We were most pleased to hear of the intention to form a Society of Black Architects. A 'pre-foundation' meeting was held at the RIBA in June. UKAAA sent Tirio Manga as its representative at what we believe to be a necessary and important event. We look forward to the foundation proper. SOBA hopes to address issues which are of particular concern to black architects in the UK including racism and discrimination in the profession and in education. We hope that UKAAA and SOBA, both being organisations concerned with aspects of racism, can form strong bonds of cooperation and joint action.

To this end we are trying to set up a joint meeting in November where the subject under discussion would be architecture and planning in South Africa within the context of the Struggle. It is hoped that we will be able to get someone from one of the architecture/planning groups affiliated to the Mass Democratic Movement. We will mail out the details as soon as possible. We would also like to hold informal discussions with SOBA to address our concern that so few members of SOBA are also members of UKAAA.

We wish SOBA a bright and progressive future and look forward to many joint concerns and ventures.

ENVIRONMENTAL ORGANISATIONS ACTING FOR CHANGE.

In the report-back on the special meeting in the last newsletter, the organisation B.E.N.-the Black Environment Network, was mentioned. Some more information about B.E.N.'s identity, structure and aims has become available. B.E.N. has joined up with E.M.A.S.-The Ethnic Minorities Award Scheme for Environmental Projects. The two organisations will become independent projects, operating under a new organisational name.

E.M.A.S.

EMAS is an 'enabling organisation', giving funding advice and support to environmental projects coming forward from ethnic minority communities. EMAS operates nationally, is directed from London, and has regional forums in Birmingham and the West Midlands, Bristol and Merseyside. Forums in Scotland, Wales and North East England are being developed this year.

Further information can be obtained from BEN/EMAS' full-time National Development co-ordinator, Judy Ling Wong, at the Inner Cities Unit, 26 Bedford Square, LONDON WC1B 3HU. Ph. 636 4066 x 2188.

B.E.N.

The Black Environment Network aims to 'inform, support, link and represent the wishes of the ethnic minority communities in environmental work'. The organisation is open to membership of white organisations or individuals who acknowledge that ethnic minority groups are underrepresented in the environmental movement, and who wish to act for change.
Dear Members,

Our Secretary, Mark Tinker is leaving London and has tendered his resignation as Secretary and from the Steering Committee. Mark has been a member of UKAAA since its inaugural meeting and as a member and as Secretary of the Steering Group, has participated in and helped form almost every aspect of our work. His commitment and support for our group and campaigns has been unstinting and we will miss him from our continuing work and struggle.

Thank you Mark for everything. We wish you the very best and every success and don’t forget to renew your membership. Stay in touch!!

A luta continua.

Steering Group

**SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS.**
The end of the year is drawing near and some members have not renewed their membership for 1990!

We have had a successful year so far in recruiting new members at our special meetings and hope those members will renew at the 1991 AGM.

All members who have not yet sent their renewal forms back please fill in the form enclosed.

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**LATEST FROM SOUTH AFRICA**