



Some of the speakers at the Workshop on Gender Analysis in Farming.

Canada and Indonesia Sign Agreement to Support Indonesian Ministry for the Role of Women

During his recent visit to Jakarta, the Secretary of State for External Affairs, the Right Honourable Joe Clark, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indonesian State Ministry for the Role of Women. Signing on behalf of the Government of Indonesia was the State Minister for the Role of Women, Sulasikin Murpratomo.

The Agreement outlined the details of Canada's five-year \$2.87 million contribution which will provide Canadian and Indonesian resources to enhance the Ministry's monitoring and coordinating capacities. The project will also include training in the role of gender analysis in project planning and implementation.

The Ministry's program is part of an overall \$5 million CIDA-funded Women's Support Project. This project is designed to support the integration of women into all CIDA's work in Indonesia. A Canadian Executing Agency will be contracted to manage the Canadian contribution.

Mr Joe Clark and Mrs Sulasikin Murpratomo at the signing ceremony



CANADA-ASEAN CENTRE WOMEN'S INITIATIVE FUND

The Canada-ASEAN Centre recently launched a Women's Initiative Fund designed to assist collaboration among women's organizations and interests on a regional basis. The focus of this fund is to enhance regional collaboration in project development, research, or information and training related to women's issues in ASEAN countries.

The first recipient of this funding was a workshop, held in Bogor, Indonesia, June 4-8, 1990, by the International Rice Research Institute. The topic of the workshop was: "Gender Analysis in Farming Systems: Does it make a Difference?"

Participants from all the ASEAN countries, as well as representatives from Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea, and other Asian countries, shared research findings and systems analysis. In the end, the participants came up with practical suggestions towards the increased planning and integration of women's interests and technological needs in future research and farming systems. It was concluded that gender analysis was a unique and positive methodological tool for monitoring the impact of a project upon women in agricultural research and planning systems.

Guidelines for proposals for the Women's Initiative Fund may be obtained from the WIF Coordinator, Ms Nancy Spence, at the Canada-ASEAN Centre.