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## **G(irls)20 Summit Unveils the 2012 Delegates Set to Discuss Solutions for World Change**

*Summit to highlight the importance of girls and women to economic prosperity*

TORONTO, Ontario, Canada – March 8, 2012 --- The G(irls)20 Summit organizers are pleased to announce the delegates for the third annual international summit focusing on girls and women and the solutions they can bring to worldwide economic challenges, this year the Summit will focus on food security and violence against women (domestic, workplace and sex trafficking) facing the G20 Leaders. Each of the selected delegates will represent their countries at the G(irls)20 Summit to be held at ITAM University in Mexico City from May 23<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012, three weeks before the leaders of the world's most powerful nations gather in Mexico City for the G20 Leaders meetings.

Modeled after the G20, the G(irls)20 Summit will bring together one girl from each of the G20 countries to discuss how girls and women can help solve some of the world's greatest challenges. A seat has also been allocated for a girl representing the African Union. While in Mexico City, the delegates will work together to develop tangible solutions to these challenges and will participate in various workshops including media and public relations, business planning, leadership development, political engagement and how to utilize social media and technology to communicate globally.

The delegates were selected from among hundreds of applicants throughout the 20 countries and the African Union. They were chosen based on their responses to questions that focused on leadership, personal triumph, analytical skills and their ability to find innovative solutions to economic challenges.

“Through the G(irls)20 Summit, we are engaging and empowering one our most powerful resources; girls and women,” says Farah Mohamed, president, G(irls)20 Summit. “This summit offers a unique opportunity that allows young women from the G20 nations and Africa to come together, share and harness innovative ideas and put forth solutions that have the power to literally change the world. They are a resource the G20 Leaders can count on.”

## G(irls)20 2012 Delegates

COUNTRY	NAME	AGE
African Union	Glender Favour	20
Argentina	Lucia San Martin	19
Australia	Angelica Casado	20
Brazil	Barbara Cesar	18
Canada	Claire Charness	18
China	Kefei Wu Fisher	18
European Union (Austria)	Segal Hussein	19
France	Sally Dimachki	20
Germany	Wiebke Mueller	20
India	Priyanka Roychoudhury	19
Indonesia	Disty Winata	19
Italy	Vera Campanelli	20
Japan	Tomoko Kaida	20
México	Magdaly Santillanez	18
Russia	Kseniya Sukhotina	20
Saudi Arabia	Noura Al Otaiwi	19
South Africa	Thato Zoe Mokoena	20
South Korea	Veronica Cho	20
Turkey	Sayen Tokyay	19
United Kingdom	Megumi Yamamoto	19
Unites States	Mariam Amini	20

As a result of the past two G(irls)20 Summits (Toronto, 2010 and Paris, 2011), 13 delegate led initiatives have emerged that empower girls and women in the local communities. For information on these initiatives please visit <http://www.girl20summit.com/archive>.

The G(irls)20 Summit is powered by more than 50 national and international partners including: founding partners: Google, Nike Foundation, Nissan, Norton Rose, Macroblu, The Belinda Stronach Foundation, The NOVO Foundation and Veritas.

Key partners engaged in countries around the world include:

Academie Diplomatique International (ADI), Aga Khan Council of Canada, AGRA, All Girls Allowed, Ashoka Changemakers, B5 Media, Bread for the World, Canadian Embassy (Mexico), Catalyst, Fenton, Food & Consumer Products of Canada, Girl Guides of Canada, Girl UP! , Girls Action Foundation, Girls for A Change, Global Changemakers, Global Fund For Muslim Women, go GIRL global, Help! We've Got Kids, ICRW, Man UP Campaign, IFLRY, ONE, Plan, Right to Play, Social Interactive, Taking it Global, The Chicago Council for Global Change, The Clinton Global Initiative, The World Bank, Tourism Mexico, UN Foundation, UN Women, Vital

Voices, Women Deliver, Women for Women, Women Thrive, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts and World Pulse.

### **About the G(irls)20 Summit Campaign**

The G(irls)20 Summit is central to an international campaign, “**3.5 Billion Ways**”, which is based on the premise that there are 3.5 Billion girls and women around the globe and therefore there are 3.5 Billion Ways to Change the World. The focus of the campaign is to have G20 leaders recognize the economic prowess of girls and women globally and the need to invest in and engage them in pursuit of economic growth, political stability and social innovation.

This campaign includes a viral campaign called “*What’s Your Number*” which encourages girls, boys, women and men from around the globe to sign up and claim their number to show their support for girls and women everywhere. To get your # please visit <http://www.girl20summit.com/whats-your-number>.

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