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no idea

or



an idea

to



a competitive idea

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About this Competition:

This Implementation Competition is the follow-up step to the Action Plan Competition that occurs at the annual Global Student Forum (GSF), a flagship event by the Student Platform for Engineering Education Development (SPEED).

During the GSF, students from all over the world come together for 3 days to create a winning Action Plan to carry out a project once they return home.

To do this Action Plan, students are taught design principles and put into practice tools like Brainstorming, Idea Selection, Ideation, 3-Ideas Poster presentations, Investigation, Critique, Feedback, and Final Presentations.

All teams leave the GSF with the skills to travel back to their home country and implement their Action Plans.

Of course, some students will adopt new Action Plans from other teams. Or, using their brand new set of skills, some students will design a new Action Plan in time to enter this follow-up Implementation Competition.

Whatever your case is, this guide will help you go from having no idea, or an idea, to having a competitive idea that you and your team are excited about.

So...about that prize for being the best?

Glad you asked!

Winning teams will receive a trip to Dubai for the GSF 2014 Trip!

Sponsorship and prize details subject to change.



MILESTONES

Let the countdown begin!

The following are suggested milestones to keep your team on track for the Implementation Competition. While each team will have different goals and different timelines, these milestones show your mentors and judges your constant progress and effort throughout the 6 months.

Milestones will be uploaded on your team's Group Page on the SPEED Portal.

For more [information on the Milestones](#), please see the [SPEED Implementation Competition homepage](#).

Remember, we want to see smart Action!



Milestone 1: Team Group Page and Help Needed/Help Offered

Browse all the Design Portfolios to learn more about teams and Action Plans.

Get ideas to inspire your current Plan or a make a new Action Plan!

Finalize your team by creating a Group Page and filling out your team's needs.



Milestone 2: Background Research, Timeline, Budget, Key Stakeholders

What are the key risks to your Action Plan's success? Answer your key questions earlier rather than later. Understand what's been done before and use this to inform an itemized timeline and budget. Identify your key stakeholders and strategize how to involve them.

Document two meetings with your team.



Milestone 3: Meetings with Stakeholders & Team members

Document two meetings with at least two stakeholders and two meetings with your team.

Submit your lessons learned, and updated timeline and budget to reflect these new findings.

Submit a plan for user testing to validate your Action Plan and inform your Implementation strategy.



Milestone 4: Proven User-testing, Incorporating Feedback

In order for an Action Plan to work, your audience must be engaged.

Document your user-testing exploration and clearly layout your new findings.

Gain new perspective on your project. Look for an external, uninvolved source for feedback.



Milestone 5: Reflect, Analyze, Re-strategize.

Pause. Step back. Restrategize. Iterate.

Practice learning from your mistakes. Use the lessons you've earned and think critically of the steps to take from here to the final presentation.



IMPLEMENTATION COMPETITION

It's finally here!

Do you have what it takes to carry an idea into execution?

Convince your judges that you are the best candidate to win this competition.



NAVIGATING THE SPEED WEBSITE

The SPEED Website has been set up for your easiest use.
Here you can find:

Design Portfolios for all the Action Plans.

Browse. Learn. Ideate.

[Re-live the design process](#) of all the teams at the 9th GSF. Here you can find:

Brainstorming documents: *Get ideas on the problems and solutions your peers identified*

3-Ideas Posters: *Learn about the first team idea pitches*

Final Presentations Slides: *Dive into the teams' Action Plans for greater detail*

Final Presentations Recordings: *Experience the final presentations all over again*

Contact your GSF friends from all around the world.

Want to join an existing group?

Want to make a new group?

Want to consult with other peers and get more ideas?

Want to [learn more about a team's original ideas](#) and develop them further?

A Help Wanted/Help Offered Page

This is a [community forum page for students and mentors to help each other](#) locate resources:

Post about the skills you are looking for in new team members.

Post about the skills you are looking for in mentors.

Post about the contacts/stakeholders you need to make contact with.

Post about the questions you have and the help you need.

Post about the help you can give others that are in a similar situation.

You are each other's best resource!



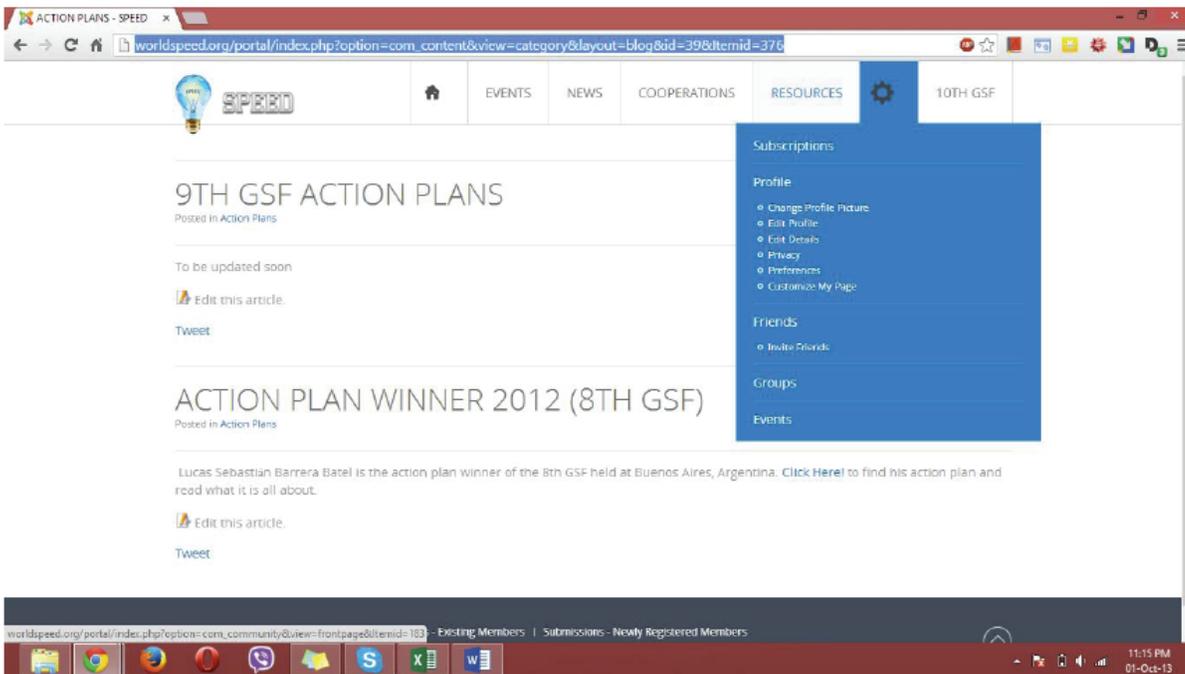
So, what are you waiting for? Let's get started!

There is a proxy team on the website that has made a profile to help you see an example.

Create a Group for your Implementation Team

Use your persuasion skills to draw more people in to help your cause. Did you gather students from your local area to help you accomplish your goal? Did you recruit people from other Action Plans that your Plan would be more successful, and then they joined you? Have you notified important people (key players) in your area that this initiative is taking place? Are those key players backing your cause? Consider the key players part of your team.

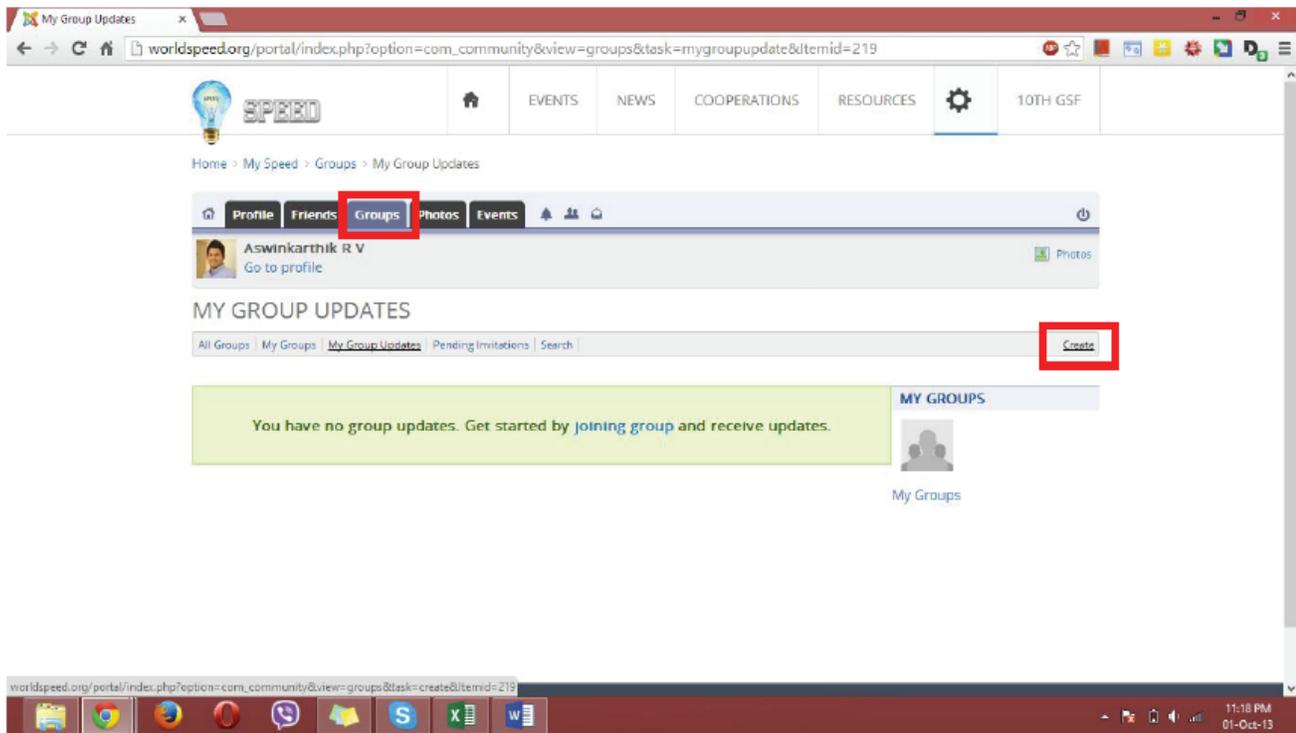
Step 1: Navigate to the mySPEED portal by clicking the Gear Menu.



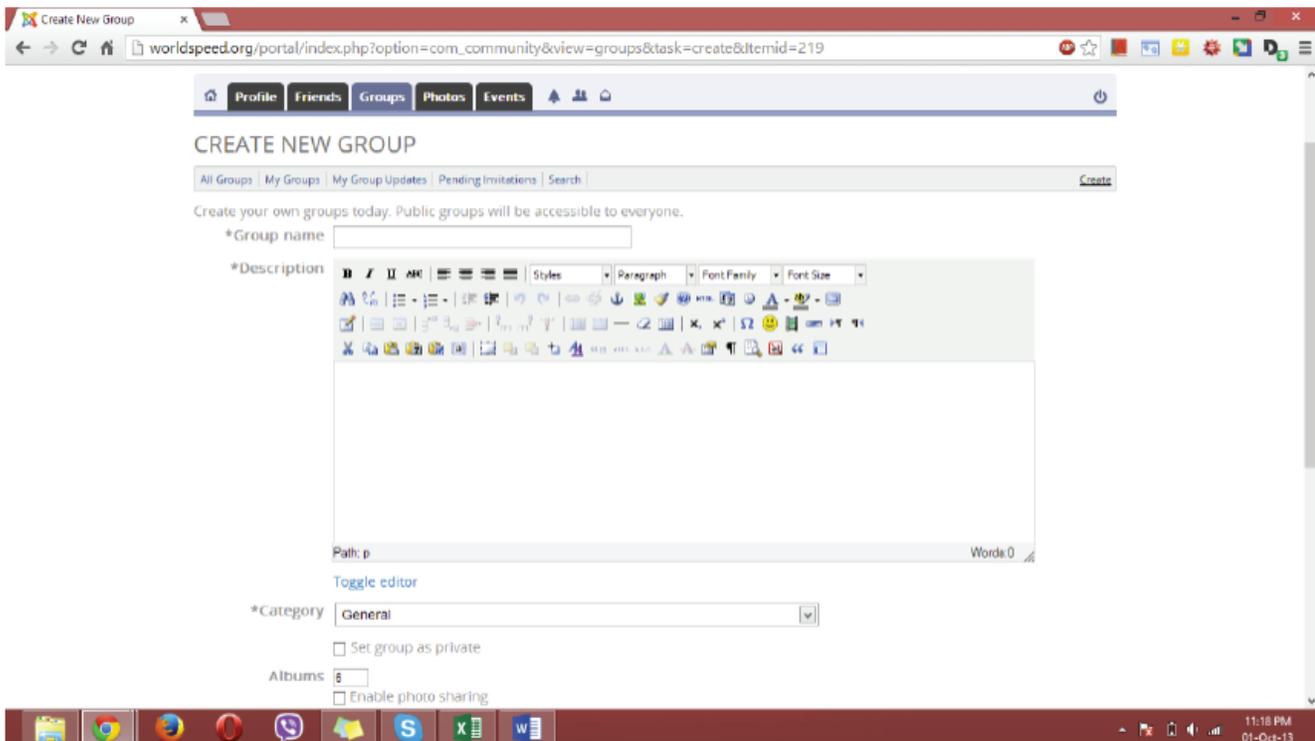
The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the mySPEED portal. The browser's address bar shows the URL: `worldspeed.org/portal/index.php?option=com_content&view=category&layout=blog&id=39&Itemid=376`. The website's navigation menu includes: HOME, EVENTS, NEWS, COOPERATIONS, RESOURCES, and 10TH GSF. The 'RESOURCES' menu is open, showing a gear icon. The main content area features two articles: '9TH GSF ACTION PLANS' and 'ACTION PLAN WINNER 2012 (8TH GSF)'. The '9TH GSF ACTION PLANS' article is marked 'To be updated soon' and has an 'Edit this article' link. The 'ACTION PLAN WINNER 2012 (8TH GSF)' article mentions 'Lucas Sebastián Barrera Batel' as the winner and also has an 'Edit this article' link. The footer of the page includes links for 'Existing Members' and 'Newly Registered Members'. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows the time as 11:15 PM on 01-Oct-13.



Step 2: Navigate to Groups Menu and create your own team Group:



Step 3: Create a new Group with the name of the Action Plan and description. Choose your group category as "Action Plan - 9th GSF"



Congrats! You're done!



Document your Progress through your team's Group Page.

Here, mentors and judges that are not included in your emails can keep track of your work and milestones all in one place.

They will show your mentors and judges that you've made constant progress an effort.

This page can be seen by anyone with a SPEED account. It allows you to see other team's progress.

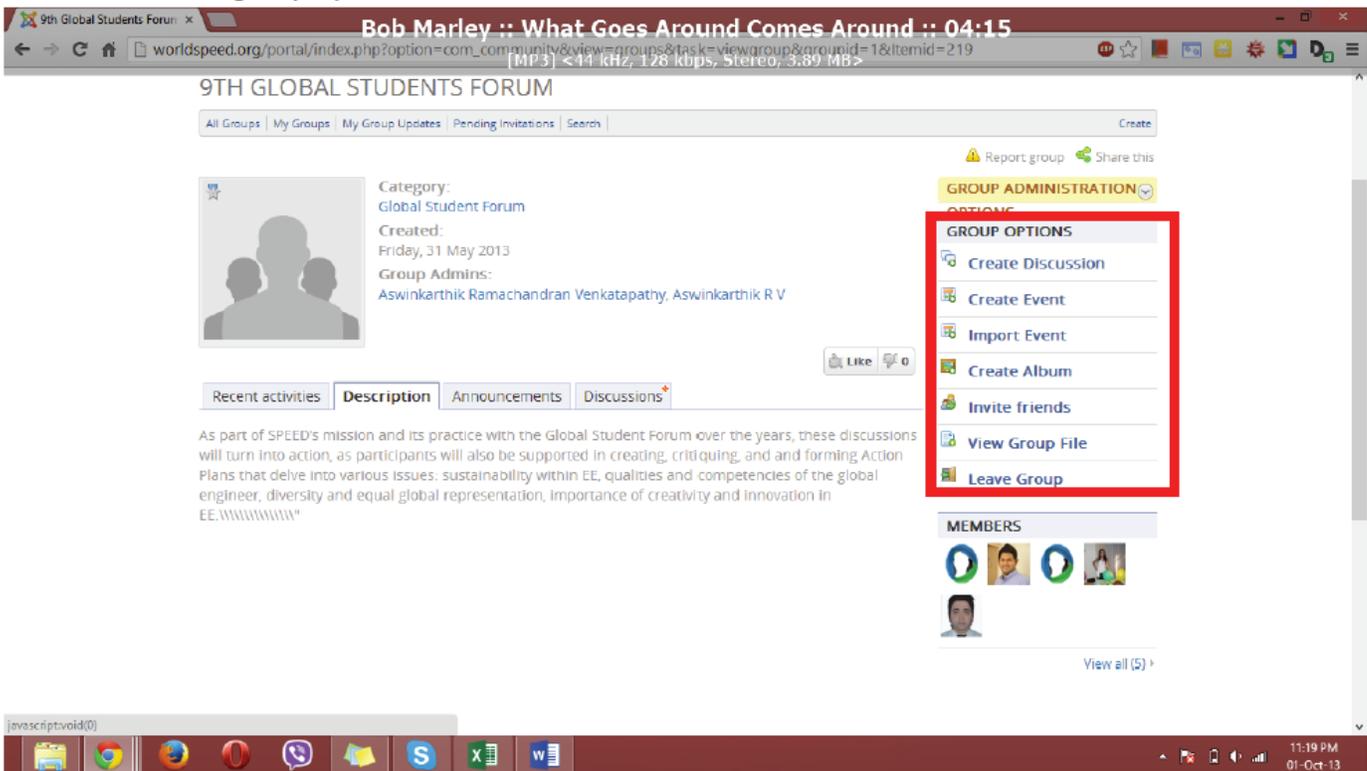
You can use the page to measure yourself up against your competitors. If you feel you are behind, kick yourself in the butt and get moving. If you feel you are ahead, push yourself harder to increase the gap between you and your competition. Have you separated yourself enough from the rest of the competition to ensure that your group will be going to Dubai in 2014?

The red box is your drop down menu for group administration options.

The screenshot shows a web browser window displaying the '9th Global Students Forum' group page on the SPEED website. The browser's address bar shows the URL: `worldspeed.org/portal/index.php?option=com_community&view=groups&task=viewgroup&groupid=1&Itemid=219`. The website header includes the SPEED logo and navigation tabs for HOME, EVENTS, NEWS, COOPERATIONS, RESOURCES, and 10TH GSF. Below the header, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home > My Speed > Groups > 9th Global Students Forum. A secondary navigation bar contains Profile, Friends, Groups, Photos, and Events. The main content area is titled '9TH GLOBAL STUDENTS FORUM' and includes a 'Create' button. A group profile card shows a category of 'Global Student Forum', a creation date of 'Friday, 31 May 2013', and group administrators 'Aswinkarthik Ramachandran Venkatapathy, Aswinkarthik R V'. A 'GROUP ADMINISTRATION' dropdown menu is highlighted with a red box, listing options: EDIT, Send e-mail to members, Create Announcement, Unpublish Group, and Delete Group. Below this, a 'GROUP OPTIONS' section includes Create Discussion, Create Event, and Import Event. A 'Recent activities' section is visible at the bottom, with a 'Message' button and a text input field. The Windows taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 11:33 PM on 01-Oct-13.



Description is where Action Plan details and links for files are given every time you submit something for the Implementation Competition Milestones. The red box gives various group options.



You can create **announcements** about your Action Plan.



MENTORS

What is a mentor?

Mentors are an optional resource to help give you [feedback and mentor you in using design principles](#) to achieve the “best” implementation strategy for your Action Plan.

Each time will have a specific mentor, if so desired (judges will not have served as mentors).

Additionally, there will be a pool of [mentors that are on-call to help you](#), including the 9th GSF organizers.

When you need their help, either contact them individually or go to the Organizers’ Group Page in the SPEED portal and post your Team’s name, critical questions, and contact information.

How do we get a mentor?

If you have needs for a specific mentor, post them on the Help Wanted Page.

If you have someone in specific that you’d like as a mentor, email us.

If there is someone you’d like to have as your mentor that you already know, (like a professor or dean), we can help you introduce them to SPEED and to their duties as a mentor in the Implementation Competition.

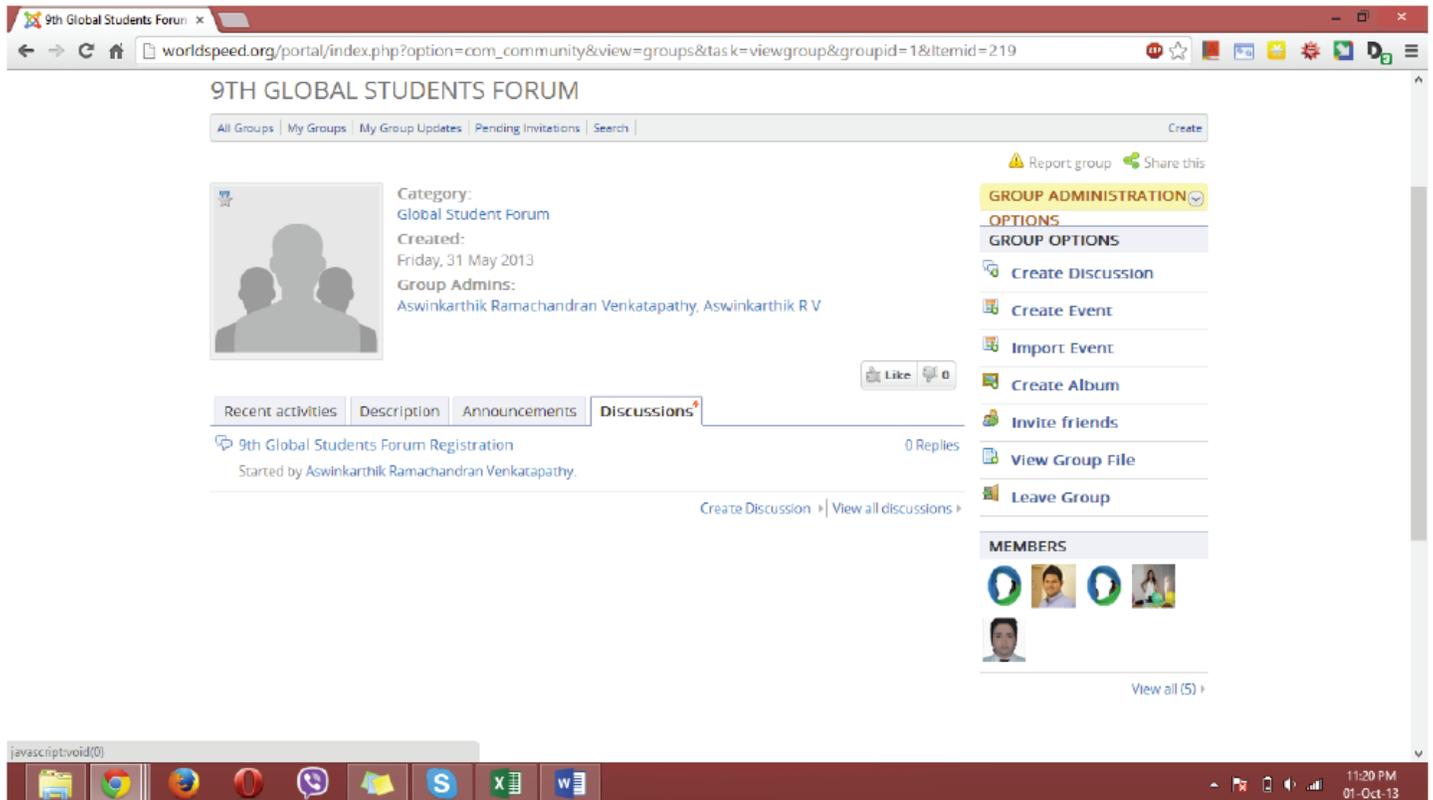
If you have expressed interest in a mentor, he/she will contact you between the 1st Milestone and 2nd Milestone, after your team’s Group Page has been set up.

Please have your questions ready.



The “Discussions” tab works like a forum to create discussions.

Post about the key risks and questions your group is trying to answer. Mentors and organizers will periodically check in to help wherever possible.

A screenshot of a web browser displaying the '9th Global Students Forum' page. The browser's address bar shows the URL: 'worldspeed.org/portal/index.php?option=com_community&view=groups&task=viewgroup&group=1&Itemid=219'. The page title is '9TH GLOBAL STUDENTS FORUM'. Below the title, there are navigation links: 'All Groups', 'My Groups', 'My Group Updates', 'Pending Invitations', and 'Search'. A 'Create' button is also visible. The main content area features a group profile with a placeholder image, category 'Global Student Forum', creation date 'Friday, 31 May 2013', and group admins 'Aswinkarthik Ramachandran Venkatapathy, Aswinkarthik R V'. There are 'Like' and '0' buttons. Below this, there are tabs for 'Recent activities', 'Description', 'Announcements', and 'Discussions' (which is active). Under the 'Discussions' tab, there is a post titled '9th Global Students Forum Registration' started by 'Aswinkarthik Ramachandran Venkatapathy' with '0 Replies'. To the right of the main content, there is a 'GROUP ADMINISTRATION' sidebar with 'OPTIONS' and 'GROUP OPTIONS'. The 'GROUP OPTIONS' section includes: 'Create Discussion', 'Create Event', 'Import Event', 'Create Album', 'Invite friends', 'View Group File', and 'Leave Group'. Below this is a 'MEMBERS' section showing several profile pictures and a 'View all (5)' link. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating '11:20 PM 01-Oct-13'.

Follow this link back to the Action Plan and Implementation Competition Homepage:

Resources > Action Plans > 9th GSF Action Plans

http://worldspeed.org/portal/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=135:9th-gsf-action-plans&catid=39&Itemid=386

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