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Senhor Ministro dos Negócios Estrangeiros

Excelência,

Tenho a honra de enviar a V.Exa. 5 exemplares da nota do Secretariado da CCTA, referência 5/133-393, de 20 de Junho passado, contendo informações sobre um Seminário organizado pela "Women's Improvement Society", a realizar no University College de Ibadan, Nigéria, sobre o futuro da mulher africana.

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A Bem da Nação

Abraúches Pinto

*Re. M. da A. de 3057,
de 25/8/60*

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Lagos, 20th June, 1960.

"THE AFRICAN WOMAN DESIGNS HER FUTURE"

- A seminar for African Women -
(Ibadan, 1st-15th August 1960)

The Secretariat has the honour to state that it has been informed of the above seminar which is being organised by the Women's Improvement Society and the Council of Women's Societies, Nigeria, and sponsored by the International Alliance of Women with the assistance of UNESCO. This seminar is to be held at the University College, Ibadan, Nigeria.

The particulars of this seminar are as follows:

TITLE:

THE AFRICAN WOMAN DESIGNS HER FUTURE

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Seminar is twofold, namely

- (a) to give participants the opportunity of examining some of the major problems which confront women in the New Africa and of exchanging ideas and experiences;
- (b) to consider ways and means in which African women can be equipped to make a greater contribution to modern society on the basis of equal opportunities and responsibilities with men in all spheres of economic, political and social activity. In this connection, special consideration will be given to adult education, community and welfare projects which can promote this objective.

FOR WHOM INTENDED:

The Seminar is intended for leaders of women's organisations and women workers both in government and private institutions in the field of education, health and social welfare, community development and home economics. Maximum enrolment 40.

DURATION &

PLACE:

The Seminar will be held at University College, Ibadan, Nigeria from August 1st to August 15. Accommodation will be provided in one of the Halls of Residence.

ORGANISATION

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SPONSORSHIP:

The Seminar is being organised jointly by the Women's Improvement Society and the Council of Women's Societies, Nigeria, and is sponsored by the International Alliance of Women with the financial and technical assistance of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.

The Department of Extra-Mural Studies of the University College, Ibadan, is assisting with the arrangements.

DIRECTOR OF STUDIES: Lady Kof Ademola will be the Director of Studies.

ORGANISER: The organiser will be Mrs. F. A. Ogunsheye, Her address is University College, Ibadan, Nigeria.

PROGRAMME OF WORK:

- (a) As set up in Page 2 of the Draft Time-Table, the work of the Seminar will begin with a survey of the present position of women in changing Africa, followed by a review of the educational opportunities open to African women at all levels, primary, secondary, higher and adult education. In the third part, future goals in different field of activity and how they can be achieved will be considered.
- (b) The work of the Seminar will be done in plenary sessions and small discussion groups. Provision will be made in the time-table for reading, excursions and entertainment.

LANGUAGES: English and French will be the official language of the Seminar.

Draft Programme

THE AFRICAN WOMAN DESIGNS HER FUTURE

1. The Present patterns of life in Africa - Women's position -
 - (a) In the home
 - (b) In the Social Scene.
 - (c) Her economic activity.
 - (d) Her political activity.(Exchange of information at the group discussions).

2. Her educational opportunities.
 - (a) School - Primary, Secondary and Technical
 - (b) Higher education - University, Teacher training, professional.
 - (c) Adult Education.
 1. Adult literacy.
 2. Home economics & family welfare
 3. Community & social welfare projects & facilities.

Lectures will be given on the various subjects to be followed by discussions and suggestions.

3. Future goals
 - (a) Greater awareness of her responsibilities to the community and more effective participation in the political sphere.
 - (b) Preservation of the best features of traditional culture and happy combination with progressive ways and thought.
 - (c) Organisation of adult education projects for women and use of mass media opportunities radio television etc.

- (d) A more constructive and active role in the field of International cooperation.

Lectures will be given on the above topics and will include suggestions of problems to be examined in greater detail in the discussion groups. Each group will have a reporter who will submit summaries of the discussion of the groups to the plenary sessions.

In order to be able to make a useful contribution to the work of the Seminar, delegates are expected to come well prepared with information about the position of women in their respective countries and what is being done to improve their status.

Excursions will be arranged to places of interest relevant to the topics of discussion, e.g. girls schools, teacher training, and girls occupational colleges, etc.

Evenings will be devoted to films, visual aids or practical displays followed by discussions. Films brought by delegates about their countries will be welcomed.

Arrangements will be made for participants to receive hospitality in Nigerian homes.

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The Commission has been invited to be represented and it is hoped that it will be possible to accept the invitation.

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