



Blazing the Trail for Women Bloggers in Yemen



On March 17th 2010, WIT Yemen celebrated the first ever blogging competition for women in Yemen. Three winners were chosen from among 36 submissions. The entrants, comprised of current and former WIT participants, embrace blogging with unmatched enthusiasm and are eager to continue sharing their thoughts with the world. This is especially significant since blogging is still a relatively new tool and often considered taboo for women in the MENA region; particularly in Yemen.

The Women in Technology (WIT) program launched the blogging competition in November 2009 for WIT participants from five different regions around Yemen - Sana'a, Taiz, Hodidah, Yareem and Hadramout. Three winning blogs were selected by the judges on the basis of content, layout and overall quality. The winners were announced at the award ceremony and the excited women received new cell phones from the competition's sponsor, Mobile Telephone Network (MTN), a GSM company. The event was held at WIT's lead partner organization, Society for the Development of Women and Children (SOUL) in Sana'a. Among those in attendance were representatives from the Ministry of Youth, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labor and the Middle East Partnership Initiative.

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