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UNU To Hold Two Events Focusing on “Accountability”

Event 1: Lecture by Getrude Ibengwe Mongella, President of the Pan-African Parliament
Theme: “How to Keep Governments Accountable: The Role of Parliaments”
Date/Time: 16 October 2006 (Monday), 16:30-18:00
Venue: UN House, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
Organizers: United Nations University (UNU) and the African Diplomatic Corps

- Mme. Getrude Ibengwe Mongella’s talk will focus on the role of parliaments, and how they can best contribute to ensuring public accountability by governments.
- Following Mme. Mongella’s lecture, there will be brief comments by Professor Patrick Chabal of King’s College, London University, and a question and answer session moderated by UNU Rector Hans van Ginkel.
- Media representatives are cordially invited to attend. Simultaneous Japanese–English interpretation will be provided.
- The lecture is open to the public; those interested in attending may register online at <http://unu.edu/reg/accountability/>.
- This event will be webcast live (and archived) at <http://c3.unu.edu/videoportal/?109>.

About the speaker

The Honourable MP Mme. Getrude Mongella was elected as the first President of the Pan-African Parliament in 2004. During the nineties, she played a major role in promoting Women’s Rights: she founded Advocacy for Women in Africa and served as UN Under-Secretary and Special Envoy to the Secretary General of the United Nations on Women’s Issues and Development and as Secretary General of the United Nations Women’s Conference (Beijing, 1995). Throughout the 1980s and early 1990s, she held a number of posts in the Government of Tanzania, including High Commissioner to India; Minister Without Portfolio; Minister of Lands, Natural Resources and Tourism; and Minister of State for Women’s Affairs. She has also served as Special Advisor to the Director General of UNESCO and Special Advisor to the Executive Secretary of ECA. Mme. Mongella was elected member of the High-Level Advisory Panel (HAP) of Eminent Persons - OAU in 2002, and became Goodwill Ambassador of WHO for the African Region in 2003.

Event 2: UNU Working Seminar on Accountability
Date/Time: 16–17 October 2006 (09:45– 15:45 on Monday, 10:30–13:00 on Tuesday)
Venue: UN House, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo
Organizer: United Nations University (UNU)

- The seminar is part of the UNU Programme of Work on Accountability, which aims at presenting concrete policy proposals for United Nations system reform. The focus encompasses both “managerial accountability” and the “democratic accountability” of policy-making processes.
- This seminar is closed event, but media representatives are cordially invited to attend. The seminar will be conducted English.

For more information, to arrange an interview with Mme. Mongella or any of the working seminar participants, or to confirm your attendance at the lecture and/or the working seminar, please contact Naoko Yano, UNU Office of Communications (tel: 03-5467-1311; e-mail: media@unu.edu).

Event programmes are available online at <http://www.unu.edu/events/index.html#oct2006>.