



Delegates Announced for 2011 G(irls)20 Summit

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

Paris, August 1, 2011 ---The G(irls)20 Summit organizers are pleased to announce the delegates for the edition of this international Summit focussing on girls and women and the solutions they can bring to worldwide economic problems. The selected girls will represent their countries at the **G(irls)20 Summit to be held in Paris, France from October 18th to October 21st, 2011** at the *Academie Diplomatique Internationale* two weeks before the leaders of the world's most powerful nations gather in the Cannes, France for the G20 meetings.

Modeled after the G20, the G(irls)20 Summit will bring together one girl from each of the 20 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 Paris, the delegates will work together to develop tangible solutions to these challenges and will participate in various workshops addressing media relations, business planning, financial literacy and how to utilize social media and technology to communicate globally.

The delegates were selected from among hundreds of applicants. 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.

"Girls and women have an incredible capacity to think creatively about the challenges facing the world," said Belinda Stronach, President and CEO of the Stronach Group. "The G(irls)20 Summit provides the opportunity to harness the girls innovative ideas and to deliver these solutions to the G20 leaders"

G(irls)20 Delegates

COUNTRY	NAME	AGE
African Union	Lilian Kathiri M'nkubitu	20
Argentina	Carolina Lopez Capo	18
Australia	Claire Poyser	19
Brazil	Raquel Helen Santos Silva	20
Canada	Hanan Dhanani	20
China	Yin-Yin Lo	19
European Union (Portugal)	Mariana Carvalho	18
France	Stephanie David	20
Germany	Saskia Sattler	19
India	Riana Shah	19
Indonesia	Natalia Rialucky	20
Italy	Federica Turner	20
Japan	Nanami Tachikawa	20
Mexico	Daniela Fuentes Torres	18
Russia	Ekaterina Mordvinova	20
Saudi Arabia	Mariam Hamidaddin	20
South Africa	Anna Mosele Moetsela	20

South Korea	Soo Hyun (Sally) Kim	19
Turkey	(Zeynep) Hazal Alyagut	20
United Kingdom	Harriet (Hermione) Jones	19
United States	Tara Suri	20

“The beauty of the G(irls)20 is that young women leaders will have their seat at the table, have their voices heard and have the chance to discuss and find, together, solutions for the issues that the world is facing.” Said Raquel Helen Santos Silva, this year’s G(irls)20 Summit delegate from Brazil.

Over 50 national and international organizations are working with The Belinda Stronach Foundation on this initiative. The G(irls)20 Summit is also generously supported by more than a dozen private sector partners including Google, Norton Rose, Intel, Mastercard Foundation, Nike Foundation, Novo Foundation, DailyBeast/Newsweek, Edelman, Deloitte, MacroBlu, Standard Chartered Bank and CTV.

"At The MasterCard Foundation, we believe in the power of young people to transform our world. By providing 21 outstanding young women with the opportunity to come together to share ideas and join voices the G(irls)20 Summit is an important platform to develop leadership and solutions around the challenges facing young people," said Reeta Roy, President and CEO of The MasterCard Foundation. "These young women are the leaders of tomorrow, and we are proud to partner with the G(irls)20 Summit to support them on their journey."

I have chosen to be part of the G(irls)20 Summit to help spread the message of empowerment amongst young women. Empowerment begins first and foremost with the youth! - Alek Wek, international model

"Intel is proud to be a sponsor of the G(irls) 20 Summit. At Intel, we believe that the education of girls and women leads to economic empowerment for the girls, their families and their communities. The G(irls) 20 Summit provides an exceptional forum, preparing young women to grow and lead in the 21st century. Congratulations to the remarkable young leaders participating in this year's summit."
Shelly Esque, Vice President and Director, Corporate Affairs Group, Intel Corporation

About the G(irls)20 Summit Campaign

The G(irls)20 Summit is part of an international campaign called “**3.3 Billion Ways**” which is based on the premise that there are 3.3 Billion Girls and Women in the World and therefore there are 3.3 Billion Ways to Change the World.

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. In celebration of the upcoming Summit, media from across the globe have been asked to sport Tu Ly designed G(irls)20 t-shirts to show their support and to show off their own unique number.

As a result of last year’s Summit, 6 girl-led initiatives have emerged including: the establishment of a Foundation located in India yet is internationally active, Tanvi, the delegate from India focuses on confidence building for teenage girls. Kartika from Indonesia has created a mobile library that serves young people in the slums of Indonesia. Irem from Turkey has brought together 49 girls from Turkey to look at how they can improve their communities. This year, one of the six initiatives from last year will be chosen as the basis of all the workshops, thereby strengthening its reach and sustainability.

You can find more details on the G(irls)20 Summit at www.girlsandwomen.com. Log-on to get your number and to order a Tu Ly designed t-shirt.

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G(irls)20 Summit

Led by The Belinda Stronach Foundation, a coalition of national and international organizations have come together to raise awareness about the pivotal role girls and women play in ensuring economic productivity.

Our partners in the program include: Google, Norton Rose, Mastercard Foundation, Edelman, Intel, Nike Foundation, Novo Foundation, Deloitte, Edelman, DailyBeast/Newsweek, MacroBlu, CTV, 10x10, 889 Yonge, Aga Khan Council for Canada, Aga Khan Council for France, All Girls Allowed, Ashoka Canada, B5Media, Canadian Crossroads International, Canadian Women's Foundation, Catalyst, Clinton Global Initiative, Ecojot, Equality Effect, Equitas, Fenton, Financial Independence through Entrepreneurship (FITE), Girl Guides of Canada, Girls Action Foundation, Girls for a Change, Global Campaign for Education, Global Changemakers, go GIRL global, Help We've Got Kids, International Center for Research on Women (ICRW), International Federation of Liberal and Radical Youth (IFLRY), International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), Laufer Green Isaac Communications, Man Up, Malaria No More UK, Man Up, One, Plan, Right to Play, Sustainable Health Enterprises, Taking it Global, Tony Blair Faith Foundation, UN Foundation, Vital Voices, War Child Canada, White Ribbon Alliance, Women Deliver, Women for Women, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts.

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