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Executive Director of Renown Education and Literacy Organization to Speak at the University of Western Ontario

It is with great honour that **Yvonne Appiah, the Executive Director of CODE**, will be speaking at the University of Western Ontario (Western) on Thursday, March 23. This event is co-sponsored by **Librarians Without Borders (LWB)** and the **Canadian Library Association (CLA)** Student Group at Western.

Ms. Appiah will speak about the extensive work that CODE has done in African and Caribbean libraries, including successes they have had, challenges they have faced, and cultural differences between libraries they have observed. She will discuss the importance of education and development at large and the importance of building sustainability into projects.

LWB and CLA invite you to attend this talk on **Thursday, March 23** from 4:30 - 6:00 at Western in the North Campus Building, room 293. It is a great opportunity to learn more about these incredible organizations and to learn how education and literacy empower African and Caribbean citizens and ensure a bright future for developing nations of the world.

For almost 50 years, CODE has been promoting education and literacy in the developing world. CODE is a Canadian charitable organization that builds the bridge of literacy by “enabling people to learn by developing partnerships that provide resources for learning, promote awareness and understanding, and encourage self-reliance” in developing nations.

With last year’s budget totaling \$9.4 million and 90% of all CODE’s resources invested in direct overseas programs and book-sending, CODE supports a sustainable literate environment in the developing world. They have received numerous awards and great recognition for their work in Africa and the Caribbean, including the Government of Canada Literacy Innovation Award and the UNESCO International Prize for Literacy. CODE works in partnership with 13 local organizations in nine countries: Guyana, Senegal, Mali, Ghana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Malawi and Mozambique.

Librarians Without Borders (LWB) is an organization that was established at Western by library science students in 2005. LWB’s vision is to build sustainable libraries and support library professionals in developing nations. For more information about LWB, visit www.lwb-online.org. For more information about CODE, visit www.codecan.org.