

World Economic Forum Meets with Government of Indonesia on Disaster Resource Partnership National Network

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Jakarta, Indonesia – The World Economic Forum has held a roundtable meeting with the Government of Indonesia to initiate discussions on establishing a Disaster Resource Partnership (DRP) National Network for Indonesia. The meeting was the result of President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono 's announcement at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting 2011 in January in Davos-Klosters, Switzerland, at which he declared the government 's intent to establish a DRP National Network for Indonesia.

The objectives of the meeting were to identify and establish a community of professionals who share a commitment to multistakeholder collaboration for disaster preparedness and response, drawing from the government, the private sector and civil society. The meeting focused on elaborating and agreeing on the core principles for such a network, which seeks to support and complement existing disaster management structures in Indonesia in a coordinated manner by including key members of the private sector in Indonesia.

Over 40 leaders from government, civil society and the local and international private sector participated in the meeting. The roundtable was opened by Indroyono Soesilo, Executive Secretary, Coordinating Ministry for People 's Welfare of Indonesia. Participants included Heru Prasetyo, Deputy Chairman of the President 's Delivery Unit for Development Monitoring and Oversight (UKP4); Willem Rampangilei, Deputy Minister for Environment and Social Vulnerability Coordination of Indonesia, who chaired the meeting; El-Mostafa Benlamlih, Resident Coordinator, Disaster Partnership, United Nations, Bangkok; Murdaya Widyawimarta, Chairman, Central Cipta Murdaya Holding, Indonesia; and Niyati Sareen, General Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility, Hindustan Construction Company, India.

The outcome of the meeting was a broad agreement on the core principles of a DRP network in Indonesia and establishment of a working group comprised of representatives from the private sector in Indonesia, the Coordinating Ministry for Social Welfare and civil society representatives, with the support of the World Economic Forum to further define the operational model for the Network.

“ Only if public, private and civil society are equally prepared and committed to being involved in disaster management will it be possible to have real effectiveness in minimizing the humanitarian caseload, the destruction of livelihoods and the negative economic impact of disasters. ”

– El-Mostafa Benlamlih, Resident Coordinator, Disaster Partnership, United Nations, Bangkok

“ Our experience managing large-scale disasters has brought Indonesia into a global partnership in which the private sector is a key player. The DRP is a forum for having more effective private sector engagement in disaster management in Indonesia. ”

– Kuntoro Mangkusubroto, Head of the Presidential Working Unit for Development Supervision and Control, Office of the President, Indonesia

“ The Government of Indonesia is fully committed to support and promote the DRP National Network and to facilitate greater private sector engagement in disaster management in a more coordinated and formalized manner. ”

– Indroyono Soesilo, Executive Secretary, Coordinating Ministry for People 's Welfare of Indonesia

“ We are pleased to support the establishment of the DRP Indonesia National Network. ”
– Murdaya Widyawimarta, Chairman, Central Cipta Murdaya Holding, Indonesia

“ We are thrilled that the DRP Indonesia Network will soon become a reality and we would like to offer our support and guidance in the development process. ”
– Niyati Sareen, General Manager, Corporate Social Responsibility, Hindustan Construction Company, India; DRP India National Network

“ We congratulate the Government of Indonesia and all participants of the roundtable meeting on establishing the DRP Indonesia National Network. This innovative tri-sector partnership model has the potential to serve as a global model for a new approach to disaster risk reduction. ”
– Sir John Holmes, Chair of the World Economic Forum Global Agenda Council for Humanitarian Affairs; Undersecretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator (2007-2010), UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), New York

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