

**D**URING November IDASA celebrated its first year of existence following the opening of our first office in Port Elizabeth during November 1986.

Expansion and the implementation of our infrastructure during 1987 saw IDASA establish a presence in East London, Cape Town, Johannesburg and Pretoria. Many of the projects conducted during 1987 were run without any previous experience due to the fact that IDASA was in the process of breaking new ground through the use of unique methods and strategies which had been untested in the search for a non-racial democracy in South Africa.

A year of learning through the process of trial and error has led to IDASA firmly establishing its priorities in relation to the goals as originally set out by the institute. The 13-16th November saw IDASA hold the first of its annual Forward Planning workshops at which all regional offices put forward their proposals and projects for 1988. The workshop exposed a mood of

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intense motivation by all of those present to continue with the challenges that lay ahead despite the criticisms which may be levelled at IDASA and its employ-

**T**HIS course will focus on democracy in a post-apartheid South Africa. The aim will be to look beyond "democracy" as a facile slogan and to identify the realistic challenges facing a democratic alternative for South Africa. Starting with a critical analysis of the contemporary South African society and political system, it will go on to raise such questions as: What does democracy mean in a contemporary industrial society? And what can it offer to those looking for popular government and social justice? The series will conclude with a statement of a demo-

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