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A-WOW PRESS STATEMENT – AHEAD OF INTERNATIONAL WOMEN DAY (March 8th, 2014) Location: Kama Conference Centre 8 West La on Ring Road, Labone, Accra.

A-WOW GLOBAL INITIATIVE FOUNDATION (AWOW-GIF) and its partners are pursuing an eight-day, seven-night highimpact and high-level learning approach to advance the core goals and main objective of Ghana progress towards the attainment of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and the United Nations *"Women-achieve gender equality and women empowerment"* for all women and girls.

From 8th - 16th March, a selected group of young women from around the globe, will participate in A-WOW's Young Women Empowerment Conference (YWEC) a celebration of International Women's Month. On 14th - 15th March, 2014 the Global Conference comes to Accra, Ghana. Due to an overwhelming response a two day conference is scheduled and opened to young women in the Ghanaian community. More information about AWOW can be found at www.awownow.org. Apply online! This event does have limited availability.

AWOW-GIF is a non-governmental female based organization, an acculturated program, whose headquarters is located at the Municipal Assembly Block, Room 204 (Second Floor), in the capital town of the Upper East Region Bolgatanga, Ghana. A-WOW was developed to enrich the lives of young women through education, life skill training, global exposure and professional mentorship. The organization is currently working with young ladies in Ghana, Liberia, Costa Rica, Nigeria and United States. Every year, the girls come together to share their experiences, knowledge and to make new friends.

We invite the public to join us on the opening night. This event does have limited availability. We recommend that those interested in assisting with the enrichment of today's youth, and those interested in learning more about the organization, to join us on the evening of March 14th for a grand kick off to the weekend long conference. At this time, you will get to hear success stories, from some of the educators and a special keynote speaker. If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling a young woman to join the conference, please contact Carolyn Wright at admin@awownow.org.

A-WOW IGLI OBJECTIVES

- Increase girls' knowledge of skills that bolster self-esteem and self-awareness through classroom exercises, community involvement and engaging in environmental programs.
- Provide high-potential youth with tools and resources that build leadership skills.
- Cultivate each individual's ability and enhance her responsibility to create change in society.
- Break down the barriers that separate different cultures by providing programs and training focused on how the global community is connected and how we can learn from each other to solve challenges that affect us all as well as, cultivate ethical responsibility.
- Collaborate with other youth organization and educator to increase girls' levels of awareness about career opportunities that exist in their country as well as others.
- Expose young women to professional environments and successful mentors.