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AWID CONFERENCE REPORT

Report on the Fifth International Forum of the Association for Women in Development, November 21-24, 1991, Washington, D.C.

The 1991 Forum, Learning Together, Working Together: A South-North Dialogue, brought together eleven hundred women and men from around the world to exchange experiences and ideas on the rapidly evolving field of women and development. AWID is committed to promoting a dialogue among scholars, policy makers and practitioners, and all three groups have actively contributed to the strength of previous conferences. Yet because of their easier access to travel funding, scholars and policy people have tended to outnumber those actually running the programs and doing the work at the grassroots level. Given the vitality and variety of programming for women now occurring internationally, it was decided to make this a practitioner driven conference.

To do this, it was necessary to locate people in innovative programs in every region of the world who were willing to come to Washington and share what they were doing. At the same time, it was necessary to raise the money to bring them. Using a variety of networks the Conference committee mailed more than 11,000 calls for participation, and directly raised more than \$300,000 to bring a representative sample of those who responded. Presenters came from more than 60 countries; of these 57% were international and 15% were from the community level in North America.

A practitioner driven conference also meant modifying the standard conference format to permit more opportunities for dialogue and

exchange. The program was designed to examine issues and strategies in seven areas:

- Work
- Education
- Health
- Family
- Political participation
- Environment
- Institutional Development

And the ideas flew thick and fast. Over the past two decades a great deal of "how to" experience has been accumulated, and people are eager for exchange. To give an idea of the variety, these are a few of the Friday morning sessions:

- Women and Credit; Models that Work.
- Women Writers under Dictatorships.
- Gender Issues in Big Business: New Possibilities and Continuing Perils.
- How to Use Film to Organize.
- Strategies for Insuring Women's Legal Rights.
- Global Perspectives on Women and AIDS.
- Meeting the Intersecting Needs of Women and Children: Programs in India and Inner-city Washington.

In some areas, international networks are strong, in others they are just beginning, but the synergy from having so many in one place at one time was simply overwhelming.

Fortunately, through a complicated package of funding strategies, UIUC was well represented. Twelve graduate students and four faculty attended. Three students, Lucy Kehinde, Grace Malindi and Rosintan Panjaitan, organized and participated in a panel Delivering Agricultural Information to Women Farmers-Grassroots Perspectives from Africa, Asia and North America. Kate Cloud co-chaired two workshops, a pre-conference workshop Tools for Gender Trainers and Working with National level Statistics-a Gender Training Workshop. The report of the Bergen Conference in which the Office collaborated and the registry of gender training which we developed, were also distributed during the series of gender training presentations at the Forum.

All in all, the forum was an enormous success. It was rich, varied, vivid, well organized, and professional in a deeply feminist way. It demonstrated what we all have believed; that women can do the work of the world in varied ways, and in respectful dialogue, learn from one another, and support one another. It actualized DAWN's vision "that feminism is a political movement, and...therefore can be diverse in its issues, immediate goals and methods. But beneath this diversity, feminism has at its unshakable core, a commitment to breaking down the structures of gender subordination and a vision of women as full and equal participants with men at all levels of societal life".

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WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AT UIUC

Activities and Events on Campus

Preliminary Announcements

Ireme Santiago, Asian and South Pacific Regional Director of UNIFEM, will give a seminar on March 19 at 4:00 p.m., followed by a reception in Room 101, International Studies Building, as part of the inaugural series "The World in the 21st Century: Confronting Cultural, Economic and Technological Diversity" to celebrate the new International Studies Building. Further details will follow. Please mark the date on your calendar.

Professor Xide Xie, an eminent physicist and previous president of Fudan University in the People's Republic of China, will speak on women's roles in Chinese science sometime during the week of March 23. Further information will follow.

March is Women's History Month. The Women's Studies Program is announcing a full schedule of events which will be available from the Women's Studies Program, 708 South Mathews, Urbana, IL, (217) 333-2990.

STUDY AND TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

Summer Institute for African Agricultural Research, July 5-24, 1992, University of Wisconsin, Madison. The primary objective is to complement the research training of African PhD students through intensive interaction with leading researchers experienced in African agriculture and also to enhance the U.S. education of African PhD students by facilitating discussions among students' advisors, African researchers, donor agencies and other institutions. The Summer Institute is for African PhD students who are studying in the United States and who plan to conduct thesis research in Africa. Students in the social, biological and physical sciences working on African food and agricultural issues may apply. Students preparing their thesis research proposals will receive priority in the selection process. Student advisors are invited to participate for three days. A grant from the Rockefeller Foundation will cover all expenses for students and their advisors including round-trip travel to Madison, hotel and meals. Application material is due on March 1, 1992. Contact: Ms. Sharon Baumgartner, Training Coordinator, International Agricultural Programs, 240 Agriculture Hall, University of Wisconsin, Madison, WI 53706.

Gender Analysis and Equity in Development, a short training course for development professionals, July 13-September 18, 1992 is offered by the Overseas Development Group, University of East Anglia, Norwich NR4 7TJ, U. K. Tel: (0603) 57880, FAX: (0603) 505262.

Columbia University and the Economic Development Institute of the World Bank, announce a new initiative for graduate training in the theory and practice of economic policymaking and management. The one-year program with a half-year internship focuses on meeting economic-policy challenges facing developing economies in the 1990's and beyond. For more information contact: Ms. Angela Reid, Administrative Coordinator, Program in Economic Policy Management, 1013 International Affairs Building, Columbia University, New York, NY 10027 USA, Tel: 01-212-854-2062, FAX: 01-212-854-8059.

FELLOWSHIPS, GRANTS, AND AWARDS

1. Students:

Rockefeller Foundation's Re-entry Grants for African Scholars Pursuing Education Research. This grants program is designed to assist in the professional re-establishment of talented African Scholars who are returning from doctoral studies abroad and have a research interest in issues related to the revitalization and development of education in sub-Saharan Africa. All proposed projects must include an explicit and substantial focus on female school participation as part of the set of educational issues to be examined. Applicants may submit research proposals prior to or within one year of returning to their Africa-based institutions. Grants are made to the scholar, but the proposal must be endorsed by the African institution where the applicant will be a full-time staff member. There are no deadlines for submission of proposals. Contact: Scholars on Education Re-Entry Program, The Rockefeller Foundation, 1133 Avenue of the Americas, New York, NY 10036, USA or Scholars on Education Re-Entry Program, The Rockefeller Foundation, P.O. Box 47543, Nairobi, Kenya.

The World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program. The World Bank, with grant funding from the Government of Japan, has established a scholarship program for graduate studies leading to a higher degree in a development-related social science. Scholarships are available to applicants mainly from developing countries who intend to pursue a career in a development field. It is anticipated that each scholarship recipient will return to their home country at the conclusion of their studies to apply their enhanced knowledge and skills to help accelerate the pace of economic and social development. Applications must be received before March 1, 1992. For application materials, contact the WID Office, or The World Bank, World Bank Graduate Scholarship Program, 1818 H St. NW, M-4035, Washington, DC 20433.

Nelle M. Signor Fellowships on International Relations are being offered by International Programs and Studies in conjunction with the Departments of History and Political Science at the University of Illinois for dissertation research or writing in the area of international relations for 1992-93. Any unmarried student whose dissertation topic is in the field of international relations is eligible for the program, regardless of the department of study. Applicants must have completed their preliminary exams at the time of application and must be nominated by their respective departments. Contact the Fellowship Office, UIUC, 209 Coble Hall, Champaign, IL 61820, 217-333-0036. Deadline: April 30, 1992.

Latin American Language and Area Studies Fellowships, 1992-93, University of Illinois. Candidates must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents; graduate students enrolled in good standing at the university; pursuing advanced training with Latin American area courses or international aspects of professional study; and must enroll in advanced Portuguese, Quechua, or Spanish courses. Native speakers of Latin American languages and students preparing to teach English as a second or foreign language are not eligible. Award: Tuition and fees, plus a stipend (to be announced). Departments must forward ranked applications by February 28, 1992. For more information contact Ronnie Kann, Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, 201 International Studies Building, 910 South Fifth Street, Champaign, IL 61820, (217) 244-4708, 333-3182.

Summer Intensive Language Fellowships, 1992. Two fellowships will be awarded to eligible graduate students from UIUC to study at any approved institution in the United States or abroad which offers the equivalent of an academic year of language instruction in Brazilian, Portuguese or Amerindian languages during the summer of 1992. Candidates from all departments and professional schools are encouraged to apply. Deadline: February 28, 1992. Contact: Ronnie Hann, address same as above.

Tinker Research Grants for 1992 for funding for travel to field site, in-country travel and lodging expenses with possibility of funding for expendable supplies and processing of research materials for pilot research studies in Latin America and the Spanish-speaking Caribbean. The grant usually covers six to fourteen weeks of field research (Summer through December). Master's degree candidates, professional degree of license candidates, Ph.D. candidates and junior faculty of any unit at UIUC are eligible to apply. Application materials due in the Center by Friday, March 6, 1992.

Foreign Language and Area Studies Fellowships for the Study of Africa, University of Illinois. Applications are invited for African Language and area study at the masters and doctoral levels at the University of Illinois under the Higher Education Act, Title VI. Pending funding from the U.S. Department of Education, during the 1992-93 academic year the center anticipates awarding fellowships for African area studies, which include the study of African languages, both in its own interdisciplinary masters program and in the masters and doctoral programs of cooperating departments. The center is proposing to offer fellowships for the study of Afrikaans, Amharic, Bambara, Hausa, Lingala, Swahili,

Wolof, and Zulu. Other languages may be eligible by special request. Minority applications are especially encouraged, as are applications which combine area studies with work in a professional curriculum. Candidates must be American citizens or permanent residents, hold a bachelor's degree at the time graduate study is to begin, be admitted to a graduate program at the university, and undertake a combination of African language and area study courses. Students not currently enrolled at the university are encouraged to inform the Center for African Studies and their disciplinary department of their intent to apply for this competition. **Deadline: February 29, 1992.**

Summer Fellowships. The center also awards fellowships for the intensive study of African languages during the summer. These fellowships are tenable at Illinois or at any other participating institution. Funds exist to support the travel costs of students who opt to study on other campuses. **Deadline for applications for summer school only is April 15, 1992.** For more information, contact: Center for African Studies, UIUC, 210 International Studies Building, 910 South Fifth, Champaign, IL 61820, (217) 333-6335.

The Women's Studies Program provides funds on a competitive basis to support graduate and undergraduate student endeavor in feminist scholarship. Funds might be used, for example, to support travel to a professional meeting, presentation of a paper at a professional meeting, exhibition or performances of creative work, or some costs of research (such as obtaining special resources, travel to archives). **Deadline: March 12** for Summer and Fall 1992 activities.

2. Faculty:

International Agriculture Project Development Travel Fund. Grants of up to \$500 are available for tenure-track and tenured faculty members in the College of Agriculture to support travel directly related to new project development. Grants will not be awarded to support attendance or presentations at international conferences, seminars, or workshops. **Deadline for application is March 1, 1992.** To get a copy of the application guidelines and a request form, call or write the Office of International Agriculture, UIUC, 113 Mumford Hall, 1301 West Gregory, Urbana, IL 61801, Tel: (217) 333-6421.

Mucia Grants for Travel. Grants of up to \$1,000 are offered by the Midwest Universities Consortium for International Activities (MUCIA) and the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs to UIUC faculty and staff members to apply for a travel-fund grant to support international program development. The next deadline is **March 1, 1992.** Guidelines and request forms are available from MUCIA, UIUC, 324 International Studies Building, 910 South Fifth St., Champaign, IL 61820, Tel: (217) 333-1993.

CONFERENCES AND CALL FOR PAPERS

Third Women's Policy Research Conference, May 15-16, 1992, American University Campus, Washington, DC. co-sponsored by the Institute for Women's Policy Research and the Department of Sociology, College of Arts and Sciences, at American University, will present new policy-relevant research findings on issues important to women and their families. This conference seeks to focus especially on race and ethnicity and the effects of migration and immigration trends on women. 1992 represents the 500th anniversary of the European "discovery" of the Americas. The IWPR conference will strive to reflect a feminist multicultural understanding of the factors that shape women's lives in the Americas; these include dynamics around the world that affect migration and immigration and our economies and politics. Contact Heidi Hartmann at IWPR, 1400 20th St. NW, Suite 104, Washington, DC 20036, (202) 785-5100; or American University Sociology Dept. general office, (202) 885-2474.

Fifth International Interdisciplinary Congress on Women (IICW), February 22-26, 1993, University of Costa Rica, San Jose, Costa Rica. The Congress is held every three years. Its aim is to bring together scholars and practitioners from a wide range of disciplines and areas of expertise, to share insights, experiences and research and to explore issues of importance to women throughout the world. The theme for the Fifth IICW is "Search, Participation, Change". All topics related to women's issues are welcome. Deadline for abstracts: April 1, 1992. For more information, contact PRIEG, Universidad de Costa Rica, P.O. Box 2060 San Pedro, Costa Rica, Central America, Tel: (506) 53-1495, FAX (506) 53-4601.

The 14th Annual Conference on Economic Issues organized by the department of economics, Middlebury College, April 3-4, 1992, will focus on Women and Development. Papers dealing with the socio-economic status of women can be of a theoretical, empirical, institutional nature with or without a regional emphasis. The annual conference has traditionally explored topics with a view to promote dialogue not only among economists but also with other social scientists. Interested people should contact: Dr. Sunder Ramaswamy, Department of Economics, Middlebury College, Middlebury, VT 05753-6125, Tel: (802) 388-3711 x 5322.

"The Forum for Advancing Basic Education and Literacy", a new periodical published by the Harvard Institute for International Development, is interested in publishing articles about research and development programs, particularly articles written by country nationals. To encourage writing by local people, there is a small amount of money (\$100) to pay for articles written by in-country researchers and development practitioners. For more information, contact the WID Office, or HIID, 1 Eliot St. Cambridge, MA 02138.

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