

TEDx YouthInspire

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FIRST TEDx CONFERENCE EXCLUSIVELY FOR AFRICAN YOUTH ANNOUNCED

Inaugural TEDxYouthInspire to be held in Accra, Ghana in April 2010

Accra, Ghana, December 1, 2009 – On **Saturday, April 10, 2010**, from **8:00AM – 6PM GMT**, the inaugural **TEDxYouthInspire** conference will be held at the **Ghana-India Kofi Annan Centre of Excellence in ICT in Accra, Ghana**. The one-day, **free event** will be the first TEDx event dedicated exclusively to **young African visionaries ages 14-25**.

Tasked with inspiring young people to make sustainable transformation, the conference will utilize the theme "**A Good Head & A Good Heart**", from former South African President Nelson Mandela's 1995 autobiography *Long Walk to Freedom*, to exhibit how radical thought and integrity of spirit combine to create unlimited possibilities for a brighter future.

"It is important that young people are aware of their power as local and global community leaders," says Raquel Wilson, event curator, "TEDxYouthInspire will encourage participants to collaborate and embrace their shared passions for change."

Space for TEDxYouthInspire is limited. **Young people interested in attending should apply online at www.tedxyouthinspire.org/attend**. Eligible applications must be received by Sunday, January 31, 2010 to be considered for admission.

Individual and corporate sponsorship packages are available. Additional information about TEDxYouthInspire can be found by visiting www.tedxyouthinspire.org. You can also follow along on Twitter at www.twitter.com/tedxyouthinspir or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tedxyouthinspire.

ABOUT TEDx

In the spirit of "ideas worth spreading," TED has created TEDx. TEDx is a program of local, self-organized events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience. Our event is called TEDxYouthInspire, where x = independently organized TED event. At TEDxYouthInspire, TEDTalks video and live speakers will combine to spark deep discussion and connection in a small group. The TED Conference provides general guidance for the TEDx program, but individual TEDx events, including ours, are self-organized.

ABOUT TED

TED is a nonprofit organization devoted to Ideas Worth Spreading. Started as a four-day conference in California 25 years ago, TED has grown to support those world-changing ideas with multiple initiatives. The annual TED Conference invites the world's leading thinkers and doers to speak for 18 minutes. Their

talks are then made available, free, at TED.com. TED speakers have included Bill Gates, Al Gore, Jane Goodall, Elizabeth Gilbert, Sir Richard Branson, Nandan Nilekani, Philippe Starck, Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Isabel Allende and UK Prime Minister Gordon Brown. The annual TED Conference takes place in Long Beach, California; TEDGlobal is held each year in Oxford, UK, and this November, the TEDIndia Conference will be held in Mysore, India. TED's media initiatives include TED.com, where new TEDTalks are posted daily, and the Open Translation Project, which provides subtitles and interactive transcripts as well as the ability for any TEDTalk to be translated by volunteers worldwide. TED has established the annual TED Prize, where three exceptional individuals with a wish to change the world are given the opportunity to put their wishes into action; TEDx, which offers individuals or groups a way to host local, self-organized events around the world, and the TED Fellows program, helping world-changing innovators from around the globe to become part of the TED community and, with its help, amplify the impact of their remarkable projects and activities.

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TED2010, "What the World Needs Now," will be held Feb. 9–13, 2010, in Long Beach, California, with TEDActive, a simulcast conference of TED2010, in Palm Springs, California. TEDGlobal 2010, "And Now the Good News," will be held July 13-16, 2010, in Oxford, UK.

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