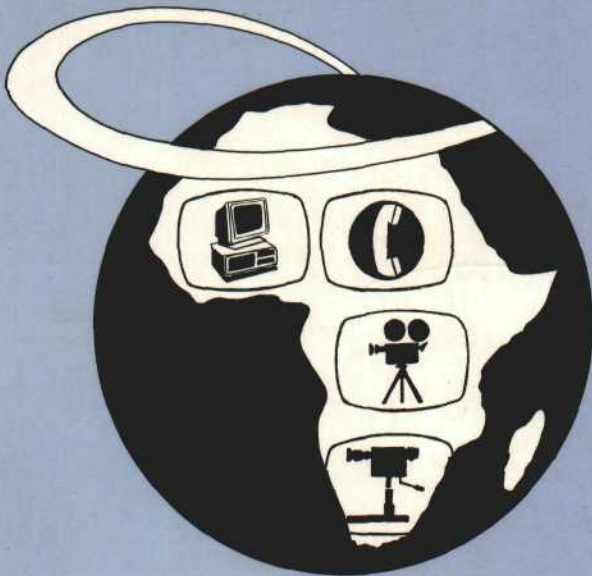


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## Comments on This Issue

This issue of AMR is largely a result of the great out-pouring of intellectual materials that we witnessed at the 9th Biennial and 20th Anniversary Conference of the ACCE which was recently held in Accra, Ghana. All of the five papers published in this issue were selected from the corpus of 93 papers accepted and presented at the conference.

In the first unit, Professor Chris W. Ogbondah, writing on "Press Freedom and Development in Africa" argues that the suppression of press freedom hampers African political development. The presentation is enriched by an extensive review of literature on the role of the media in national development.

Ullamaija Kivikuru's contribution on "Community Media for Rural Development" is an interesting illustration of how the ideals of rural development planning do not always lead to desired results. Major factors responsible for suboptimization in community development are noted and attention drawn to the relevance of Paulo Freire's ideas on liberation from illiteracy.

Professor A. F. Aryee's contribution on population policies is a detailed examination of the Population Impact Project (PIP) at the University of Ghana. The PIP example can, and indeed needs to, be replicated in other African countries that are interested in the scientific management of population issues.

Dr. Eronini Megwa's contribution focuses on the vagaries of population campaign management. A synergistic approach to the design of intervention strategies and communication campaigns is recommended.

Professors Charlotte and C. Bababunmi Pratt argue that nutrition education is an important aspect of social development. They recommend the adoption of community-based approaches in integrating nutrition education and development communication.

Each unit in this issue makes an interesting and significant contribution to the theme of the 9th Biennial, "Media and Sustainable Development."