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WOMEN IN TRAINING

The Singapore Council of Women's Organizations is planning to carry out a survey of women's training needs that will lead to a series of weekend workshops to prepare housewives to enter or re-enter the workforce.

Training workshops for women trainers are also planned. The training is designed to develop self-confidence and a positive attitude towards paid work.

The programme is the Council's response to a government appeal for increased participation of women in the labour force. It is being organized in collaboration with the Singapore Department of Extra-Mural Studies and the Singapore Association for Continuing Education.

AND.....The African Training and Research Centre for Women is set to initiate a new project entitled "Training of African Women in Entrepreneurial Skills."

The project is aimed at establishing training programmes for women in business management techniques in African training institutions, in order to increase their efficiency in the public and private sectors and the viability and profitability of their own enterprises.

International Council for Adult Education
Women's Program Newsletter, April 1984.

NUMBER OF FEMALE MEDICAL STUDENTS CUT BACK

In Indonesia, from now on, women may not exceed 30 per cent of students entering medical faculties throughout the country.

In announcing this decision, the chairman of the Indonesian Doctors Association said the health authorities consider that too many women have entered the medical profession in the past few years.

The authorities, he said, allege that some provincial health services

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are finding it difficult to staff medical centres because "only women doctors" are available.

In West Sumatra, about 60 per cent of the doctors are women, but they are often not employed in rural areas because women are paid less than men and can't afford the move.

The decision by the health authorities has angered Indonesian women doctors.

Outwrite Women's Newspaper, Issue 25
May 1984.

FOCUSING ON WOMEN COULD BOOST FOOD PRODUCTION

Greater attention to women's needs and roles would make their contribution to food production more effective and improve their and their families' nutrition, according to a report just issued by the U.N. Protein-Calory Advisory Group (PAG).

"A broad understanding of women's role in food and nutrition will help to realize the potential of women for important food and nutrition levels," says the report, "and at the same time increase their possibilities of obtaining an equal share of the fruits of development."

The report singles out the African experience to show the extent to which conditions under which women live and work have an effect on the availability of food and the nutritional levels of their families and communities.

Ninety per cent of the rural food supply is provided by women in some parts of Africa.

"This discrepancy," states the report, "illustrates the prevailing lack of awareness of the importance of women as transmitters of nutritional opportunities, and the present failure of development strategies to utilize them effectively as channels to desired improvements in food availability and nutritional levels."

Published by the U.N. Food and Agriculture Organization, one of the report's objectives is to assess the current research on women's role in food and nutrition, and suggest new approaches and directions in research to provide a basis for better planning and implementation of practical and

effective development programmes.

POPULATION, UNFPA Newsletter Vol. 10 No.3
March 1984

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN

The World Bank is looking for women economists, educational specialists, financial analysts, lawyers, engineers, and agriculturalists.

Applicants must hold a university degree, preferably post-graduate level, relevant to the specialization concerned; be thoroughly experienced - five to 10 years - in the practical aspects of their profession; be interested in international development.

Further information may be obtained from Christina Imnoof, Staffing Specialist, Personnel Management Department, the World Bank, 1818 H Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20433.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) is creating an active roster of experts interested in and competent for short- or long-term assignments with ILO participatory rural energy development projects.

The ILO wants individuals with social science backgrounds and experience in socio-economic surveys and analysis, and/or individuals with backgrounds in planning and management of rural energy and basic needs research and/or action projects. The organization is particularly interested in women and Third World candidates.

Qualified individuals should send a curriculum vitae to the ILO's Personnel Department and a copy to Elizabeth Cecelski, Rural Employment Policies Branch, Employment and Development Department indicating their interest in short- or long-term assignments and their current availability. The address is CH-1211, Geneva 22, Switzerland.

The National Association for Foreign Student Affairs, Education for International Development Program announces research awards ranging from US \$250 to \$300, for projects relevant to international education.

Applicants should submit an abstract of their research plan and a one-page rationale for the project and its importance to international education primarily in the developing world.

All applications must be accompanied by a letter from an academic advisor stating that the project has been approved by a faculty committee.

The Education for International Development Committee will meet next in September 1984 to consider awards. Applications and enquiries should be sent to: NAFSA, 1860 19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009, U.S.A.

The American Association of University Women Educational Foundation will award international fellowships to 60 women who are citizens of countries other than the United States, for one year of advanced study and training in the U.S.

1985-86 fellowship applications will be available August 1, 1984 from: AAUW Educational Foundation Programs, 2401 Virginia Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20037, U.S.A.

Michigan State University Women in International Development Newsletter, Vol. 5
No. 2 May 1984.

PLACING VALUE ON WOMEN'S WORK

"The Value of Women's Work" is the theme of the second International Women's Seminar 1984 to be held by the Institute for Study in Salzburg, Austria.

The seminar aims to offer means for development of strategies to improve the political-economic role of women. It will also emphasize the importance of paid and unpaid women's work in the future economic structure of the world, and is expected to come up with a new definition of productive work which goes beyond exchange-value orientation.

Discussions will focus on the following: women in the family, women in the working world, formation of strategies, and women's work in international opinion leading.

The seminar will run from October 14-19.

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