



**AGENDA**  
**Beyond Elections:**  
**Islam and Political Parties in Southeast Asia**

6 - 9 September 2005  
Four Seasons Hotel, Tapis Room  
Jl. HR Rasuna Said, Kuningan, Jakarta, Indonesia

**Tuesday, September 6, 2005**

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- 10:00 – 18:00 Arrivals & Registration  
19:30 – 21:30 **Introduction** by Paul Rowland, Resident Representative NDI, at Garden Terrace  
**Opening Dinner** with Keynote speech  
Dr. H.M. Hidayat Nur Wahid MA, People's Consultative Assembly (MPR) Chairman

**Wednesday, September 7, 2005**

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- 09:00 – 09:45 **Introduction** by Sylva van Rosse, Representative IMD  
Conference opening with keynote speech Murat Mercan  
09:45 – 10:00 **An Overview of Elections in the Region – who won and who lost**  
Speaker: Dr Suzaina Kadir (Singapore)  
10:00 – 11:45 **Case Studies on Elections in Indonesia & Autonomous Region of Muslim Mindanao**  
Panelists: Yanti Sugarda (Indonesia), Ismael Abubakar (Mindanao) and Prof. Abhoud Syed Lingga (Mindanao)  
Moderator: Hadar Gumay  
11:45 – 13:30 Prayers & Lunch  
13:30 – 15:30 **Women, Elections and Islam: How did Women fare in recent elections across Asia?**  
Speaker: Stephanie Lynn  
**Experience of Women Running for Office in the Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia**  
Panelists: Ir. Trisanti Mitayani, MT (Indonesia), Amina Rasul (Philippines), Chidchanok Rahimmula (Thailand), Tan Lian Hoe (Malaysia)  
Moderator: Dewi Fortuna Anwar  
15:30 – 16:00 Break  
16:00 – 17:30 **The role of Islam in the development of Indonesia's political parties**  
Speaker: Dr. Bahtiar Effendy  
Discussants: A. Niam Salim (PKB), Dr. Zulkiflimansyah (PKS), Andi Yuliani Paris (PAN)  
Moderator: Bima Arya Sugiarto  
19:00 – 21:30 Dinner Keynote speech on NDI's research into Islam and Democracy  
Presented by Blair King

**Thursday, September 8, 2005**

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- 09:00 – 10:00 **What are the major policy issues facing countries in Asia?**  
Speaker: Dr Suzaina Kadir (Singapore)  
Moderator: Dr. Norbert Eschborn  
10:00 – 11:45 **Workshops 1: What effect do politics in the Middle East have on Muslim populations in Asian countries?**  
Facilitator: Sylva van Rosse; Rapporteur: Tom Cormier  
**Workshops 2: Do political parties have different interpretations of Islam in relation to freedom of speech or freedom of information?**  
Discussant: Lahcen Daoudi (Morocco)  
Facilitator: Stephanie Lynn; Rapporteur: Jeff England  
**Workshops 3: What has been the effect of inter-religious conflicts in the region?**  
Discussant: Kamaruzzaman Bustaman-Ahmad (Indonesia)  
Facilitator: Jerome Cheung; Rapporteur: Blair King  
11:45 – 13:30 Prayers & Lunch: **The perspective of European Christian Democratic Parties**  
Speaker: Arie Oostlander  
Introduced by Sylva van Rosse

- 13:30 – 15:30 **Workshops 4: What are the implications of religion at play in politics as it relates to democratic consolidation, women’s participation, and political parties’ internal democratic principles?** Are there differences in how Muslim parties are organized or approach these issues? What are the structural implications? Do political party laws provide any guidance or regulation on religious parties?  
 Discussant: Murat Mercan (Turkey)  
 Facilitator: Stephanie Lynn; Rapporteur: Blair King
- Workshops 5: How does a majority Muslim electorate affect, if at all, the structure and nature of “secular” parties?**  
 Discussant: Salahuddin Wahid (Indonesia)  
 Facilitator: Jerome Cheung; Rapporteur: Jeff England
- Workshops 6: Do the experiences of religion-based parties in other countries hold lessons for Muslim-based parties?**  
 Discussant: Arie Oostlander (Netherlands)  
 Facilitator: Sylva van Rosse; Rapporteur: Tom Cormier
- 15:30 – 16:00 Break
- 16:00 – 17:00 Workshop reports
- 17:00 – 18:00 Introduction to Next Steps: How can the CDIW platform be advanced in Asia?  
 Facilitator: Jeff England
- 19:00 – 22:00 Dinner at Lara Jongrang Restaurant, Menteng. The bus will leave at 19:00 from hotel.

### **Friday, September 9, 2005**

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- 08:30 – 08:40 Plenary Recap: Paul Rowland
- 08:40 – 09:30 Workshops - What kind of coordination tools could be used?
- 09:30 – 10:30 Closing Plenary: Dr. Norbert Eschborn
- 10:30 – 11:00 Bus leaving from the hotel to Istiqlal Mosque at 11:00
- 12:00 – 13:00 Friday Prayer at Istiqlal Mosque
- 12:00 – 15:00 Lunch
- 12:15 – 16:00 Check out & Departures