



## PRESS RELEASE

### ASEAN MUST IMPLEMENT SOP AS A BLUEPRINT TO MITIGATE AND ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE ISSUES

**LANGKAWI, 9 JUN** – The climate change problems must be resolved holistically where the socio-political goals must be balanced with economic goals to achieve efficiency and sustainability in the efforts.

Minister of Women, Family and Community Development, Dato' Sri Rohani Abdul Karim said, a common problem of efficiency and sustainability is the lack of a proper and effective regulatory body which will lay the comprehensive policy and framework to ensure the development of such collaborative effort.

"The twin approaches of mitigation to reduce emissions and adaptation to undertake measures to reduce and minimize the effects of climate change must be adopted to ensure a successful and effective collaborative effort," she said during officiated The ASEAN Regional Workshop On Gender Issues On Climate Change And Its Adaptation.

Rohani said, ASEAN must implement standard operating procedures as a blueprint to mitigate and adapt to climate change issues.

"Our concerted efforts to mitigate and adapt to climate change is a long journey which involves many stakeholders comprising the Federal Government, State Governments, NGOs, charity foundations and social entrepreneurs as well as people at the grassroot level,"

"It is a challenge fraught with trepidation but with close cooperation and strong will to succeed, I firmly believe we will deliver what we seek to achieve. Our ultimate quest is sustaining our civilization that is strategically positioned to cater for the needs and demands of future generations," she said.

The ASEAN Regional Workshop on Gender Issues in Climate Change and Its Adaptation is one of the priorities activities under the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) five year work plan (2011-2015). The main objective of this

regional workshop is to enhance understanding of the social impacts of climate change on gender and our ability to mitigate and adapt to it.

During this two days workshop, there will be discussions to share experiences, lesson learned and good practice amongst the ASEAN countries so that necessary strategies and measures can be devised to prevent possible disaster and mitigate current or future effect of the climate change.

Besides that, participants are expected to generate concrete inputs and recommendations to strengthening the Draft Guideline on Gender Issues in Climate Change and Its Adaptation in ASEAN Region.

Three speakers are involved in this workshop which are Asfaazam Kasbani, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Sharifah Mastura Syed Abdullah, Director of the Institute of Climate Change and Khairiah Talha, General manager of MIP Training Centre Sdn Bhd.

\*\*\*

Prepared by:

Corporate Communication Unit  
Ministry of Women, Family and Comunity Development  
Level 35, No.55, Persiaran Perdana, Presint 4,  
62100 PUTRAJAYA  
No. telephone : 03-8323 1087  
No. faks : 03-8323 2012  
E-mel : info@kpwkm.gov.my