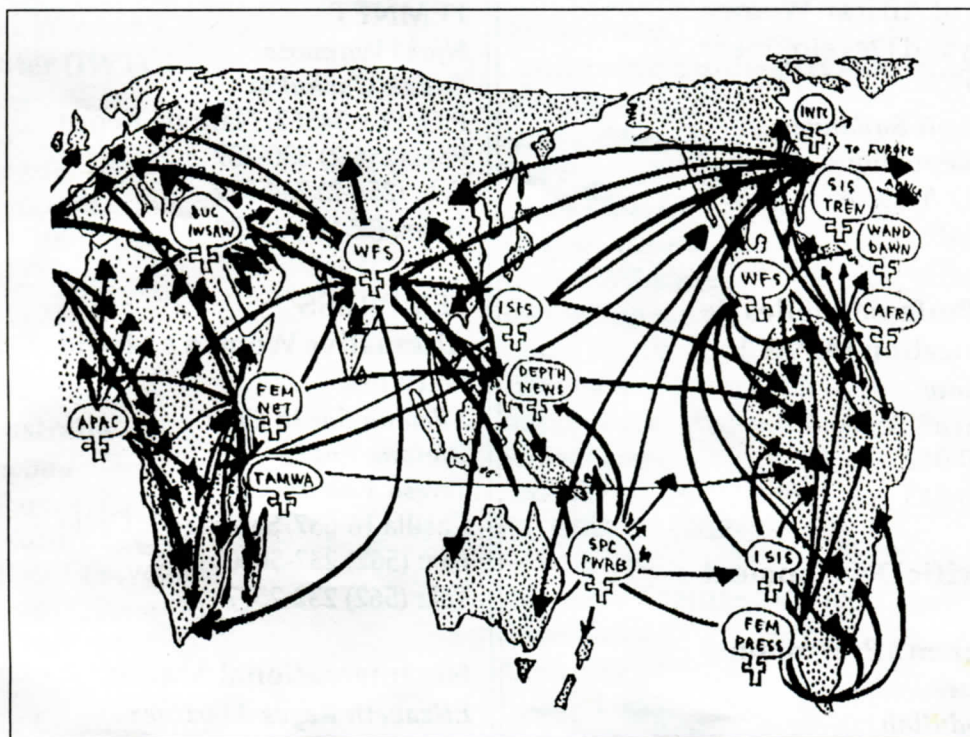


## Women's Media Network formed



**D**AWN (Development Alternatives for Women in the New Era) held an interregional media workshop last February 10-13 at the Barbados Workers Union Labour College in Barbados, bringing together 11 representatives of international women's communications networks.

The women's communications network groups included: Isis Internacional Santiago, Chile; South Pacific Commission/Pacific Women's Resource Bureau (SPC/PWRB), New Caledonia; The Caribbean Association for Feminist Research and Action (CAFRA), Trinidad and Tobago; Tanzania Media Women's Association (TAMWA), Tanzania; Sistren Theatre Collective, Jamaica; Isis International Manila, Philippines; Women's Feature Service (WFS), India; International Women's Tribune Centre (IWTC), USA; and Women and Development Unit (WAND), University of the West Indies, Barbados.

The purpose of the workshop was to identify effective methods of sharing DAWN's research analyses which challenge current models of development. These are models which the organization believes are responsible for the chain of borrowing, debt and poverty in countries of the South.

One of the major outcome of the workshop was the formation of Women's Media Network (WOMENET), comprising among others, those organizations which participated in the workshop. Other groups who have been invited to the workshop but were unable to attend have also been asked to join WOMENET. For a complete listing of member groups, refer to pages 6-7.


WOMENET has the capacity to distribute information across the world through its member networks which cover nearly all parts of the globe (See network map above). Through its wide network, it will help

DAWN in distributing its research analyses to NGO women's organizations in mainstream media.

By sharing its analyses, DAWN hopes to sensitize policy makers to development alternatives which could lead to improved socioeconomic conditions in the South.

WOMENET members will contact each other monthly through facsimiles to share any relevant news and information that they have received during the month. In turn, this information will be shared through each member's networks.

Every six months, members will accomplish a survey form indicating how often they sent and received information through WOMENET and how they shared the information with their network.

WOMENET hopes to become an effective communications services group to Third World women who need access to information. 



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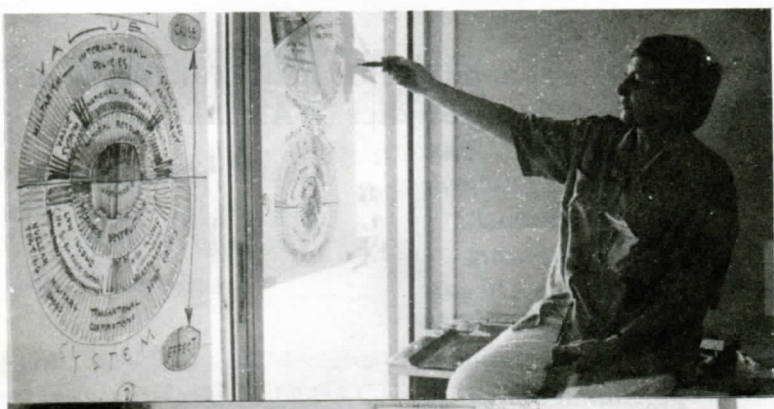
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## Media workshop participants in action



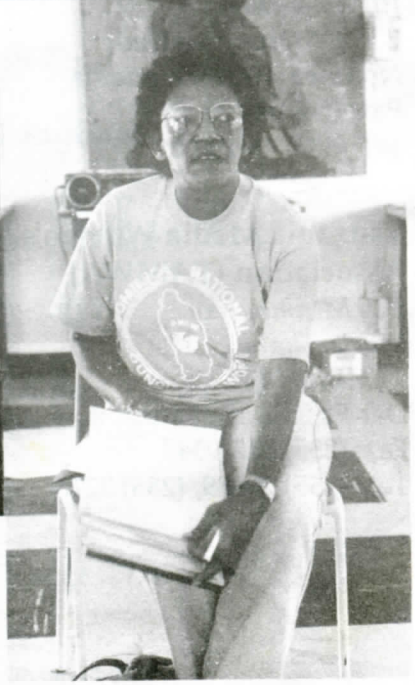
(Left photo): Anne Walker, IWTC director, explains her visual presentation during the women and environment workshop.



(Middle left photo): Rosina Wiltshire is guest speaker of the women and environment workshop. (Middle right photo): Margaret Walker and Jill Emberson read Caribbean poetry during the evening with friends at the College.



(Above) Hilary, Isabel, Nan and Gouri sing their own composition during a pre-workshop activity.



Peggy Antrobus, DAWN coordinator.