

will continue to respect whether or not they win or lose elections. Here surely is something that Canada and Indonesia should put a lot more thought and attention into. How do the human rights foundations of Indonesia become strengthened so that the kind of problems that we have seen in Aceh and before that in East Timor are not repeated in the future, undermining the future of democracy and development in Indonesia.

DISCUSSION

Q: How can we address the question of the long-term impacts of aid programs; can an aid program or project from CIDA really bring about the sorts of structural change necessary for sustainability beyond the length of a 3 or 5 year project?

Katili-Niode: I have comment though it is not about internal CIDA policy. I have been involved with CIDA bilateral and regional projects, and I visited the Singapore office a few years ago at the Canada-ASEAN Centre, which is no longer there, due, I think, to budget cuts. But the Canada-ASEAN Centre at that time had established the Canada-ASEAN women's business network. So business women from several Asian countries and Canada had a network, they even had a web site and other activities, but the project is not there anymore so there is no website left. But the network is still there and that is why at the end of my potpourri of initiatives I mentioned the need for champions. If we have champions – people who have personal interests in continuing the work – then even if there is no CIDA money anymore, the activity will still be going on.

Culpepper: This is a very good question and it seems to me that the way forward has to lie through the budget. In other words there should be a meshing between what aid donor countries do and what recipient countries do through their own initiative, and the meeting point is the budget. Now it happens that CIDA has been involved in the PRSP, the Poverty Reduction Strategy Paper, so there's a natural point of contact there. And I think that ideally what all donors, not just SIDA, should be looking at is ways to transfer the responsibility for what they do to domestic resource mobilization and implementation, through the budget, and through domestic tax collection. If that's not done, either the