

knowledge and expertise required to introduce family planning and family life education in the context of their own development programmes.

The Centre For African Family Studies has therefore been established to assist in the provision of this knowledge and expertise through orientation and training in the concept and practice of population, family planning and family life education as they relate to the development process and the necessary research, evaluation and resource development activities to support this endeavour.

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International Congress of African Studies (ICAS)

From the ICAS Newsletter, March 1981:

1. *Appointment of Secretary-general*

After consultation with many learned societies in Nigeria, Professor Abiola Irele of the Department of Modern Languages, University of Ibadan has been appointed Secretary-general for the fifth session of the ICAS, with Dr. M. A. Johnson as Interim Secretary.

2. *Meeting of the Bureau:*

In his efforts to convene a meeting of the Bureau, the President, Professor J. F. Ade Ajayi solicited the assistance of UNESCO who eventually agreed to finance the meeting as part of a workshop on "Education and historiography in Africa" scheduled for October, 1981 in Lome, Togo. This meeting would enable the Bureau to work out the details of the fifth ICAS and give guidelines to the local organising committee. Further information about the meeting will be circulated as soon as possible.

3. *Preparation for the ICAS:*

a) *Zaire:*

A centre for African studies was founded within the National University of Zaire in 1979 under the presidency of the Rector Mgr. Tshibangu Tshishiku, also one of the vice-presidents of the ICAS. The objective of the Centre is to promote African studies in Zaire and facilitate the country's participation in the activities of the ICAS.

b) *Nigeria:*

Similarly, a National Council for the Humanities and Social Sciences was inaugurated on April 25th, 1980 in Nigeria with Professor J. F. Ade Ajayi and Dr. Wale Oyemakinde, both of the Department of History at the University of Ibadan as President and Secretary-general respectively. The

Council, an amalgamation of learned associations in the humanities and social sciences, is expected to play a prominent role in organising the fifth ICAS.

Association for the Advancement of Policy Research and Development in Africa

This new Association seeks to promote the interchange of scientific and technological information, methodologies, instruments and policy findings among development scholars, practitioners, and administrators of the scientific, technological, and development institutions and governments both outside and inside Africa.

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Ethiopian Journal of African Studies

Dr. Kebreab W. Giorgis informs us that Asmara University has established a new Institute of African Studies, of which he is the Director. It is a research institute devoted to social research in the Horn of Africa i.e. Ethiopia, Somalia, Djibouti, Sudan and parts of Egypt. The first issue of its periodical, the *Ethiopian Journal of African Studies*, appeared in mid-1981.

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