

**PRESS RELEASE**

## ***UNAIDS and Moremi Initiative Extend Deadline for #Art2EndAIDS COMPETITION***

### **Engaging Ghanaian Youth in the Fight Against Discrimination & HIV/AIDS**

Moremi Initiative in partnership with UNAIDS, hereby announces the extension of the #Art2EndAIDS Competition deadline to June 14, 2017. This is in response to the high interest expressed by the youth to be given the chance to participate in the campaign against discrimination. Young women and men can still submit their art pieces and join the competition.

Under the theme “Engaging Young Men and Adolescents to end HIV/AIDS”, the ART Competition targets young people in Ghana aged 12 to 25. The #Art2EndAIDS Competition and Exposition is intended to engage young women and women, as well as adolescent girls and boys to apply their creative skills while increasing their awareness about and challenging their attitudes towards HIV/AIDS. We believe that young people can contribute significantly to ending the epidemic.

In line with this goal, the Art Competition and Exposition will address the challenges people living with HIV/AIDS face on their day to day activities, and take steps to alleviate some of these challenges. We intend to fight for the achievement of zero discrimination at all possible levels; be it social, professional or in the health care service area.

Participants are invited to do an original art piece: paintings, drawings or sculptures on the theme.

**Moremi Initiative** for Women’s Leadership is a leading organization on women’s leadership and social justice in Africa. Moremi Initiative is a United Nations Accredited organization- in Special Consultative Status and has official partnerships with UN WOMEN, UNAIDS and other local and international partners. Moremi engages, inspires and equips the new generation of women leaders throughout the continent.

**UNAIDS** (Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS) leads and inspires the world in Getting to zero: zero new HIV infections, zero discrimination and zero AIDS-deaths. Protect the Goal Campaign is an innovative initiative within the broader framework of UNAIDS' vision to reach the youth and urban class with simple, empowering and evidence-based messages on HIV/AIDS.

Are you young person living in Ghana? Bring out your art skills and get involved in the HIV/AIDS campaign. More info available at: [www.moremiinitiative.org](http://www.moremiinitiative.org)

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