

Press Release

ASIA PACIFIC LEADERS FORUM ON OPEN GOVERNMENT 2017: OPEN GOVERNMENT FOR INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

Jakarta, December 14th 2017 – As an extensive commitment in enforcing open government, the Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the President’s Executive Office host **Asia Pacific Leaders Forum on Open Government 2017 (APLF 2017)**. The opening session of the forum is hosted by Vice President of the Republic of Indonesia Jusuf Kalla. Also present on this forum, Second Vice President of the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Mohammad Sarwar Danesh, Secretary of Budget and Management of the Philippines Benjamin Diokno, along with more than 500 government representatives, civil society organizations, as well as other development stakeholders from 14 Open Government Partnership (OGP) participating countries in Asia Pacific. With the theme “**Open Government for Inclusive Development**”, APLF 2017 aimed to strengthen open government commitments in the Asia Pacific.

“We believe that our consolidated actions through a multi-stakeholder platform will enhance our chance to achieve many development targets. On that basis, the Government of Indonesia invites representatives from Asia Pacific countries to share experiences and knowledge in implementing open government initiatives in each respective country,” Minister of National Development Planning/Head of Bappenas Bambang Brodjonegoro said on his opening remarks. APLF 2017 provided ample opportunities for participants to exchange knowledge on the role of open government as a means to achieve inclusive development by promoting economic growth, reducing poverty, delivering effective and efficient public services, and boosting public trust towards the government.

APLF 2017 agenda consist of nine dialogue sessions, as the following: (1) *Opening Plenary - Setting the Stage: Open Government for Inclusive Development*; (2) *Ministerial Roundtable*; (3) *Subnational Roundtable*; (4) *Panel on The Role of Accountability Institutions in Promoting Open Government*; (5) *Session 1: Achieving Poverty Reduction and Economic Development through Open Government*; (6) *Session 2: Building Trust and Public Integrity*; (7) *Session 3: Public Service Delivery for Inclusive Development*; (8) *Session 4: The Role of Open Government in Environmental Sustainability*; and (9) *Closing Plenary*. Dialogue sessions cover intensive and comprehensive discussions on recent situations, obstacles, potential solutions, and open government best practices.

Hosting APLF 2017 has strengthened Indonesia’s commitment, as one of the founding countries that initiated the birth of OGP in 2011, to better implement open government. Indonesia has already established **Open Government Indonesia (OGI)**, an initiative that holistically encourages and broadens open government practices which summarizes four main pillars of openness, namely transparency, accountability, participation, and innovation. OGI has managed to inspire and to push the emergence of multiple public policy innovation, such as **LAPOR!**, national online public service complaint system, **Satu Data or One Data (data.go.id)**, credible data provider as a source of public policy making, and **Satu Peta or One Map**, spatial database used for development planning.

At this moment, OGI initiative is implementing **Open Government National Action Plan 2016-2017**, a two-year term national action plan composed as a form of government commitment to implement open government. The national action plan promotes accurate data and information to uphold evidence-based policy making, broader public access towards governmental data and information, more effective bureaucracy and better public services, more accessible means of public participations and interactions alongside the governmental processes, and implementation of effective e-Governance. “Without the ability to openly manage developments processes, it is impossible for us to ensure impactful developments. Thus, reforming the government to be more open holds a crucial place in deciding the level of success in the future development”, Minister Bambang emphasized in a closing statement.

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