



## 2016 G(irls)20 China Summit Delegates Revealed

**Toronto, ON, Canada** – March 8, 2016 – Almost forty years ago, Mao Zedong, the Founding Father of the People’s Republic of China, proclaimed “women hold up half the sky.” With this in mind and on the occasion of International Women’s Day, G(irls)20 is pleased to announce the next group of young women who will gather in advance of the G20 Leaders meeting which is chaired this year by the People’s Republic of China.

| 2016 SUMMIT DELEGATES                                      |                                                  |                                              |                                       |
|------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Afghanistan</b><br>Simin Haidary                        | <b>China</b><br>Xinyu Hong                       | <b>Italy</b><br>Majda El Mahi                | <b>Saudi Arabia</b><br>Rowaida Alerwi |
| <b>African Union (Liberia)</b><br>Finda Harriet Caillendee | <b>European Union (Greece)</b><br>Marianthi Nika | <b>Japan</b><br>Sakura Ikeda                 | <b>South Africa</b><br>Amanda Hobana  |
| <b>Argentina</b><br>Marina Castellino                      | <b>France</b><br>Lucile Collin                   | <b>MENA (Morocco)</b><br>Sana Afouaiz        | <b>South Korea</b><br>Hee Yeon Cho    |
| <b>Australia</b><br>Maria Rimsha Bilal                     | <b>Germany</b><br>Annika Brockschmidt            | <b>Mexico</b><br>Clarissa de la Vega Chavoya | <b>Turkey</b><br>İlayda Eskitaşoğlu   |
| <b>Brazil</b><br>Ana Carolina Queiroz                      | <b>India</b><br>Aarushi Mehta                    | <b>Pakistan</b><br>Areeba Saeed              | <b>United Kingdom</b><br>Phoebe Price |
| <b>Canada</b><br>Pippa MacDougall                          | <b>Indonesia</b><br>Giasinta Livia               | <b>Russia</b><br>Nastasya Tsultsumova        | <b>United States</b><br>Lauren Shum   |

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“In terms of labor force participation, China has one of the highest female labor force participation rates (FLFP) in international comparison.<sup>1</sup> We are looking forward to working with the Government of the People’s Republic of China led by President Xi who has himself underlined the importance of engaging women in the economy to ensure economic growth,” said Farah Mohamed, CEO, G(irls)20 and member of the B20 Taskforce for Employment.

It is widely held that if countries and companies around the world work to ensure women reach their full economic potential, Global GDP could increase by \$12 trillion by 2025.<sup>2</sup>

The 7<sup>th</sup> G(irls)20 Summit will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel Beijing, an icon Canadian brand, on August 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup>. The Summit will feature local and global speakers who will address the measures required to meet the 2014 G20 Commitment to create 100 million jobs for women by 2025.<sup>3</sup>

One week before the Summit, delegates will convene at the Canadian International School of Beijing for workshops provided by Norton Rose Fulbright, Burson-Marsteller, Bain & Company and other private and social profit sector partners.

While advocating for increased investments by the G20, G(irls)20 also works to cultivate a new generation of female leaders via workshops and coaching. Assessing the impact of the 2015 Summit held in Turkey, Mojia Shen who represented China commented, “G(irls)20 evokes your passion for change, for making the world a better place for girls and women tomorrow.”

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### About G(irls)20:

G(irls)20 is a Canadian based, globally active organization that places girls and women at the center of the G20 economic decision-making process. Launched in 2009 at the Clinton Global Initiative, G(irls)20 was the first social profit enterprise to advocate that female labor force participation (FLFP) be a key element of G20 priorities and actions. At the same time, G(irls)20 makes strategic investments in girls and women, aged 15-23

<sup>1</sup> [http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---asia/---ro-bangkok/documents/publication/wcms\\_371375.pdf](http://www.ilo.org/wcmsp5/groups/public/---asia/---ro-bangkok/documents/publication/wcms_371375.pdf)

<sup>2</sup> <http://www.mckinsey.com/global-themes/employment-and-growth/how-advancing-womens-equality-can-add-12-trillion-to-global-growth>

<sup>3</sup> [http://www.g20australia.org/sites/default/files/g20\\_resources/library/brisbane\\_g20\\_leaders\\_summit\\_communique.pdf](http://www.g20australia.org/sites/default/files/g20_resources/library/brisbane_g20_leaders_summit_communique.pdf)

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