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Conference Invitation

Working Together to Accelerate Sustainable Development in India

We are pleased to invite you for a Conference on **October 16-17, 2004** in **Chicago**. In this conference we plan to discuss how we all can work together to accelerate sustainable development in India. Many of you attended last year's conference organized under the banner of NRI-Home-Coming group. IDCA as an idea evolved from the meeting held on the following day. Mission of IDCA is to foster collaboration, cooperation, and networking between NPOs in US engaged in development activities in India. We would like to learn from each other's experience in recruiting and training of volunteers, raising funds, modus operandi in India, and communication with the community at large. There are a few organizations that have been working for over 25 years to support activities in sustainable development in India. Several others have been in existence for 10 years or less. All of them have made a great difference in the lives of many people, but a lot remains to be done.

There is a huge potential to raise resources from the community. Individually we cannot do much, but together we can find the way. We need volunteers to approach, inform, inspire, and involve the community. We need to raise funds. The job is daunting but with united effort and determination it can be done. We invite you to partner with IDCA to help achieve the **Vision 2020** of a developed India.

This conference will focus on the following as primary objectives:

- ***To assist networking amongst NPOs who are engaged in development work in India.***
- ***To learn about each other's successes in fund raising, volunteer recruitment, management, and communication.***
- ***To learn about the innovative projects supported by the NPOs and to promote similar work in other parts of the country.***
- ***To develop strategies to raise resources from the community in order to expand the work.***
- ***To identify training needs of NPOs in order to design needed training programs.***

The organization affiliations of people making presentations and participating includes:

The Sehgal Foundation, India; Trees for Life, Kansas; ATREE, Mass.; The Swaraj Foundation, IL; NRI-Home-Coming, Minnesota; FDRI, IL; IDS, IL; International Food Policy Research Institute, Washington, D.C.; Kellogg School of Management, Northwestern University, IL; American India Foundation, New York; IDS, IL; AAPI, IL; IndiCorps, TX; Medic India, IL; Sarvodaya Mandal, India; SKS Foundation, IL; IDRF, IL/MD; and North South Foundation, IL.

We are sending the program in a separate document. Please visit our website for more information and periodic updates at: www.idc-america.org (Up as of 9/10/2004) or at: www.nri-home-coming.com.

Place: IIT Rice Campus, 201 East Loop Road, Wheaton, Illinois.

Registration: Please complete the attached Registration Form and send with your check.

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