• **Getting In On the Ground: 2006 International Service Learning Study Abroad in Liberia**

North Carolina Central University is getting in on the ground in Liberia with the launching of its International Service Learning Cultural Emersion Seminar at Cuttington University (Suakoko, Bong County) on June 27, 2006. The 4-week academic/cultural program will feature study of Liberian society - its family, religion, education, agriculture, industry, government and languages. Participation is open to students, faculty and administrators from U.S. universities. For registration and other information, please contact Dr. Emmanuel O. Oritsejafor, Director of the Office of International Affairs, North Carolina Central University, 1801 Fayetteville Street, Durham, NC 27702; Tel: 919-530-7912 or 7586; Email: eoritsejafor@nccu.edu before March 1.

• **Women in Higher Education Executive Leadership Programme (WHEEL) Seminar, 5-7 March 2006**

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A Programme to promote women in higher education in South Africa and build their capacity for effective and efficient leadership and management

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WHEEL is an outgrowth of a combination of initiatives on gender equity offered under the USAID-funded Tertiary Education Linkages Project (TELP) and in conjunction with HESA’s leadership programme called HELM. The first WHEEL seminar will occur from 14h00 on Sunday, 5 March until 14h00 on Tuesday, 7 March 2006 at the Zebra Lodge in Tshwane, Gauteng. The theme of this seminar - Cracking the glass ceiling: advancing women and building capacity in higher education leadership will focus on building capacity for historically disadvantaged women. Invited speakers from the U.S. and global participants will focus their attention on Women’s Leadership and Management in Higher Education. The seminar is open to senior female academic and administrative staff, including deans, assistant/deputy deans, heads of academic and administrative departments, directors / deputy directors of academic and administrative departments, academic staff and senior researchers at South African IHEs. The underlying aim of the Seminar is to promote the advancement of women in higher education leadership and management.

The objectives of the Seminar are to: 1) identify and engage in discussions on key issues that face women in higher education leadership and management; 2) understand the key processes, responsibilities of various role-players in developing and promoting an empowering and supportive environment; 3) develop appropriate strategies that will contribute towards proactive planning, monitoring and evaluation of women in leadership and 4) interact with peers and facilitate an effective exchange of ideas and shared experiences in an amiable, supportive and pleasant environment. Key topics to be covered in the Seminar include: Women in HE leadership and management - an international and local perspective; creating a supportive environment for women in the academic enterprise, and developing effective strategies and initiatives for personal advancement.

The facilitators and presenters will be drawn from higher education and other experts specializing in the areas identified above. The two international presenters for this Seminar are: Dr Johnetta Cole, President of Bennett College in Greensboro, North Carolina and Dr Jasbir Singh, a consultant for the ACU Women’s
Programme. Various methodologies and approaches will be used, such as international and local case studies, large and small group discussions, lectures and individual exercises. As far as possible, the cases, exercises and readings will reflect actual local and international experiences, within an institutional context.

You don't want to miss this opportunity to come onboard with women from around the world in a unique networking and professional development experience. Please contact Prof Nqabomzi Gawe (TEL: 012 430 6288; Email: gawe@uncf.org.za) or Dr. Gloria Braxton (TEL: 27-12-430-6288; Email: gbraxton@uncf.org.za) to register your attendance.

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TransAfrica Forum’s Annual Foreign Policy Weekend

- TransAfrica Forum hosts its Annual Foreign Policy Conference and Luncheon on Friday, March 31, 2006 and Saturday, April 1, 2006 at Howard University’s Blackburn Center in Washington, DC. The conference will Return to the Source with a view of Africa and the African Diaspora through the lens of civil society in Africa, Europe, Latin America and the United States. The goal is to better inform work to compliment progressive social justice agendas in Africa and the Diaspora. Register and/or obtain more information - http://www.transafricaforum.org/calendarmain.html.