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Following the enthusiastic response to the interdisciplinary seminar on THE FAMILY AMONG THE AKAN AND EWE held at the Institute of African Studies in February 1971, it has been decided that a second seminar should be held on similar lines in 1972. It is due to take place at the Institute of African Studies from 21st to 25th June. The theme is RURAL AND URBAN FAMILY LIFE IN WEST AFRICA. Contributions are expected from thirty or so participants working in the fields of anthropology, sociology, economics, demography, law, linguistics, education, home science, psychology and social welfare.

An important function of the seminar will be to bring together a number of people who have recently been working on similar kinds of research problems. The papers to be read will be grouped into a number of sections including such topics as Family Reform and Welfare, Descent and Property, Residential Patterns, Migration and Change, Altering Attitudes and Expectations, and Domestic Culture.

Guest participants are expected from the Institut Nationale de la Recherche Scientifique and O.R.S.T.O.M. Lome and from the Universities of Cape Coast, Lagos, Ife, Manchester, Edinburgh and Cambridge.