

**AFRICAN STUDIES ASSOCIATION
OF
AUSTRALIA AND THE PACIFIC**

16th Annual Conference

"INTO OR OUT OF AFRICA"

2 & 3 October 1993

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SATURDAY 2 OCT - AM

HORN/WEST AFRICA, PEACEKEEPING, HUMAN RIGHTS

9AM THE HON BARRY COHEN TO ADDRESS AND OPEN CONFERENCE

CHAIR - PETER COLE-ADAMS - POLITICAL EDITOR, CANBERRA TIMES

OPENING PAPER BY MR STEVE ETHERIDGE - DIRECTOR AFRICA SECTION,
DFAT

COL. BILL MELLOR - DEPARTMENT OF DEFENCE - "THE EXPERIENCE OF THE
AUSTRALIAN PEACEKEEPING TEAM IN SOMALIA"

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL - "HUMAN RIGHTS IN AFRICA"

ROGER HEARN - UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE - "PEACEKEEPING IN AFRICA"

MORNING TEA 10.30 - 10.45

**10.45 FESSEHAIE ABRAHAM - CHIEF REPRESENTATIVE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
ERITREA IN AUSTRALIA - "AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT FOR ERITREA"**

DR PAUL RICH - UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE - "THE CRISIS OF STATE
POWER IN AFRICA"

PAULINE MCKAY - NZ AFRICA INFORMATION CENTRE - "NEW ZEALAND AND
AFRICA: A NEW BEGINNING"

DR JULIE CLIFF - MAPUTO, MOZAMBIQUE - "THE UN PRESENCE IN
MOZAMBIQUE"

ADAM COHEN - OGADEN RELIEF ASSOCIATION

LUNCH - 12.30 - SANDWICHES IN THE KARAMEL ROOM

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SATURDAY 2 OCT- PM

SOUTHERN AND EAST AFRICA

1.45PM CHAIR - PROFESSOR DERYCK SCHREUDER - DEPUTY VICE-CHANCELLOR,
MACQUARIE UNIVERISTY

NDUMISO NTSHINGA - ANC - "SOUTH AFRICA"

CAMERON FORBES - THE AUSTRALIAN - "SOUTH AFRICA"

PETER CAVE - ABC SYDNEY - "SOUTH AFRICA"

BRUCE HAIGH - "SOUTH AFRICA AND BLACK TRAINEES"

AFTERNOON TEA - 3.30 - 3.45PM

3.45PM PEGGY DELPORT - MICHAELIS SCHOOL OF ART, UNIVERSITY OF CAPE
TOWN, SOUTH AFRICA - "POPULATION DISBURSEMENT - DISTRICT 6"

BERNADETTE SEARLE - SOUTH AFRICA - "TRANSITIONS: POPULAR CULTURE
AS AN EXPRESSION OF POPULAR IDENTITY IN SOUTH AFRICAN VISUAL
CULTURE"

DR PETER ALEXANDER - UNIVERSITY OF NSW - "ALAN PATON AND THE
SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERAL PARTY"

DR PHILLIP DARBY - UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE - "AFRICAN LITERATURE
AND CULTURAL POLITICS: GRAPPLING WITH MODERNITY AND ECONOMIC
CHANGE."

TRACEY NAUGHTON - COMMUNITY AID ABROAD - "STIRING UP TROUBLE IN
SOUTH AFRICA"

DR BILL ASHCROFT - UNIVERSITY OF NSW

SATURDAY EVENING 2 OCTOBER

AFSAAP CONFERENCE DINNER

7.30 for 8PM DINNER, KARMEL ROOM - SPEAKER SENATOR STEPHEN LOOSLEY

SUNDAY 3 OCT - AM

TRADE, ECONOMIC, EDUCATION AND NGO'S

- 9AM CHAIR - THE HON. BARRY COHEN
- GRAHAM ROMANES - "CAA IN AFRICA"
- JO HAYTER - OSB - "OSB IN AFRICA"
- IAN CURTIS - "WORLD VISION IN AFRICA"
- PATRICIA GARCIA - "AUSTCARE IN AFRICA"

MORNING TEA 10.30 - 10.45

- 10.45 JEANETTE NINNIS - AFRICA ALIVE
- DAVID COX - UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE - "DEBUNKING OLD ASSUMPTIONS: THE HAWKE GOVERNMENT'S APPROACH TO SANCTIONS AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA"
 - LYN McIVER - UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY SYDNEY - "PUBLIC RELATIONS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA"
- DAN O'BRIEN - "NEW DIRECTIONS IN EDUCATION IN ZAMBIA AND THE ASSISTANCE OF THE WORLD BANK"
- DR PAL AHLUWALIA - UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE, DEPT OF POLITICS - "INTO, OUT OF OR INVENTING AFRICA?"

LUNCH 12.30 - SANDWICHES TEA/COFFEE - IN KARMEL ROOM

AFSAAP AGM DURING LUNCH

SUNDAY 3 OCT - PM

AIDS, HEALTH, WOMEN IN DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION, REFUGEES, HUMAN RIGHTS, AND CULTURAL

1.45PM CHAIR - DR DAVID DORWARD - LATROBE UNIVERSITY, MELBOURNE

MR PIERRE-MICHEL FONTAINE - REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE OF UNHCR FOR AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND SOUTH PACIFIC - UNHCR AND REFUGEES IN AFRICA"

MR MICHAEL QUIRK - DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION - "AUSTRALIA'S POLICY TOWARD REFUGEES FROM AFRICA"

HARRIET MYOTI - "EDUCATING VILLAGE WOMEN ON NUTRITIONAL ISSUES"

PEN HETHERINGTON - UWA - GENERATIONAL CHANGES IN MARRIAGE PATTERNS IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCE OF KENYA 1930-1990"

FRANCIS REGAN - "LEGAL RESOURCES IN UGANDA"

AFTERNOON TEA - 3.30 - 3.45PM

3.45PM TIM MACKAY - HIV/AIDS IN AFRICA - AUSTRALIA'S DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

MS ELIZABETH MATAKA - DIRECTOR, FAMILY TRUST, LUSAKA, ZAMBIA - HIV/AIDS IN ZAMBIA

MS MARGARET KABANDA - DIRECTOR, TASO COMMUNITY INITIATIVES, KAMPALA UGANDA - HIV/AIDS IN UGANDA

MR KEN DAVIS - AIDS COUNCIL OF NSW - HIV/AIDS IN SOUTH AFRICA

JULIANNA NKRUMA - IWDA - "WOMEN AND DEVELOPMENT IN AFRICA"

1993 AFSAAP CONFERENCE

The theme of the 1993 AFSAAP Conference will be 'Australia's Relations with Africa'. The conference will be held at the ANU, Canberra. The aim of the conference will be to focus attention on Australia's patchy record with respect to formulating policy and to responding to opportunities and needs in Africa.

The intention will be to broaden the base from which papers are called in order to generate wide ranging discussion.

The intention is to break the conference into four parts, the Horn of Africa, Eastern and Southern Africa, West Africa, and economic, food production, health (including the HIV epidemic).

The intention is to generate debate within these various segments through panel discussion. It is proposed that three or four participants present 10 to 15 minute papers. The discussion would then be open to all participants under the chairmanship of a prominent academic, politician, journalist or public servant.

It is proposed to invite papers from AFSAAP members, academics, NGO'S, AIDAB, DFAT, Defence, ONA, JIO and journalists. It is hoped that a vigorous exchange of views and ideas will be generated which will assist the future formulation of Australian policies towards Africa. By way of example of the woolly-headed and ad hoc thinking that has dominated the formulation of Australian policy, on a base of three hundred million dollars of Australian Government aid committed to Somalia, Sudan and Ethiopia in the financial year 1992/93, the Australian Government undertook a troop commitment costing 30 million dollars for 17 weeks during the same period.

Australia has opened and closed a number of posts in Africa over the past 15 years on the basis of effecting savings in the Foreign Affairs budget. It is no secret that when DFAT looks to effect savings it has looked first to African posts. African issues through developments in South Africa, Eritrea, Somalia, have been raised to a high level of awareness in the Australian community. This awareness was recently illustrated by the ABC Radio National fundraising drive over a weekend which raised close to \$800,000 on behalf of CAA/FFHC.

There appears to be an interest and concern with African countries and issues in the Australian community which exceeds that existing in the Federal Government. Hopefully the conference will help provide the opportunity to assist in the process of developing a framework for the formulation of Australian policies toward African states.

