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~~Pl~~ Call me re the info I need - this saves time!

April 3 1975

Tribune '75

Ms. Mildred Persinger,
NGO Tribune,
345 E. 46th St.
Room 815,
New York, N.Y. 10017.

WIN
WOMEN'S
INTERNATIONAL
NETWORK

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Dear Mildred:

I sent you yesterday the latest batch of addresses of women and women's organizations from my file. I hope they will be useful. I am still getting more every day. I shall sort it out and send you the ones from the LDCs which I understand you need most of all.

I am here enclosing another copy of the proposal I sent to you pertaining to a Tribune panel - Women and Environment: Urbanization as a presentation of Women's International Network. I wonder if you have as yet a schedule and I would be grateful if you could keep me informed pertaining to the dates.

I got a telephone call this morning from Hanne Marstrand Co. (Hanne Marstrand is presently in Nairobi and involved in community development under the auspices of UNEP and the collaboration, I understand, of the World Bank projects (site and services). One of the community renewal programs is, I gather, done in collaboration or initiated by a group of women and involves some rehabilitation of squatter settlements. Hanne Marstrand said she was involved in raising financing to bring a team of African women involved in this program to Mexico therefore I should appreciate it if you would let me know about the time involved as quickly as possible. I understood from what you said that you are dividing the two weeks according to topics. Please let me know what time slots you are allotting to urbanization and urban problems. (see the other proposals by WIN incl. HABITAT.)

Besides the proposal here enclosed I am still continuing to work with the people of Habitat who promised to let me know whom they are sending to Mexico as I am trying to set up a joint panel with them pertaining to the involvement of women on the community level in Habitat. I just want to let you know that I am working on both these projects and the one involving the women from Africa according to the latest information is well under way.

I hope to hear from you as soon as possible and if there is anything else I can do please let me know. The next issue of WIN NEWS is going to press at the beginning of May and of course I shall be glad to include some up to date information you might have pertaining to the Tribune.

Regards,


Fran P. Hosken

enc. proposal

I am sure you got WIN NEWS -2 by now -

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S YEAR TRIBUNE, MEXICO CITY,
JUNE 19-JULY 2

A WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL NETWORK PRESENTATION

WOMEN AND ENVIRONMENT: URBANIZATION

WIN

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Urbanization, the move into cities, has created special problems for women. Asian cities have grown into huge unmanageable urban areas that offer few jobs, none of the basic necessities to build a decent life. The favellas of the Latin American cities are outgrowing the cities they surround. In Africa cities are growing at the astonishing rate of 10% a year or more.

What does urbanization mean to women who lack the basic education which is needed for a job in the modern sector? What is the situation of women in the growing self-built squatter settlements that ring all cities in developing countries? How can women build a new kind of life uprooted from the tradition of rural areas? Yet the city is a challenge offering women an escape from the often oppressive traditions and a new kind of life, education, independence and self control.

WIN is organizing a panel discussion and visual presentation on urbanization with the participation of women active in urbanization in developing countries and community development.

The following people are being asked to participate:

Senator Helena Z. Benitez (Philippines)

Chairwoman of the Preparatory Planning Group HABITAT and
of Human Settlements Committee (Environment Conference)

Community Representative(s) of Manila area (chosen by Senator Benitez)

Hanne Marstrand of HMC Inc.: Nairobi Community Development Programs

Community Developer(s) from Nairobi (chosen by HMC)

Fran P. Hosken: Site and Service programs in Africa (see report
"Housing and Urban Development in Africa") and participation
by women. Supported by Slide presentations showing new settle-
ments in Zambia, Malawi and Kenya

Additional participants from less developed countries and urban specialists are being asked.

UNEP is being approached to facilitate travel to Mexico City by participants from less developed countries.