of the Division for Gender Equality, is a featured speaker on the panel *Educating for Gender Equality*. She will be joined by Mr Mbuyiselo Botha from the Commission of Gender Equality, very active in the prevention of violence against women. The question of gender equality in Information and Communications Technology (ICT) as a global necessity for economic growth and innovation will be explored with Baratang Miya from GirlHype leading a panel on *Girls, Coding and ICT: great cases to overcome barriers from high school onwards*.

GWI President Catherine Bell states: “The Conference will provide regional and international experts and education professionals the opportunity to exchange information regarding challenges and new applications in education, contribute to policy development and promote initiatives for international cooperation.”

Graduate Women International (GWI) is a membership-based international nongovernmental organisation (NGO) based in Geneva, Switzerland, with presence in over 80 countries. Founded in 1919, GWI is the leading girls’ and women’s global organisation advocating for women’s rights, equality and empowerment through access to quality education and training up to the highest levels. GWI is in special consultative status with ECOSOC and is an NGO maintaining official relations with UNESCO and ILO.

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