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Attention: Professor Stephanie Burton - Vice-Principal

Dear Professor Stephanie Burton,

The Embassy of the Republic of Ecuador has the honour to inform all the faculty members and students at your distinguished University that the School of Continuing Education of the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Ecuador is offering the following activities and study programmes for 2012:

1. International Conference "<u>Alternatives for Sustainable Development:</u>

<u>How to change the Social Paradigm, with emphasis in the human and nature centrality</u>".

Dates: 5, 6 and 7 June 2012

Venue: Ministry of Foreign Relations - Quito, Ecuador

Languages: Spanish, English

Deadline for applications: 25 March 2012

For more information (in Spanish) on the conference you can go to the web page:

http://www.mmrree.gob.ec/efc/conferencia.asp

Or email: The Embassy of Ecuador in South Africa: eecusudafrica@mmrree.gob.ec

2. Summer course on "The Model of Development of Good Living for all Ecuadorians and the prospects of the Latin American Integration"

This course will be offered by the Summer School of the Ministry of Foreign Relations of Ecuador.

Dates: 24 July to 24 August 2012

Venue: Ministry of Foreign Relations - Quito, Ecuador

This course has as main objectives to inform and teach young adults, students, professionals, political leaders and civil society advocates on the alternative human development path that is presently in progress in Ecuador, in the framework of specific international and Latin American contexts.

The Summer School Initiative has a vacancy for 60 participants (20 Ecuadorian citizens and 40 Foreigners). Furthermore, the selection criteria are the following:

- Knowledge and experience acquired by means of completed studies (good academic progress is advisable) or experience with volunteer work, political and/or social movements, and active militancy in civil society.
- Knowledge of Spanish language.
- Ages between 18 and 39 years old.
- Heterogeneity within the nationalities of origin

All applicants must complete the enclosed form in Spanish and present it together with a letter of motivation with full details of experience (academic and social) and explanation of the reasons why he or she wishes to participate in the Summer School. Applications must be emailed to escueladeveranoecuador@gmail.com, and the deadline for applications is 13 May 2012.

Costs and Obligations: The tuition cost of the Summer School together with all literature handed out are free of charge.

All costs related to air tickets and accommodation in the city of Quito as well as any other expense in connection with the program will be for the participants account.

Sponsorships: The Academic Committee of the Summer School in Ecuador will evaluate the profiles which are most commendable for sponsorships.

For additional information please send an email to the Embassy of Ecuador in South Africa: eecusudafrica@mmrree.gob.ec

The Embassy of Ecuador will appreciate if you kindly circulate this information to faculty members and students that may be interested in participating in the above mentioned academic programs offered by the Ecuadorian Foreign Ministry.

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere regards.

Yours sincerely,

Jose Valencia Ambassador of Ecuador

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