

News You Can Use from IIP/AF July 2008

1. Elections 2008 Americana

This list of resources may be useful for election events you're planning.

First, the free stuff: U.S. military bands provide music free for download, and the selections change. Check out the following links to find (free!) patriotic and Americana music for your events:

http://www.usarmyband.com/Audio/army_band_mp3_selections.html

<http://www.usafband.af.mil/recordings/>

<http://www.navyband.navy.mil/sounds.shtml#ConcertBand>

<http://www.uscg.mil/band/cgbandmedia.htm#recordings>

Next, the stuff you have to pay for: Maputo PAO Kristin Kane has identified a link where you can find cardboard stand-up cut-outs of the Presidential candidates; best of all these can be pouched – check out www.advancedgraphics.com. From GPS (Manila), at <http://gps.state.gov/shoponline.catal>, you can order paper American flags. And if you need other red-white-and-blue stuff, try the following:

1. The Beistle Company www.beistle.com (banners, buntings, pins, flags, etc.)

2. Summit Marketing http://www.theideacatalog.com/summit_dc

Contact: Fran Kensky, Account Executive, Summit Marketing

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3. Oriental Trading Company, Patriotic Party Supplies

<http://www.orientaltrading.com/products/C342741.jsp>

4. Flag and Banner <http://flagandbanner.com/fab/flag.asp?cpage=bunting>

Contact info: <http://flagandbanner.com/contact.asp>

5. Broward Flag Company <http://www.browardflag.com/patriotic.htm>

Contact info: Broward Flag & Display Co.

2. Elections 2008 – new (and free!) from IIP:

The newest Elections PowerPoint is now available on InfoCentral, at

<https://infocentral.state.gov/outreach-tools/power-points>. The powerpoint has also been posted in InfoCentral in [Portuguese](#) and in [French](#).

The Elections 2008 “package” on America.gov is a frequently updated collection of facts and features on the 2008 Elections, at

<http://uspolitics.america.gov/uspolitics/elections/index.html>

<http://www.america.gov/fr/uspolitics/elections/index.html>

And from PAO Ouagadougou, Joann Lockard, these French translations of earlier powerpoints on U.S. Elections :

3. 50 Years of US-Africa Partnership

AF/PD's Greg Garland has written a wonderful readable account of early US-Africa relations and the establishment of the Africa Bureau, ["Nixon, Bunche Saw the Future of US-Africa Relations"](#). It's also available in [French](#) and Portuguese

4. Food and Agriculture in Africa

IIP has produced a series of articles about food and agriculture in Africa; many of these have been translated into French, and a few into Portuguese:

["Business Changing in Africa to Confront Food Crisis"](#)

["Global Food Crisis Demands New Approach to African Agriculture"](#)

["Chicago Forum Seeks to Link Africans, Americans in Agribusiness"](#)

["Economists Cite Six Factors for Oil, Food Price Hikes"](#)

["Strong Forces Now Reshaping World Food Markets"](#)

["World's Hungry Fed Through U.S. Government Programs"](#)

["Former USAID Chief Says Agriculture is Africa's Biggest Need"](#)

["Africa Needs Transportation Capacity Now, Experts Say"](#)

5. New from IIP

A July 2 cable – offers *free* DVDs of 14 IIP videos on elections and sports.

The videos on these DVDs have *all* rights, including broadcast, but they're only in English, and in order to get the DVD you must agree to provide a post-usage report. We're aware of the need for language versions of these, and are exploring possibilities.

DVDs of "A Son's Sacrifice," ordered by a dozen AF posts, should be mailed out shortly. French and Arabic versions should be available soon. This film will have all rights *except* broadcast. A French version will be available in the next few weeks, limit 1 per post: *please let me know by July 31 if you need a French-language version on DVD.*

We will be translating some IIP Elections videos into French in the fall, and we continue to provide digital audio (podcasts) in [English](#) and [French](#) on elections and other topics. (The podcasts come with transcripts, so may be useful in English-teaching activities, too.)