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Dear APIC Member:

Members of APIC's Board of Directors and staff will be attending the Mid-West Regional Summit on Africa in Chicago, September 22-27. This provides a great opportunity to meet and share with you APIC's current state of affairs. As you know, the Boards of Directors of APIC and WOA decided on January 1, 1998 to become separate legal and administrative entities. Since then, APIC has been consolidating its organization and building toward the future. **We have scheduled a meeting on Thursday, September 24 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the Education Department Classroom at the Field Museum and we hope you can join us.**

We want to take this opportunity to report to you face-to-face on our current status. We also want to get feedback from you directly on ways APIC can strengthen your advocacy work with our pioneering electronic programs. We want to expand our innovations in the use of communications technology for progressive advocacy to help build a strong constituency for Africa.

Our resources are growing. By mid-1998, we had generated more income than all of last year from membership and publications. We have received a two-year grant from the Ford Foundation and hope to receive a grant from the Carnegie Corporation. But we need more funds to bring African voices into our work and to create electronic mechanisms for dialogue between APIC members and our African colleagues. This is not a fundraising meeting. Instead, we need to hear your suggestions and ideas to help shape our program strategies for the future.

This is a very important time for Africa advocacy. You know the issues. Let's plan together to build a strong coalition to make Africa a US foreign policy priority. I look forward to seeing you.

Regards,

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