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Support for Indonesian districts to transition to sustainability through implementation of Sustainable Jurisdictional Approach



PALANGKARAYA, 20 JUNE 2023 – The Sustainable Jurisdictional Approach can assist Indonesian districts in transitioning towards legal, deforestation-free and sustainable commodity production, according to the key message delivered during an outreach workshop held in Palangkaraya to increase awareness of the approach, and how districts can use it to encourage, support and demonstrate their commitment to sustainability.

The workshop aimed to engage provincial and district level stakeholders in implementing the Sustainable Jurisdictional Approach and the Sustainable Jurisdictions Indicators and show how the approach can provide opportunities and benefits. Through the meeting participants were also informed about the different types of support available to assist districts and smallholders to attain and demonstrate legal, deforestation-free and sustainable commodity production, with a focus on palm oil. It was hosted by the Central Kalimantan Bappeda office, and supported by the [European Forest Institute](#), [Surveyor Indonesia](#), [Javlec](#) and the [University of Indonesia](#).

"The direction of food and agriculture policy in the National Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJMN 2020-2024) and also in the Central Kalimantan Provincial Medium-Term Development Plan (RPJMD) 2021-2026 is to increase processing industries based on agriculture, forestry, fisheries, maritime and non-agro with upstream-downstream integration, that is strengthened through a sustainable jurisdictional approach," said Dr H. Kaspinor, SE, Msi, Head of the Central Kalimantan Provincial Research and Development Agency.

More than 86 participants from provincial and district governments, the private sector and civil society attended the meeting, where they viewed the different functions of the Sustainable Jurisdictions Indicators data platform and were informed about the upcoming piloting of a palm oil supply chain traceability system and new additions to the platform to help provide information in line with global market requirements.

The event followed a national level outreach workshop held in Jakarta last week and was the first in a series of regional-level meetings which will take place in key palm oil-producing areas of Indonesia during the coming months.

“We can strengthen our palm oil producers, especially independent smallholders, so that they can meet the needs of the global market whose needs are increasing, diversified and very selective. It is hoped that this jurisdictional approach can support this process by combining and creating synergies between the government, regulators, resources, and other parties,” said a statement by Pak Noor Avianto, Functional Coordinator/Associate Expert Planner, Directorate of Food and Agriculture, Bappenas.

About the Sustainable Jurisdictional Approach

The Sustainable Jurisdictional Approach is a national initiative to track, demonstrate and encourage district progress towards sustainability in Indonesia. At its core is a set of Sustainable Jurisdictions Indicators, or SJI, which measure sustainable and inclusive commodity production at the district level. The 23 indicators were developed through a multistakeholder process supported by the European Union and the European Forest Institute through the [KAMI project](#), and are grouped under four pillars: environmental, social, economic and governance. For each indicator, data is collected from ministries and districts to provide a comprehensive picture of subnational progress towards sustainability.

An online data platform serves to disseminate the district-level data collected for each indicator, to inform planners, policy makers and businesses with information on the sustainability performance of districts, as well as trends and progress over time. The data platform, the ongoing development of which is supported by Surveyor Indonesia, will be made accessible to the public, equipping companies with valuable information to perform due diligence assessments and make sustainable sourcing and investment decisions.

The Sustainable Jurisdictional Approach, SJI indicators and data platform were officially launched in November 2022 by the Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas, Ministry of Investment/BKPM and the Indonesian Chamber of Commerce and Industry/KADIN during the B20 Investment Forum in Bali, an annual gathering of global business leaders held in conjunction with the G20 summit.

During the launch, a “Multistakeholder declaration of support for implementing the Sustainable Jurisdictions Indicators” was signed by eight district governments (Aceh Tamiang, Kapuas Hulu, Kotawaringin Timur, Kutai Timur, Sanggau, Seruyan, Siak, Sigi), two companies (PISAgro, Surveyor Indonesia), two smallholder associations (FORTASBI, SPKS) and eight CSOs and development partners (LTKL; USAID SEGAR; EFI; Proforest; CDP; GIZ; Javlec; Institute for Economic and Social Research/LPEM, University of Indonesia).

Looking ahead

The indicators and data platform have been positioned by the Government of Indonesia to attract green investment, inform domestic policy processes and fiscal transfer mechanisms, and communicate sustainability progress towards global commodity markets. They also allow districts to demonstrate sustainable agricultural production, thereby reinforcing sustainable trade and investment and further incentivising sustainable, legal and deforestation-free production.

Under the Ministry of National Development Planning/Bappenas, the platform is being further developed to better support the transition to sustainability in districts and to demonstrate Indonesia's commitment to sustainability to a global audience. Planned developments include establishment of global markets indicators and the addition of a palm oil supply chain traceability module to help meet new due diligence requirements included in forthcoming international regulations.

The meeting will be followed by additional workshops in West Kalimantan, East Kalimantan, Aceh, Riau, North Sumatra, Jambi, South Sumatra and Central Sulawesi.

Districts supporting SJI:

