



Women Arts Institute – wAi Africa

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Motto: Connecting Our Energies

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Project Background:

The earth's climate has been changing on a daily basis since the planet's history, with events ranging from heavy rain fall, extremely burning sun, to very scarce water holes. Historically, natural factors such as volcanic eruptions, changes in the earth's orbit, have affected the earth's climate. From the 18th century, human activities associated with the industrial revolution and daily environmental unfriendly activities have also changed the composition of the atmosphere which is developing a negative telling effect on the climate.

To satisfy human hunger for energy, some human beings, backed by the world powerful are burning fossil fuels – coal, oil and natural gas. These are in essence plant matter spanning millions of years which have been extinct from the natural cycle. This concern indeed raises issues of sustainable development which women in the arts are exploring the available skills to present to the Africa population the responsibility that befalls the citizenry to sustain the world and its peoples.

Women in the arts are equally affected by the climate change and are coerced into finding other alternates or opportunities in this compelling situation.

wAi Africa has been committed to the issues of climate change through “**Halt the C’ Change**” project. We have had series of discourse among women in the arts provoking thoughts on how women in the arts can effectively engage with other civil societies and the public ie the average Ghana on the activities that affect global warming and the effects on our daily lives.

Our key strategy is to demystify the climate change agenda to the average person in Africa in a way that the individual will be compelled to thwart actions that facilitate climate change.

Our key alliance for the effective implementation of this strategy is to explore women and their families as our constituents. This is crucial because women nurture life from the cradle to the grave and at every point of this process; they impact on the dependants’ life.

The dialogue session will see two key presentations followed by group discussions, questions and answers and formulation of action points.