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The Midwest Institute for International-Intercultural Education will provide a high-quality educational experience to 15 faculty for 5 weeks in Botswana-Swaziland-S. Africa (June 26th thru August 3rd, 2003) with funding from the U.S. Department of Education, Fulbright GPA program. The project will provide a rich mixture of cognitive and affective learning with overseas colleagues, other professionals and citizens in the aforementioned three countries for the primary purpose of internationalizing their teaching through curriculum development. The project will also provide a number of opportunities for professional development, professional networking, and will serve as a catalyst for future faculty exchanges and project collaboration among the participating higher education institutions. The fifteen faculty participants were competitively selected from the 92 community colleges in the Midwest Institute consortium. The project includes three phases: I. Pre-Travel Orientation (May -June), II. Travel Study (June - August), and III. Post-Travel Curriculum and Product Development (August-April).

The ten objectives that will guide the development of this project are:

1. To increase the number of faculty who can integrate an understanding of the place, people and cultures of Botswana-S. Africa-Swaziland through reading, travel, curriculum modules and relationship building with faculty, administrators, business leaders and government officials from Botswana-S. Africa-Swaziland.
2. To expand the international content of the college's curricula through the integration of the faculty's curriculum modules into arts, communications, humanities, and social sciences courses.
3. To increase the number of faculty who use an on-line software program such as BlackBoard or Web-CT as an interactive learning tool to improve and enhance students' learning about Botswana-S. Africa-Swaziland through discussion and projects.
4. To use the aforementioned on-line software to share curriculum work with other colleagues or colleges in the consortium or via the MIIE website or creating their own websites using FrontPage or DreamWeaver software.
5. To offer short-term training to interested business, government and community leaders regarding economic, political, cultural and other aspects of Botswana-S. Africa-Swaziland.
6. To develop an educational VHS video program and/or CD-ROM on Botswana-S. Africa-Swaziland based on the trip.
7. To facilitate collaborative projects and exchanges with educational institutions, businesses and government agencies from Botswana-S. Africa-Swaziland.
8. To disseminate information with presentations in regional and national conferences.
9. To expand the understanding and knowledge on Botswana-S. Africa-Swaziland with the development of a curriculum handbook for secondary and post-secondary institutions free of charge.
10. To develop a group journal on the Botswana-S. Africa-Swaziland project experience.