

## **MAIN SETTLEMENTS from the Board Meeting, May 16 –17 2008**

### **1. Policy on Representing KARAT**

Board adopted a Policy on Representing KARAT.

### **2. Cooperation between Board and members:**

Networking Officer is responsible for coordination the communication with the members and updating the Board on that afterwards:

- The members will be asked, before each meeting, to suggest the proposals/issues/strategies to be considered by the Board
- Short questionnaire on updates from the members will be elaborated and send to them twice a year to be presented during the Board Meeting

### **3. KARAT Members involvement in the projects**

KARAT projects should involve different organizations but at the same time the KARAT membership doesn't mean exclusive rights to be a partner in the project implemented in the country of one organization. The procedure for project partners selection was adopted.

### **4. Networking Officer: tasks and responsibilities**

As a response to the Board recommendations, a networking officer was hired in March 2008. Her tasks and responsibilities in coming months/years were assigned.

### **5. KARAT's members e-group**

This e-group is a tool for network integration. The rules to use it effectively were adopted.

### **6. KARAT program for the years 2009-2012**

The very first draft of the framework of KARAT program for 2009-2012 was developed. It includes 4 thematic areas: economic gender justice in the context of the CEE & CIS region, women's human rights, gender focused development cooperation and organizational development. Some focus areas were also defined.

### **7. KARAT's partnership with WIDE and ECCJ**

As a regional platform of WIDE KARAT could bring around 10 participants for the WIDE AC in Hague, October 2008. Criteria for participation were elaborated by the Board.

Board Member: Raluca Manaila is representing KARAT in ECCJ and has a mandate to take decisions during the ECCJ General Assembly (May 2008).

### **8. KARAT priorities for 2008-2009**

According to the Board, the priorities for 2008-2009 are: secretariat management, network strengthening, website development, improvement of communication with members, regional campaigns/events related to anniversaries of CEDAW Convention and International Conference on Population and Development in Cairo (ICPD).