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Aspire and the Aspire Foundation Win Oguntê's *Leader in the Workplace 2010 Award*

Aspire, a global women's leadership development company, and the Aspire Foundation, a one-of-a-kind pro-bono mentoring program created to support and advance women and girls all over the world, have been awarded the Oguntê *Leader in the Workplace 2010 Award*.

"We are delighted by this announcement," says Dr. Samantha Collins, CEO and Founder of Aspire and the Aspire Foundation. "For the past ten years, Aspire has been working to improve gender diversity in some of the world's top corporations. Now, through the Aspire Foundation, we want to build on what we do by bringing together senior leaders working in the corporate sector with women working in non-profit organizations that work for the benefit of women and girls everywhere. By providing coaching and mentoring to organizations already making a difference to women and girls, we hope to create a massive ripple of positive change across the world."

The Aspire Foundation mentoring program is in its first year and is already having an impact on more than 84,000 women and girls. The goal of the program is to have a positive impact on one million women and girls by 2015.

Oguntê is a women-focused social innovations and leadership development company which set up their Women's Social Leadership awards to recognise women globally who are influential leaders,

connectors, campaigners and social entrepreneurs who influence sustainable development, offer innovative and sustainable solutions to pressing social issues and can evidence their social impact. The awards aim to encourage and acknowledge extraordinary vision, responsible business and campaigning practices, as well as social responsibility.

“At Oguntê we are passionate about connecting women of courage, who bring about genuine innovative ideas and actions to solve social problems,” says Servane Mouazan, CEO, Oguntê Ltd. “We encourage them to come forward and demonstrate how they create a positive social impact, and how they make the world a fairer place. These women prove that with generosity, focus, confidence and robust networks, you can achieve great and measurable social change.”

Congratulations to all of the Oguntê 2010 award winners:

Social Business Leader: Jobeda Ali - Fair Knowledge/Cineforum

Leader of Network/Campaign for Social Change: Irit Rosenblum - New Family

Leader in the Workplace: Dr Samantha Collins – Aspire and the Aspire Foundation

More about Aspire and the Aspire Foundation

Aspire is an internationally-recognized and award-winning leader in executive coaching, leadership development, consultancy, events and research related to women as leaders. They have worked with more than 10,000 women business leaders since the company's founding in 2001 and its clients have included Vodafone, PA Consulting, Freshfields, BDO, Colliers CRE, Yahoo!, ARAMARK and many more.

The Aspire Foundation, the not-for-profit organisational arm of Aspire, seeks to make a difference to women and girls suffering from injustice all over the world. The Foundation achieves this by offering pro-bono mentoring and coaching programs for senior influencers of change and aspiring leaders working in not-for-profit organizations including charities, social enterprises, government, entrepreneurial and community projects that are supporting women and girls across the world.

Senior corporate women and men offer a small amount of time for free as mentors and the Aspire team of executive coaches provide their services pro bono.

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