

## **TECHLEADERS PROGRAM FOR SOCIAL INNOVATORS PREWORK ASSIGNMENT: Inspirations and Aspirations**

**Welcome!** We are so delighted that you will be joining us for the inaugural TechLeaders for Social Innovators program. This workshop is designed to showcase and inspire participants with the potential for positive influence of technology on the world, and for the world's women. In this session we will:

- Explore global issues and opportunities to make a difference through technology;
- Meet role models: women who are using technology to positively impact women's lives, worldwide;
- Develop a network of technologists interested in technology that benefits the world;
- Leave with a sense of possibility and excitement for the impact we can make in issues we each care about, using our technical backgrounds.

**To set the stage for the workshop, please complete the following pre-work assignment, and bring a copy of your responses to the October 17 session.** We will be using this during breakout sessions throughout the day, and will also compile our collective reflections into a library of great examples of "technology that benefits the world's women". We look forward to being with all of you!

- 1. Which global issues/challenges most capture your attention? Why? (examples: environment, education/literacy, human rights/social justice, economic opportunity/poverty alleviation, politics/public policy, peace, health and wellness, children...)**
- 2. Find three inspiring examples of organizations/people using technology in innovative ways, to address the issues you're most interested in. For each one, note:**
  - a. Organization/person**
  - b. Web site or source of information:**
  - c. Area of focus:**
  - d. How they are leveraging technology to impact global challenges?**
  - e. What's inspiring to you about this?**
- 3. What ideas do you have for how you might use your own technology background and skills to impact issues/challenges which you care about?**