

**MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY  
DURING THE LAUNCHING OF THE ENGLISH VERSION OF THE  
BOOK/REPORT "INDONESIA'S FOREST, LAND AND REDD+  
GOVERNANCE INDEX OF 2012" Lombok, Tuesday, June 25, 2013**

Assalamu `alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

Dear Chairman of UKP4/Chairperson of REDD+ Taskforce, Dr. Kuntoro Mangkusubroto,

Head of Secretariat of UN-REDD Global Programme, Mr. Mario Boccucci  
Country Director of UNDP Indonesia, Ms. Beate Trankmann,

Dear participants and Monitoring Team of UN-REDD Policy Board Meeting  
from 27 countries, International institutions and the donor countries

Ladies and Gentlemen:

First of all I would like to express, on behalf of the Ministry of Forestry, our appreciation and convey our gratitude to UNDP Indonesia and the UN-REDD Global Programme for having facilitated the study and for having published the report on "Indonesia's Forest, Land and REDD+ Governance Index for 2012", in the English version. The English version will be launched and made public, especially for the participants and observers of the 10th UN-REDD Policy Board Meeting in Lombok.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you know, the Report on Indonesia's Forest, Land and REDD+ Governance Index for 2012 in the Bahasa Indonesia version was published on May 6, 2013. The Ministry of Forestry supported the process from the beginning and is convinced that the compilation of the forest, land and REDD+ governance index is extremely vital to understand the actual condition of the governance of forest, land and REDD+ in Indonesia. The outcomes of these assessments can serve as the baseline for the forest, land, and REDD governance, and as a basis to improve good governance

principles in forest, land and REDD+ in Indonesia, at the central, provincial, and district levels.

In conducting the Participatory Governance Assessment (PGA), the Ministry together with other sectors (business actors, Civil Society Organization (CSOs) and the communities), have been directly involved in formulating the conceptual framework, in determining the main issues concerning the forest, land and REDD+ governance as well as in the formulation of recommendations to be implemented by the respective sectors.

In this Participatory Governance Assessment, 6 (six) key issues are subject to evaluation, namely space and forest planning, forest resource rights, organization, forest management, law enforcement, and REDD+ infrastructure.

According to the assessment of the sectors at the central level, in 10 provinces and 20 districts, the National Forest, Land and REDD+ Governance Index has reached a score of 2.33 on a scale from 1 to 5. This is not too bad, but nevertheless, all sectors, at the central, provincial and district levels, need to continue working hard in order to improve their forest, land and REDD+ governance. By doing so, their respective governance index will improve.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Ministry of Forestry realizes that the strengthening of forest governance is a must. Consequently, the forest and REDD+ governance has been one of the targets of the development program for 2010-2014. In 2013 alone, the Ministry has been taking several steps and made some breakthroughs to strengthen the forest governance, among others by:

- Supporting the President in extending the Postponement of Awarding New Permits and Improving the Primary Natural and Peatland Forest Governance (Presidential Instruction No. 10 of 2011 which expired on May 20, 2013, and was then extended through the Presidential Instruction No. 6 of 2013)

- Signing an agreement with the Corruption Eradication Commission (KPK) to curb gratuities in the Ministry of Forestry.
- Signing agreements among law enforcement agencies to make multi-door approach or utilize various legal instruments for prosecuting those damaging the environment.
- Signing MoUs with 12 Ministries and Institutions to speed up the designation process of forest areas and use them as the instrument to resolve forest area conflicts.
- Issuing the Regulation of the Minister of Forestry on Delegating Forest Authority to the Provinces. These efforts are aimed at speeding up problem solving and target achieving.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

In addition to the aspects already mentioned, the Ministry has made multiple efforts through Bureaucratic Reform in order to achieve the vision of "Sustainable Forest Management for Public Welfare". To do so, the Ministry has carried out several activities, among others:

- Improving the legal and financial access for the local communities in managing the forests.
- Simplifying and smoothening the public services in the forestry sector, particularly in licensing service, information service, and public complaint service by the Ministry of Forestry officials. We have developed an online system to improve the quality of our overall public services.
- We make sure that the state finance management within the Ministry of Forestry is well managed. This has been reflected in the Financial Statement of the Ministry of Forestry of 2010 which achieved a fair and unqualified opinion.
- At the site level, in order to improve the application of good governance principles of forest management and REDD+ implementation, we set up the Forest Management Unit (FMU) to ensure that all programs and activities for 2014 are implementable.

Ladies and gentlemen,

Despite the fact that the Ministry of Forestry has already made many efforts to improve forest governance, we are aware that not all issues have been resolved. In order to meet public expectations, the Ministry of Forestry must strive to continuously improve its quality of forest management and REDD+ implementation through a variety of activities that involve community participation. The Ministry of Forestry has also been undertaking a systematic endeavor to improve the government capacity at the provincial and district level.

In line with this, the report on the condition of the forest, land and REDD+ governance has become a valuable input for the Ministry of Forestry while formulating the future forestry development plan. In addition, this governance assessment will also serve as the model to be used in assessing the forest and REDD+ governance in the future.

Indonesia's experience in assessing its forest, land and REDD+ governance may become a model for other countries in implementing the forest, land, and REDD+ governance assesment.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

That's all I can report to you on this wonderful occasion. I would like to convey our gratitude and appreciation to UNDP Indonesia, UN-REDD global Programme, as well as to all the parties who have worked hard to prepare and complete the report on Indonesia's Forest, Land and REDD+ Governance Index for 2012 in the English version. I certainly hope that this report will become a world reference.

Wassalamu `alaikum warahmatullahi wabarakatuh.

**THE MINISTER OF FORESTRY**

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