

National Seminar - Concept Note

“Sustainability for All: Towards an SDG Focused Roadmap in Indonesia”

Details

Date: 20th August 2018

Time: 8.30 – 13.30 hours

Venue: Grand Hyatt Hotel, Jakarta, Indonesia

Hosts: Government of Indonesia, UN Environment and the Tropical Landscapes Finance Facility

Background

The 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) foster collective action and partnership between developed and developing countries in preserving inter-generational equity through inclusive growth and development strategies resilient to climate change. They outline an umbrella framework to address global environmental degradation and in particular CO₂ emissions while effectively providing a platform for cooperation between UN member nations. However, in order for this equitable shift towards sustainable development to occur, it is critical to recognize the role that the private sector, producers and a sectoral approach can play in laying out roadmaps to support developing countries to progress towards meeting the SDGs. Such an approach would highlight the fact that stakeholders such as smallholders, growers, etc, have a fundamental role to play in achieving the SDGs. In many respects, they are the engine that will allow Member States of the UN to meet the SDGs targets; but they also need guidance on how to balance out economic and social progress with the environment.

There are distinct challenges for meeting the SDGs depending on the sectors and countries concerned. For example, with their significant social and environmental impact, agriculture, agroforestry and the mining sectors play an outsized role in achieving the SDGs in Indonesia as well as several other developing and developed nations. This necessitates developing and tailoring sector specific roadmaps that ensure costs and challenges on the ground are adequately taken into account, which currently hamper progress in all countries to meeting SDGs targets.

To make the point further, many producers at the forefront of environmental concerns are keen to raise their profile and gain credit for efforts being made to achieve SDGs, but the concept is not readily understood or adaptable at the grassroots level. This is especially relevant for the agricultural sector where smallholders in palm oil are increasingly adopting ecologically conscious practices that can serve as best-practice models for sustainable forestry management and biodiversity friendly commodity production. A sector-focused roadmap would provide the basis for addressing, in the broadest sense, SDGs which could also provide relevant inputs for future revision of the European Union’s Renewable Energy Directive (RED II).

As agriculture employs 39 million people in Indonesia and is the main source of employment with 5 of the 12 million ha of land under palm oil cultivation being under smallholders, this seminar will also discuss the ecologically sensitive practices already being adopted by these producers that can inform

the discourse about the agriculture sector roadmap. Without such in-depth sector-wise analyses, rising inequalities as countries attempt to meet the SDGs and new standards under RED II could challenge the achievement of any inclusive growth targets. This is because these choices are never linear, and the portents of fragility driven social conflict - as the unintended consequence of pursuing sustainability without a holistic approach - remain strong in Indonesia. Addressing fragility and preventing social conflict requires long-term, sustained engagement, and cooperation among multiple stakeholders.

Amongst others, the Indonesian Government and related stakeholders consider that the development of sector-wise roadmaps for implementing the SDGs is of crucial importance, not only to meet environmental challenges, but to legitimize and empower cooperation between developed and developing nations. It is, therefore, an opportune time to identify and consider the necessary platforms that can assist in developing roadmaps for achieving the SDGs in several key productive sectors of the global economy, through engagement with stakeholders.

Objectives

This national seminar will provide an opportunity for key stakeholders to share their meaningful insights on the potential approach, inputs, activities and outputs that could be a part of developing the sector-wise roadmaps with the following specific aspects to be discussed further.

Approach: The types of platforms that can be established to receive geographical inputs from best-practice operational examples in the field and management responsibilities of these sector specific platforms.

Inputs: The type of technical information and expertise necessary for the development and conception of the platforms as well as drafting of the roadmaps.

Activities: Agreement on key sectors, indicators to measure progress, awareness campaigns on a sectoral approach for SDGs and engagement between regional agencies.

Outputs: Sectoral roadmaps for achieving the SDGs by 2030 and framework for progress-based monitoring.

Moreover, the seminar will provide an opportunity to examine how catalytic institutions such as the Tropical Landscapes Finance Facility; can support the two-way flow of information with stakeholders to provide the grounds for preparing roadmaps. The role of blended finance in scaling sectoral roadmap recommendations through projects that preserve ecosystems, protect livelihoods of the rural poor and generate economic returns will be critical in effectively supporting countries to overcome fiscal challenges and progress towards meeting Paris Agreement and SDGs targets.

Agenda and Speakers

8:30 – 9:00	Registration and Refreshments
9:00 – 9:45	<p>Opening Session – “Towards A Holistic Paradigm of Sustainable Development”</p> <p>Outline of the Day: (5 mins) Mr. Satya Tripathi, Head of Climate Finance and Agenda 2030, UN Environment</p> <p>Welcome Remarks: H.E. Mr. Luhut B. Pandjaitan, Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs, Republic of Indonesia</p> <p>Framing the Challenges and Opportunities: H.E. Dr. Ir. Subandi, M.Sc., Deputy Minister for Human and Societal Development and Cultural Affairs, Ministry of National Development Planning, Republic of Indonesia</p> <p>Keynote Address: Mr. Erik Solheim, Executive Director, UN Environment H.E. Mr. AM Fachir, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia</p>
9:45 – 10:00	Coffee Break
10:00 – 12:00	<p>Plenary Session – “Sectoral Roadmaps for Achieving the SDGs”</p> <p>Moderator: Mr. Mahendra Siregar, Advisor to Minister for Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia</p> <p>Panelists: Mr. Yanuar Nugroho, Deputy Chief of Staff, Executive Office of the President, Republic of Indonesia Ms. Dechen Tsering, Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, UN Environment, Bangkok Mr. Jonathan Papoulidis, Visiting Scholar, Freeman Spogli Institute for International Studies, Stanford University Ms. Michiko Miyamoto, Country Director for Indonesia, International Labour Organisation (ILO) Mr. Joris Direckx, CEO, BNP Paribas, South-East Asia, Singapore Ms. Diah Suradiredja, Senior Advisor, KEHATI</p>
12:00 – 12:15	<p>Closing Remarks: Mr. Satya Tripathi, Moderator for the Day and Executive Secretary, Tropical Landscapes Finance Facility</p>
12:15 – 13:30	Lunch and Informal Interaction