



Press Release

AFD AND BAPPENAS INDONESIA STRENGTHEN THEIR COOPERATION REGARDING LONG TERM LOW-CARBON AND RESILIENT DEVELOPMENT STRATEGIES

NUSA DUA – Today (10/14), the Agence Française De Développement (AFD) and the Ministry of National Development Planning/ National Development Planning Agency (Bappenas) of the Republic of Indonesia agreed to build cooperation by signing a Letter of Intent (LoI) on the implementation of Low Carbon Development (LCD). The LoI was signed by the AFD's Chief Executive Officer Rémy Rioux and the Minister of National Development Planning/Head of Bappenas Bambang Brodjonegoro. Recognizing that climate change could potentially impact to Gross Domestic Product (GDP) loss up to 20 percent, the Government of Indonesia works on Low Carbon Development in Indonesia, an Initiative which was first initiated at the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP 23 UNFCCC) in Bonn, Germany, in 2017. This initiative aims at implementing more progressive policies in tackling negative impact of climate change as well as maintaining the balance of economic and social development. "Today is a very important day because we can support Indonesia and contribute to its low carbon development. AFD and Bappenas intend to join forces and to work together on a program aiming at strengthening the planning capacity of Bappenas, so as to inform policy making process and promote a low carbon development path in Indonesia," said Rémy Rioux.

Meanwhile, Bappenas is welcoming the signing ceremony. Bappenas is currently in the process of formulation of the 2019-2024 National Medium Term Development Plan. This period of Medium Term Development Plan will be the first time for Indonesia to integrate Low Carbon Development policy analysis into the planning document. "Within Low Carbon Development framework, Indonesia has committed to maintain economic and social growth through low GHG emission activities and reduce the use of natural resources. Key factors that included in the next policy development is carrying capacity and capacity of natural resources and environmental protection," Minister Bambang Brodjonegoro said Minister of National Development Planning/Head of Bappenas of the Republic of Indonesia Bambang P.S. Brodjonegoro said during his remarks.

The LoI coverage is focused on AFD effort to mobilize funds of the 2050 Facility in order to support the Bappenas efforts in determining a long-term low-carbon and resilient development strategies. This collaboration would take the form, among other, of studies, capacity building activities, seminars and workshops, short and long term expertise. Through the signature of the LoI, AFD and Bappenas demonstrate their willingness to deepen and extend their fruitful collaboration for a more inclusive and sustainable development of Indonesia. This collaboration will mark new partnership framework that balance economic growth with environment and social development.

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