



## Thomson Reuters Foundation Announces Partnership With Vital Voices

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LONDON, October 1, 2010 - The Thomson Reuters Foundation recently announced a new partnership with Vital Voices Global Partnership to help build the capacity of female journalists in Asian countries and to promote quality journalism in the region, upholding the principle that integrity-based, independent media is critical to improving the human condition.

Vital Voices is a Washington-based, non-governmental organization (NGO) that identifies, trains and empowers emerging women leaders around the globe.

Over the next year, the Foundation will offer specialized media training to twenty-five female journalists from Asia intended to provide the necessary skills and values needed to raise their voices and accurately convey stories through practical reporting exercises. The training will also consist of course work focused on writing and reporting news on a range of issues including disasters, governance, global security and business.

Thomson Reuters was also pleased to be a sponsor of the Vital Voices of Asia Summit which was held in New Delhi from September 14-17, and brought together hundreds of policymakers, entrepreneurs, NGOs, and media professionals from the West and throughout Asia aimed at helping advance the critical role that women from Asia play in improving the region's social, political and economic growth.

Following the conference, Alyse Nelson, President and CEO of Vital Voices Global Partnership said, "Vital Voices is thrilled to have the support and partnership of Thomson Reuters in Asia. We know that women are leading change throughout the region. But often their voices go unheard and their work is not given the visibility it deserves. We are thrilled with Thomson Reuters commitment to equip 25 women in Asia with the media and communication skills to bring greater exposure and support to women's work and successes throughout Asia".

Jui Chakravorty, Reuters Deputy Bureau Chief (Mumbai), who also served as moderator during the summit, added "I welcomed the opportunity to be in New Delhi to unveil our partnership with Vital Voices. Journalism training that is comprehensive and promotes integrity and freedom from bias in gathering and disseminating news, is critical to helping establish independent media outlets; improving professional standards; fostering transparency and accountability and promoting media organizations committed to independent and free press. Moreover, empowering these women journalists will create a positive multiplier effect that will provide support well beyond the participants of the program".

### About the Thomson Reuters Foundation

Established in 1982, Thomson Reuters Foundation is a registered charity in Britain and the United States. The charitable arm of Thomson Reuters, it leverages the skills and expertise across the corporation to increase trust and access to the rule of law, to save lives through the provision of trusted information and to improve standards of journalism.

Following the acquisition of Reuters by Thomson Corp in 2008, the Foundation's resources and programmes were expanded and a new leadership team was appointed. The Thomson Reuters Foundation website, [trust.org](http://trust.org), is a portal which integrates the Foundation's three key areas of focus and brings together the Foundation's community of partners.

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