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**MARYLAND WOMEN IN TECHNOLOGY CHANGES NAME  
TO REFLECT GLOBAL REACH**

**BALTIMORE, MD (10/28/08)** – Baltimore-based non-profit Maryland Women in Technology (MDWIT) today announced that the name of the organization has been changed to Multinational Development of Women in Technology to demonstrate its commitment to the advancement of women and girls in technology on an international scale.

“So many of our supporters have commented on the global reach of MDWIT programs that we've decided to change our name to something that reflects the true fabric of our organization,” said Claudia Morrell, CEO of the Multinational Development of Women in Technology. “We need our best and brightest minds focused on solving global challenges today, and that includes women. We bring together innovation through technology with women’s creative talents to add new ideas and potential solutions to the global conversation, but we do this one girl and one woman at a time through programs and services.”

Morrell continues, “Maryland women and men will benefit from the opportunities MDWIT has and is continuing to develop around the world.”

The organization and its leadership is already recognized around the world as a pioneering program-rich organization committed to gender equity and the advancement of women and girls in the knowledge society.

As evidence of its international efforts, MDWIT will be co-hosting the Middle East Women in Technology Leadership Summit in Dubai, United Arab Emirates in partnership with Dubai Women’s College in November 2008. The event will bring together industry thought leaders to help develop and fund the first Regional Center for Women and Technology for the Middle East

region. During this three day summit, attendees will create a strategy that builds on current effective practices in the region to ensure women are empowered to provide leadership in technology innovation and wealth generation, not just become users.

**About Multinational Development of Women in Technology (MDWIT):**

MDWIT is a global center of excellence for promoting the advancement of women in technology through the development and dissemination of best practices, programs, research, and policy by embracing the values of leadership, equity, and integrity. For more information on the organization, please visit: [www.mdwit.org](http://www.mdwit.org).