African plight prompts research

By Jules Mollere

The World Bank's new program recently constructed to study agriculture development possibilities for the drought-stricken nations of West Africa is, according to Dr. Seifert, "one of the single most significant projects of its kind that has been recently started among the developing nations."

"In June, the Bank announced that it would like to expand its agricultural development program in West Africa by establishing a West Africa regional office and a new department to focus on agriculture development in the sub-region. The new program aims to provide technical assistance to governments in the region and to promote agricultural development through the provision of grants, loans, and technical assistance."