

Keynote Speech, Launch of REDD+ Governance Index:

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“Launch of the REDD+ *Participatory Governance Assessment*”

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Distinguished colleagues from government, academia and from civil society from Indonesia and beyond,

Ladies and gentlemen,

May I firstly extend my greatest thanks and appreciation to all those who were responsible for conducting and supporting this participatory governance assessment. In particular I would like to extend my appreciation to Madame Beate Trankman and the UNDP and UN REDD team that have produced the REDD+ Governance Index for 2012.

The REDD+ Governance Index produced through the Assessment, and launched here this evening (the 2012 Indonesia Forest, Land and REDD+ Governance Index), constitutes a very valuable breakthrough at this time. I see this from some three aspects. The first is that findings outlined in the Assessment do represent a reflection of the state of forestry and land governance in Indonesia. Reports full of flowery language and chit chat are of no use these days. From the sections of the report I have been able to review it is quite clear that several issues, which are critical and fundamental, have been covered in this study – spatial and forest planning; rights observation; forest organization; forest management; control and enforcement; and infrastructure for REDD+ at the national and local levels.

Second, and no less important, is the approach that was applied to develop this assessment, namely the participatory approach. This approach not only provides opportunities for various stakeholders to offer input into the coverage of the program but also ensures these stakeholders are able to take ownership of the results. As such I hope that they will all

remain active in guaranteeing that the recommendations offered by this PGA are followed up.

Third, the results of the assessment represent a foundation or baseline indicating that in 2012 the state of land, forest and REDD+ governance in Indonesia was as outlined in the report. It is our great hope that this assessment will be repeated each year or at least once every two years.

From the report we are able to track progress or regression that has been achieved. For each of the regions involved, this assessment can also be a valuable reference to inform, and become a guide for, various reforms to governance in each region as the work to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions from deforestation and forest and peat land degradation as well as working to raise the standard of living of their communities. In this regard I would request that these results be discussed with local government leaders (Governors, Regents and Mayors) and that they be encouraged to accelerate improvements in governance in their regions. My request is in line with efforts by local leaders to develop Regional Strategies and REDD+ Provincial Strategy and Action Plans (some regions have already transformed these documents into local regulations).

One thing of which I have become more aware since the formation of the REDD+ Task Force is that the REDD+ agenda is much more basic and fundamental than just a means to finance the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in forests and peat lands. Indeed we from the REDD+ Task Force affirm that REDD+ is “beyond forest, beyond carbon”. REDD+ must be able to be catalyst in improving the governance of forests, plantations and mines as well as peat lands. REDD+ must also be a tool to raise the level of welfare of the peoples in these areas.

In addition to the aspects such as the issues of peat land, biodiversity and engagement of *adat* and local communities in the management of their environments, it is also very clear that before we can dream about reducing greenhouse emissions, we must reorganize the governance of forest and peat lands in this Republic. This is not an easy task and demands changes to the way of operating that are set in place and with mind sets of the bureaucracy at national and local levels that are deeply rooted for almost half a century.

To bring about the changes needed in strengthening the governance of forests, land and REDD+ in Indonesia, we the Government of Indonesia, have completed and or are developing a series of initiatives, including:

- Development of a Road Map for improving legislation (Legislation Reform Road Map) together with the National Law Support Agency and the Directorate General for Legislation both from the Ministry of Justice and Human Rights. The Road Map will assist the Legislature and Executive to compile national legislation that is needed to support the development of REDD+ in the context of the “beyond carbon-beyond forest” concept referred to above.
- The application of a multi-door approach as the basis for strengthening and making effective law enforcement by involving several law enforcement agencies and related ministries. After the inter-ministerial and inter-agency MoU on the multi-door approach was signed late last year, we have compiled a detailed guideline for use of, and teaching to, law enforcement officials so that they better understand how to use various legal instruments on natural resources, money laundering, tax and anti-corruption laws to punish criminals in regards to forest in particular and in natural resources more generally.
- Review of permits related to utilization of natural resources in the regions. It is expected that this program will begin in Central Kalimantan and be soon followed up in East Kalimantan and Jambi. The purpose of these reviews of permits is (1) to strengthen the capacity to bring the “One Map” program to fruition; (2) as an effort aimed at regularization, including the regularization of overlapping permits; (3) as a door to improve the governance of permits issuance (improvement of systems, procedures and mechanisms); and (4) to develop better systems of management on information on permits through developing a Licensing Information Management System.
- As is well known the RED+ Task Force has also initiated the One Map program that will establish a joint platform to be used by all ministries and agencies and other stakeholders to determine and to know the land use and division of rights to land across Indonesia.
- Support for the moratorium for new permits. This program was launched in 2011 through Presidential Instruction 10 of 2011 to provide an opportunity and breathing space for all sides to better understand, and as needed, reorganize patterns of land use and division of rights over land in forest regions of Indonesia.
- The networks of cooperation that have been forged to implement the REDD+ agenda in keeping with the REDD+ National Strategy are now in the dozens. Within the Government itself, there is collaboration with various agencies including the Police, KPK, AGO, Geospatial Agency, as well as ministries including Finance, Forestry,

Environment, Home Affairs, National Planning Agency, as well as dozens of local authorities at the provincial and local levels. Beyond the Government there are many community and civil society organizations including the Indonesian *Adat* Communities Alliance, the Partnership for Governance Reform as well as activists in the areas of womens' rights and anti-corruption. From the private sector there is the Palm Oil Round Table and partners from the National Chamber of Commerce and Industry. These networks do not yet cover our international partnerships be they bilateral such as from Norway, Australia, Sweden and the USA as well as multilateral such as UNDP, UNODC and UNORCID.

- All these networks of cooperation must be sustained if we are to achieve our shared hopes, namely a REDD+ system that is strong, trusted, capable of raising the welfare and dignity of communities living in and around forests as well as succeeding in reducing greenhouse gas emissions from forests and peat lands.
- It is expected that in the immediate future Indonesia will establish a REDD+ Agency that is able to bring together and synchronize all initiatives as well as conduct substantive programs that have been developed for REDD+. At this stage the draft Presidential Decree on this issue is being finalized through intensive and very detailed consultations through an inter-departmental process.
- The Assessment launched this evening represents a most valuable contribution to the process of improving the governance of forests, land and REDD+ that are continuing to undertake. I look forward to the second edition of the REDD+ Governance Index in the future so that we can all evaluate the progress achieved on a regular basis in implementing the government's commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 26% to 41%, while we achieve an economic growth rate of 7% as well as providing for a significant increase in standards of living for the people. Thank you.