

**POLITICAL ACTIVISM, COMMUNITY ORGANIZING, LOBBYING AND CAMPAIGNS**

Indonesia

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PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES

The Department of State has outlined the following specific objectives for the project:

* Provide an introduction to U.S.‑style democracy and the role of civil society and political parties in the democratic process;
* Examine the diversity of U.S. voices, how they contribute to a dynamic and resilient political system, and use activism to advance their political objectives;
* Observe the importance of political campaigns, volunteers, grassroots lobbying, and effective public relations strategies leading to the November U.S. Presidential Election, as well as the role of political parties in the democratic process;
* Gather tips, techniques, and strategies from U.S. civil society groups and political parties on how to gather resources and organize for action;
* Compare similarities and differences in political organizing at the state and local levels within geographically, culturally, and politically diverse regions of the U.S.
* Learn from citizen action groups and activists who interact with U.S. elected officials and their parties to influence political, social and economic change.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

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**Ms. Amalia AYUNINGTYAS**Founder and Spokesperson, Friends of Ahok (Teman Ahok)

**Ms. Sophia Marlinda DJAMI**Commissioner, West Sumba General Election Commission

**Mr. Airlangga Pribadi KUSMAN, Ph.D.**Lecturer, Political Department, Faculty of Social Science, Airlangga University

**Ms. Yulida Safitri MASHAR**Staff, Integrated Permit Service Agency, Pontianak City Government

**Mr. Ilham Saputra ZULYADEN**Project Manager, Acehnese Civil Society Taskforce

BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION

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Researcher, Center for Electoral Reform, 2010‑2012

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*The Legal Politics on Electoral System: A Portrait of Public Participation and Transparency in Drafting the Law No 8, Year 2012, on the Legislative Election*. PERLUDEM, 2013.

*Random Picking for Women Political Candidacy, Recruiting Parliament Candidates to Fulfill the 30% Women Representation Quota*. PERLUDEM, 2013.

"Killing Local Democracy, Returning Governor Election to Provincial Legislative." PERLUDEM, 2012.

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*Professional Background:* As the Program Deputy at PERLUDEM, Ms. Khoirunnisa Agustyati works to advance Indonesian democracy through reform of the electoral law and process. She has advocated for the political parties to streamline Indonesia’s elections laws, to help bring more women candidates into office, to make elections and the legislature more transparent, and to ensure that the conduct of elections supports Indonesia’s continued democratic development.

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Intern, Cyrus Network, 2013-2014

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**Indonesia**

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Facilitator, National Program of Civil Society Empowerment, 2013   
Staff, Gubernatorial Election Monitoring Team, 2013   
Facilitator, Village Development Plan, Bahtera Foundation, 2012   
Facilitator, Nutrition Improvement Through Community Empowerment Project, 2011

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SI Perubahan (Indonesian Voluntary for Change), 2014‑Present   
Advisor, Masika (Majelis Sinergi Kalam), 2014‑Present

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M.A., Politics, University of Indonesia, 2006  
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*Publications:* "Can a Democratic Muslim Defeat Intolerance?" *The Jakarta Post*. 2016.

"Marginalisasi Dan Eksklusi Dalam Masyarakat Islam” (Marginalization and Exclusion in Islamic Societies)." *The Maarif Institute,* 2013.

“Paradoks Inovasi Dalam Praktik Good Governance Di Kota Surabaya” (The Paradox of Innovation in the Practices of Good Governance in Surabaya)."*CSIS,* 2013.

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*Professional Background:* Ms. Yulida Mashar is a civil servant from the city government of the provincial capital of Pontianak. She also acts as a liaison for international cooperation for West Kalimantan’s mayor. In addition to her official position, Ms. Mashar is a local activist for women’s causes and religious tolerance. Ms. Mashar organizes volunteer efforts to promote and support breast-feeding in Pontianak, and advocates on behalf of religious minorities in her diverse community.

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Program Manager, Aceh Development Fund, 2005‑2008

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