



REMARKS
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DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FORUM

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“NAVIGATING THE RISK LANDSCAPE THROUGH
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION”

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Good evening from Jakarta.

First of all, I would like to convey my appreciation to UN DESA for organising this High-Level Meeting of Development Cooperation Forum/ and for inviting Indonesia/ to share its development cooperation best practices.

For us, this is not only a reflection of trust/ but also part of our learning process, to contribute more to the development cooperation platform.

Excellencies, Distinguished Participants, Ladies and Gentlemen,

- Covid-19 pandemic has created both challenges and opportunities in international development cooperation. The severe impacts, have called for the urgency to build resiliency, in designing and implementing international development cooperation policy and practices.
- Reflecting on the severe impacts caused by the pandemic, it is very important that development cooperation model/ should be oriented based on a long-term approach; not only for solving current problems/ but also for addressing potential risk to anticipate crisis in the future. Hence, development cooperation model should be risk-informed, in order to build resiliency.

Excellencies,

- Based on lessons-learned, there are several principles that Indonesia applies in building a risk-informed approach, in implementing our development cooperation policy, namely: inclusive, transparent, and flexible.
 - By involving multi-stakeholders in various stages of the cooperation policy/ we ensure inclusiveness in implementing development cooperation.
 - To build transparency, we conducted various outreach programmes/ to disseminate information to different stakeholders as well as to attain inputs, to formulate policy recommendation and to map potential risks.
 - We also adopted demand-driven principle to provide flexibility for target countries under our South-South Cooperation framework.

Excellencies,

- Indonesia's development cooperation policy and practices are also directed to the long-term approach/ as part of our efforts in building resiliency. We underlined the importance of strengthening our engagement / in bilateral, regional as well as in multilateral contexts.
- Last year, Indonesia provided grant assistance to Solomon Islands, Timor Leste and Fiji / to finance the procurement of medical devices in response to the Covid-19 pandemic.
- Recently, / although Indonesia was just hit by Cyclone Seroja in the province of East Nusa Tenggara, / Indonesia remains committed and provided assistance to Mozambique and Zimbabwe / to mitigate the impact of climate change
 - ➔ Indonesia believes that in time like this, more than ever it is important for us to demonstrate our solidarity; to grow stronger together, in building resiliency. There is no resiliency without solidarity.
- In the regional context, as Chair of the ASEAN Health Ministers Meeting (AHMM) for 2020-2022, Indonesia continues to ensure the implementation of various ASEAN agreements / in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Indonesia also actively participates in various multilateral initiatives through the WHO and the UN.

Excellencies,

- Indonesia is of the view that innovation is key in the efforts to build resiliency for financial resources. Today's forum provides the opportunity to explore more alternative funding resources, / including discussions on how to ensure investments in all sectors / are risk-informed, to anticipate financial instability in development cooperation programs.
- In the context of Indonesia, we have applied innovative financing model through investing gradually on an endowment fund, managed by the Indonesian Agency for International Development (or Indonesian AID). Yield from this endowment fund / will be used to finance our development cooperation programmes and grant assistance. In such, we will not be overly dependent on our annual state budget.
- On another note, Covid-19 pandemic has also shown us that digital divide is a key issue / that is crucial to be addressed in this forum. We need to accelerate building digital infrastructures and skills development through development cooperation mechanism.

Excellencies,

- To conclude, as a solidarity-based mechanism, development cooperation is our vehicle to build resiliency. It is the time for us to adapt our development cooperation model / that not only answers current challenges, but also addresses various risk to mitigate future crisis. I think these are the key points in building resiliency: inclusiveness, transparency, and flexible development cooperation.
- Therefore, I would like to take the opportunity to invite all of us to close ranks, hand in hand in solidarity to build resiliency. This is the only way forward for us to continue the path to achieve 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.
- I thank you.

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