

Brief report of BPW International main representative to UNESCO-2024 Activities & Cooperation-Dr Marie-Claude Machon-Honoré for BPW Europe Presidents meeting in ROMA, March 2024.

“ A Call to Action on advancing Gender Equality and Empowerment of Girls and Women in and through Education was made at the UN Transforming Education Summit in September 2022 in New York. The UNESCO-UNICEF Global Platform for Gender Equality in & through Education was launched on 8th November 2023 in the Partnerships Hub during the 42nd session General Conference of UNESCO.

BPW International logo is included as partner of the multistakeholder coalition and member of the Advocacy group [TES Call to Action on Advancing Gender Equality in and through Education](#)

The [Evidence for Gender and Education Resource](#) (EGER) is an interactive, online platform designed to help the global gender and education community make informed decisions about their programming, investments, and policy and research priorities.

BPW members can each create an account for BPW by signing up at [eresource.org/signup](https://eresource.org/signup) and register their projects as relevant to the theme of Empowerment of girls and women in and through Education and for Gender Equality. They can select BPW as their organization from the drop down menu during the signup process. They will then be taken to a screen with a red button that says “add program”. By clicking on that button, they can enter the information into the EGER database. Your project should first be registered on BPW International website.

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The Forum for Partnerships at the 42nd session General Conference of UNESCO, Nov7- 17 2023 enabled interventions of collectives of NGO partners in dedicated sessions. As BPW international main representative to UNESCO and member of the working group to advocate for Girls’ Rights since its beginning (2017) I intervened in the session of the collective group , now called **Voix des Filles** (Girls’ Voices) - to present the advocacy and actions of BPW in CI and French-speaking Africa (Burkina Faso and Senegal) and reminding the audience of the long time work and advocacy by BPW Europe on The Girls’ Rights’ Charter and recognition by the European Assembly Citizen’s Prize. **Voix des Filles** presented the official event in cooperation with the UNESCO National Commission in Ivory Coast, with the active contribution of the President of BPW Bassam-Impérial club, member of the **Voix des Filles** Executive Bureau. The celebration of the Girls’ Rights will be repeated in other francophone countries in Africa as in Senegal where BPW Senegal president has been contacted.

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BPW International also intervened for the collective NGOs group **Danse et Paix en Partage-Sharing Dance for Peace ([danse-paix2024.org](https://danse-paix2024.org) ) as member of the Steering Committee for the organisation of the celebration of the International Day of Peace in September 2024. It was the opportunity to remind the audience of the strong commitment of the Founder of BPW International for Peace and the key role of women in the resolution conflicts and negotiations for Peace (UN 1325) as well as for the maintenance and construction of Peace. Please visit the website if you want to know more and register to celebrate collectively , virtually , locally and across regions and countries, on the theme of Sharing dance for Peace.**

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BPW International is also partner of the Multistakeholders' Coalition of the UNESCO World Water Assessment Program (WWAP). The UNESCO World Water Assessment Programme (WWAP) coordinates a Call for Action to accelerate the achievement of gender equality in the water domain, together with a Multi-stakeholder Coalition composed by Member States' institutions, UN agencies, international and regional organizations, NGOs, private sector and civil society. Launched in 2021, the initiative aims to catalyze concrete action through advocacy, policy, gender-equal funding, and the development of innovative methods, approaches and tools. Set to culminate in 2030 upon completion of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, members' voluntary commitments within the Call for Action moreover contribute to the new Water Action Agenda. <https://unesdoc.unesco.org/ark:/48223/pf0000382984>

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