

**The Women's Edge Coalition, the Academy for Educational
Development, and Gender Action**

cordially invite you to join

Professor Wangari Maathai

Winner of the 2004 Nobel Peace Prize

speaking on

“Women, Development and the Future”

Friday, May 13, 2005

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

**AED Academy Hall
1825 Connecticut Avenue NW
8th floor**

Wangari Maathai, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate of 2004, is internationally recognized for her persistent struggle for democracy, human rights and environmental conservation. She is especially well known as the founder of the Kenyan Green Belt Movement, which since 1977 has inspired ordinary Kenyan women to plant more than 30 million trees on their farms and in school and church compounds across Kenya to improve the quality of their life and environment. Their success spawned a Pan-African Green Belt Network, which has empowered communities in Tanzania, Uganda, Malawi, Lesotho, Ethiopia and Zimbabwe. Professor Maathai is the first African woman to receive the Nobel peace prize.

This event is a fundraiser. All proceeds will go to support the Green Belt Movement.

Tickets available at the door. \$20 per person.