

1. The choices of Ghana and Senegal for the African seminar were excellent, especially given the need to assure relatively safe, dependable, and comfortable travel on a politically unstable continent and still be exposed to the traditional culture. If the political climate improves in the future, Nigeria and one or more of the central or eastern African nations would be interesting. Ghana would remain a good choice for a return visit.

The outlook for establishing exchanges appears to be very limited. Of the countries visited, Ghana would probably be the more compatible and viable option; however, from a financial point of view any program in the near term would be difficult. In the area of economics and business, the Technical Institute would offer the more attractive option.

2. The application process for the School of Business representative is simple and fair as long as only a small number of persons are interested in any one year. Increasing numbers of applicants may require a more formal process, but at this time it doesn't appear necessary.

3. Sessions and information provided in preparation for the trip were about right. The presenters were particularly good. The information for Ghana seemed better, perhaps because of Felix, than that for Senegal. Also, there was a personal tendency to spend more individual time studying Ghana since that was the first stop; consequently, it seemed more familiar. An extra month for more time to spend on individual reading and study of the areas would be desirable if the selection process for participants is completed in time.

4. The lecturers at the University of Ghana **provided** a very interesting perspective for experiencing aspects of Ghanaian society. The **USAid** representative in Senegal also presented a useful perspective. The number of presentations was probably about right; although at times it would have been helpful to have additional authoritative information about what would be experienced. For example, the structure and relationship of the tribal governance to the formal governance system was never really clear. The information provided by guides is too unreliable. The informal meetings and associations with individuals, such as Alex's relatives and the Saar family helped to personalize the trip. Meetings with the teachers also worked well in terms of understanding the difficult situation faced by individuals and institutions. On the other hand, a limited number of briefings by someone in the current government or central bank might be helpful in obtaining a better overview of the economic and political situation.

5. The perceptions, interests, and experiences of individuals are probably to diverse to bring together in any one way. Teaching in related areas where the experiences and information can be shared might best incorporate the seminar into the institutional framework. Some limited follow-up support for those interested in writing or research that incorporates the experiences and goals of the seminar could also be useful.

6. The overall management of the seminar was excellent. Uliana is to be congratulated on the quality of the seminar and the travel arrangements.

On a personal level, the seminar experience has provided numerous ideas and examples which have been incorporated into the economics classes I am teaching this fall. I expect to be teaching in the IDCC program next year and will be able to incorporate much more of the experience in that area.

I have had some correspondence and exchange of papers with the economists we met in Ghana. I expect to continue to communicate with them and hopefully work together on future projects.