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***Canadian women attending Graduate Women International (GWI) Triennial in Lusaka, Zambia***

This year marks the 106th anniversary of **both CFUW and GWI, and women from around the world will be gathering in Lusaka, Zambia for GWI's** first in-person triennial since Geneva in 2019, when GWI's 100th Anniversary was celebrated.

Graduate Women International (GWI) advocates for women's rights, equality and empowerment through access to quality secondary and tertiary education and training up to the highest levels. The GWI vision is 100% of girls and women in the world achieving education beyond primary school. The theme for the 2025 Triennial builds on this vision - Building the Future; Integrating Culture, Education and Empowerment for Sustainability.

These women will represent CFUW (Canadian Federation of University Women) as a part of the organization's delegation to GWI's triennial from September 11 to 13.

- 1) Linda Sestock, CFUW National President, Montréal Lakeshore UWC
- 2) Grace Hollett, VP International Relations, CFUW St. John's
- 3) Joy Hurst, Past President, CFUW Edmonton
- 4) Pat Patton, CFUW E-Club
- 5) Brenda Robertson, CFUW Milton and District
- 6) Kathryn Wilkinson, CFUW Etobicoke
- 7) Gail Neff, CFUW St. Catherines
- 8) Beryl Matthewson, UWC Vancouver
- 9) Lorraine O'Donnell, UWC Montréal
- 10) Eleanor Christie, CFUW Burlington
- 11) Lynne Kent, CFUW E-Club
- 12) Marianne Singh-Waraich, CFUW Burlington

CFUW is a women's organization with 6,700 members in 90 Clubs throughout Canada. Founded in 1919, CFUW represents a strong voice for the support of this international organization. Canada, together with Great Britain and the United States, was a founding member of GWI in 1919, originally known as International Federation of University Women (IFUW). **GWI has National Federations or Associations (NFAs)** in 48 countries and individual members in 40 others. Canada, Mexico and the United States (CAMEUS)

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continue to work together as one of GWI's five Regional groups with annual presentations to the UN Commission on the Status of Women, focusing on women migrants and education.

Delegates will be voting on the following resolutions that are coming before the GWI General Assembly.

1. Equitable Rights for Postgraduate Researchers
2. Advancing Gender Equity in Artificial Intelligence AI Development
3. Taking Action Globally to End Stalking, Harassment and Cyber Bullying
4. Towards a Comprehensive Maternal Death Prevention Strategy
5. Advancing Sustainable Development and Gender Equality through International Trade Agreements
6. Preserve and Protect Global Peatlands
7. Preserving Deep Sea Ecosystems
8. International and Domestic Legislation to Prevent Further Destruction of the Natural Environment by Deliberate or Negligent Human Action