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REV. JESSE JACKSON TO KEYNOTE CONFERENCE
ON CITIES' DIVESTMENT FROM SOUTH AFRICA

The Reverend Jesse L. Jackson, chairman of the National Rainbow Coalition, will deliver the keynote address at a national conference on municipal divestment from South Africa in New York City on Oct. 11.

Legislators, investment specialists and community leaders from over thirty cities across the country are expected to attend the conference, which will end after a day of closed seminars on Oct. 12. The conference, which will be held at the United Nations Church Center, is being coordinated by the American Committee on Africa and co-sponsored by the United Nations Special Committee Against Apartheid.

"Divestment does not merely take our dollars out of South Africa, it is an investment in equality," Rev. Jackson said, noting the increasing impact of economic action against apartheid. Ten States and more than thirty cities have already passed divestment legislation, and both the U.S. Conference of Mayors and the Conference and the Conference of Black Mayors have voted resolutions encouraging municipal divestment.

Before addressing the conference on Oct. 11, the Rev. Jackson will participate in a rally supporting divestment which is also being held earlier the same day in New York City.

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