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THE AFRICA FUND WOMEN'S PROJECT

The Africa Fund Women's Project was established in October 1992 to deliberately support women's empowerment in southern Africa. The Project works to expand connections between U.S. women and southern African women engaged in the struggle for women's liberation. The Project educates Americans about the situation of women in southern Africa, particularly the issues around which they are organizing.

The Project also provides resources and information to southern African women on topics they request, such as violence against women, women in trade unions, legislation for women's equality, women's leadership, organizing and training. The Project identifies specific areas around which concerned people in the U.S. can advocate for women in southern Africa.

Current program includes:

BRIEFINGS BY SOUTHERN AFRICAN WOMEN LEADERS

Although many Americans by now know of the struggles for national liberation in southern Africa, very little information about the role of women in those struggles, or in their own fight for equality, is known. Through a series of briefings, a women's analysis of southern Africa is brought to concerned Americans in order to spark a dialogue within the international women's struggle.

SUPPORT FOR THE SOUTH AFRICAN WOMEN'S CHARTER

In March 1993 the Women's National Coalition of South Africa launched a campaign to create a Charter of Women's Rights for inclusion in the new South African Constitution. The Africa Fund Women's Project organized over 30 U.S. women leaders to publicly support the creation of such a Charter. As the Campaign proceeds, we continue to monitor its progress and report to women in the U.S. on issues the Charter will cover.

NETWORK BUILDING

Regular mailings inform members of a U.S. network about initiatives being taken up by southern African women. Similarly, southern African women receive information on the status of women in the U.S. and strategies for attaining equality here.

PUBLICATIONS

The Africa Fund produces pieces about women in southern Africa, in order to provide background materials for people in the United States who want to become active and informed about the efforts of women in southern Africa.

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