Rahmawati Retno Winarni

Rahmawati Retno Winarni is Programme Director at Indonesian Sawit Watch, a leading civil society organisation monitoring palm oil production (Sawit means oil palm).

At Sawit Watch, partner of CIDSE’s German member organisation Misereor, Ms. Winarni strives for more sustainable palm oil production in Indonesia, working with small farmers, workers and indigenous peoples affected by adverse impacts of this production, to strengthen their livelihoods. She is a leading figure in the Indonesian roundtable discussing sustainability standards among government, company and civil society representatives.

Indonesian biofuels are exported to the European Union and major countries like China and India. With communities suffering from land eviction and reduced food security in the context of oil palm expansion driven by the export of this energy source, Ms. Winarni works in favour of responsible conduct and development that respects land and collective rights.

Ms. Winarni holds an MBA degree from the Maastricht School of Management.

Rahmawati Retno Winarni participates in a panel debate on biofuels co-organised by CIDSE at the 2012 European Development Days in Brussels (16-17 October 2012). For more information visit [www.cidse.org/edd12](http://www.cidse.org/edd12)