

## NETWORK NEWS

AFRICAN FOOD SUPPLIES have improved following good 1986 harvests in most countries, but drought still plagues Botswana, Lesotho, Swaziland, Zambia and Zimbabwe, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization reports (April). Exportable surpluses of corn and sorghum in some African countries will meet most of the need, but emergency aid will be required for Botswana and Lesotho, also for Angola and Mozambique where food production is still severely hampered by armed conflict. Despite a better harvest, Ethiopia, too, still needs external assistance. For more detail: FAO Liaison Office for North America, 1001 22nd Street, Washington, D.C. 20437. 202-653-2402.

The first AFRICA PRIZE FOR LEADERSHIP for the sustainable end of hunger will be awarded in September by the Hunger Project to a distinguished African man or woman who has shown exceptional leadership at the national, regional or continent-wide level. Nominations must be received by June 15. Robert McNamara, former World Bank president, chairs the international jury. The winner receives a sculpture by Takenobu Igarashi and a cash prize of \$100,000 to support her/his continuing work. For details: The Hunger Project, One Madison Ave., New York, NY 10010. 212-532-4255.

AFRICAN WOMEN AGRICULTURALISTS from eastern and southern Africa will be selected by the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture in Ibadan, Nigeria, to receive five masters and Ph.D. research fellowships and 34 scholarships from the Ford Foundation to support training of women research and extension workers at the IITA. Since IITA's Training Program began in 1971, women from 24 countries have comprised 18% of Master of Science candidates and 12% of the Ph.D. candidates, but only 9% of the "practical farmers" in the nondegree training programs, according to the March issue of IITA Research Briefs.

BUILDING ON WOMEN'S EXPERIENCE: A RESOURCE AND ACTION KIT, with sections on "Action in Africa," Asia, Latin America and the Caribbean, as well as the "North", and on cross-cultural networking and fund-raising, has been published jointly by ISIS-Rome and ICDA (International Coalition for Development Action), 1987. \$10 from ICDA, 22 rue des Bollandistes, 1040 Brussels, Belgium.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO UNIFEM (the UN Development Fund for Women) can now be made by individuals, youth groups, churches, and others through the U.S. Committee for UNIFEM, 1889 F Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20006. 202-289-7467. UNIFEM has assisted more than 400 women's self-help activities in 91 developing countries since becoming operational in 1978. Only 10% of UNIFEM-supported projects employ outside "experts"; most use people from the same country for all project tasks. Most projects are too small for larger funding agencies. About 5% of UNIFEM's funding has come from the private sector; more is needed. The U.S. Committee wants to build American support.

FOOD ON THE TABLE: SEEKING GLOBAL SOLUTIONS TO CHRONIC HUNGER is the title of a "Briefing Book" by Neal Spivack and Ann Florini published by the United Nations Association of the USA for study in local UNA-USA chapters. Excellent basic background to current policy issues. 81 pp., \$5.00 from UNA-USA, 485 Fifth Ave., New York, NY 10017. A more technical "Supplemental Information Book" of reprints from U.N. University publications was prepared in February 1987 by the American Council for the United Nations University (1911 Kenbar Court, McLean, Virginia 22101) to augment the study.

HEALTH FOR ALL is the title of a teaching module for secondary schools and also a class activity sheet for primary schools now available for only \$2 to cover postage and handling (\$2.25 for both modules) as part of a new project of development education on health in the Third World: World Health Educational Resources Exchange. For more details: American Association for World Health, 2001 S Street NW, Suite 530, Washington, D.C. 20009. 202-265-0286.

### EVENTS

- June 21-26 LEGISLATIVE SEMINAR 1987: ECONOMIC JUSTICE FOR ALL - in Washington, D.C. Sponsor: Network, a Catholic Social Justice Lobby, 802 Rhode Island Ave. NE, Wash. DC 20018. 202-526-4070.
- July 8 - 11 20th ANNUAL MEETING - in San Francisco. Society for Nutrition Education, 1700 Broadway, Suite 300, Oakland, California 94612. Registration information SNE, Denver, 303-831-6338.
- Aug. 2 - 8 CENTER FOR POPULAR ECONOMICS SUMMER INSTITUTE - in Amherst. "People-oriented" economics. Previous study of economics not required to attend. Center for Popular Economics, Box 785, Amherst, MA 01004. 413-545-0743.
- October 16 4th WORLD FOOD DAY TELECONFERENCE: "POVERTY, HUNGER & INTERDEPENDENCE." Provided free of charge to participating campuses and other groups. Contact National Committee for World Food Day, 1001 22nd St. NW, Washington, D.C. 20437. 202-653-2404.