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In January 1996 the Indonesian Institute of Science and Technology (LIPI) organized the International Workshop on Women and Technology in Southeast Asia and the Pacific where the importance of APEC as a point of policy intervention was recognized.



In March 1996 senior women leaders from the public and private sectors in science and technology with expertise on the gender dimension in trade, investment and development cooperation met in Jakarta to determine how gender issues and interests could be integrated within the APEC process. The Philippines' Department of Science and Technology (DOST) and the Asian Alliance of Appropriate Technology Practitioners (APPROTECH ASIA), a nongovernment organization, convened the workshop, with the UNESCO Regional Office of Science and Technology as host and the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) as donor. The Network was organized, with members from Canada, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, and Thailand, with Vietnam as an observer.



In April 1996 the National Commission on the Role of Filipino Women (NCRFW) and the DOST convened a Strategy Workshop on the Positioning of Gender, Science and Technology for the APEC Forum in Manila on November. The Network formed a Planning Group to organize this Conference, with the following institutions as members: DOST, Department of Trade and Industry (DTI), NCRFW, Technical Education & Skills Development Authority (TESDA), APPROTECH ASIA and the Women for Women (Phils., Inc.).

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Who We Are

The Women Leader's Network is a dynamic and flexible regional network composed of women ready to contribute to APEC's vision of equitable and sustainable growth. It consists of women leaders from the 18 APEC (21 as of November 1998) who have made significant contributions to their economies and societies in one or more fields.

The Network generates, consolidates, disseminates, promotes and applies gender-relevant information and knowledge. It shares best practices and lessons learned and promotes sound policies that address the special concerns of women. It serves as a catalyst to raise awareness and build strategic alliances to ensure the relevance of APEC's agenda to women. It offers a source of expertise, mentoring, role modelling and partnership.

The unique nature of this Network is its diversity in that it encompasses women in business, government and civil society including academy in all the APEC economies. Organisations can include any group which is non-profit and non-governmental in nature. While drawn from different facets of each APEC Economy, our participation in the Network is as individuals as opposed to serving as the formal representatives of the organisations or institutions for which we work or provide leadership.