

# KILAS A4DES

Communication for Development Effectiveness



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## Jakarta Commitment

### NEW PARADIGM OF AID MANAGEMENT FOR DEVELOPMENT EFFECTIVENESS

Translating the global commitment into national actions with the aim to improve the effectiveness of foreign assistances through:

- Government's leadership in the management of foreign assistance program;
- The use of the Indonesia budget system / procurement / monitoring and evaluation Indonesia;
- Increase the use of domestic products and resources;
- Increasing use of alternative sources of financing such as PPP, CDM, and CSR.



*DR. Lukita Dinarsyah Tuwo, Chairman Steering Committee A4DES handed over the plate of ceremonial dishes to Ir. Kennedy Simanjuntak MA, Chairman Management Committee, as a formal inauguration of the A4DES Management Office opening ceremony.*

### Opening of A4DES Management Office

A4DES Management Office whose function is to support the implementation of the Jakarta Commitment was officially commencing operation on June 12, 2009.

Located at 6th floor Wisma Bakrie 2 Building, the Management Office has 15 staff to support and facilitate activities of 6 thematic working groups. The Management Office operation is supported by AUSAID and USAID.

Marked by cutting and provision of "tumpeng" by Mr. Lukita, Chairman - Steering Committee A4DES to Mr. Kennedy, Chairman - A4DES Management Committee, the inauguration was attended by officials & staff of BAPPENAS and other government agencies that are involved in the implementation of the aid for development effectiveness.

## OPINION

### "Realizing Self-reliance"

Self-reliance is sovereignty with the ability to choose for ourselves. In that regards, the Jakarta Commitment is a new paradigm in the management of foreign loans and grants for development effectiveness that is self-reliance oriented. Self-reliance means increasing government ownership in the management of foreign assistance programs.

Realizing self reliance should start with a better understanding about foreign assistance. Hence, the Aid Information Management System (AIMS) is imperative. AIMS will also help to measure effectiveness and transparency in the management of foreign aid. An initial step to AIMS is to develop a map of foreign grants to all components of the Indonesian society.

Another important aspect in establish understanding on foreign assistance is dialogue among stakeholders. Civil Society Organization (CSO) as a stakeholder as well as the recipient of foreign assistance, are invited to jointly develop a model dialogue that would facilitate smooth communications with Government and Development Partners as well as among CSO.

(Kennedy Simanjuntak, Chairman of Management Committee A4DES in the dialogue with CSOs in Jakarta).

**Jakarta Commitment is the effort to improve independency in utilizing foreign aid not replacement and not a donor forum like IGGI or CGI**

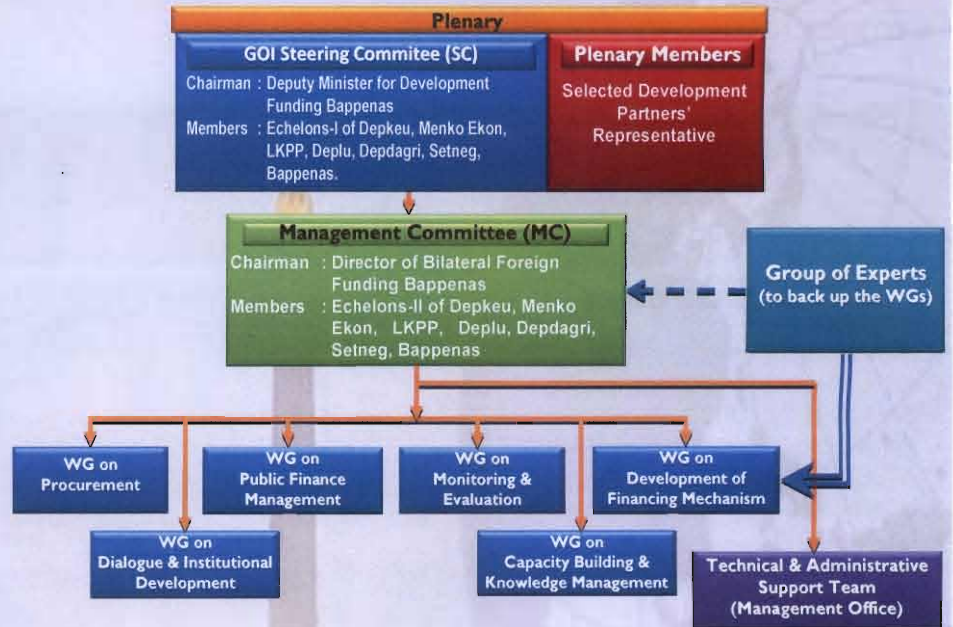
## A4DES

Aid for Development Effectiveness Secretariat established as an organization to follow up the implementation of Jakarta Commitment ( JakComm ); with function to facilitate in preparing material and activities related to JakComm.

### Duties

- Steering committee function to direct, agree and control the implementation of A4DES activities.
- Management Committee function to support SC in operationalizing the decision (as daily implementor), managing the A4DES activities including facilitation, coordination and report of the WGs working result, and managing A4DES resources dan reporting to SC.
- Working groups funtions:
  - Identify, monitor and evaluate the process to ensure effective delivery of the A4DES related activities;
  - Recommend intervention program to when it deemed necessary;
  - Undertake and implement activities under the initial two-year period work programme according to the principles and procedures established by the Steering Committee;
  - Identifying emerging issues that need for further analysis by the A4DES or working groups;
  - Ensuring broad consensus on issues under consideration by wide consultation;
  - Develop specific procedures related to the conduct of assessments and other studies.
- Management Office functions:
  - Supporting the A4DES 's day-to-day operations and coordinating the implementation of activities during the initial two-year period.
  - Setting up monitoring procedures for measuring the effectiveness of activities during the initial period, used from the outset for programme evaluation, development and continuation;
  - Ensuring coordination between A4DES working groups;
  - Liaising with participating Government Agencies and development partners on A4DES matters;
  - Organizing meetings of relevant bodies of the A4DES;
  - Proposing the budget;

## A4DES ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE



- Managing the development of proposed trust fund for the A4DES;
- Publicizing and disseminating A4DES reports to the wider stakeholders and community;
- Establishing A4DES website.

Beside formal meetings, informal brainstorming were also conducted to discuss issues spread out during the formal meeting

The table shows summary of Working Groups major activities between June to August 2009

### WORKING GROUP

The thematic Workings Groups under A4DES are envisaged to be forums for sharing information, discussing achievements and challenges and to agree on common steps to be taken moving forward on fully meeting the goals as stipulated in the Jakarta Commitment and the related action matrix.

The Working Groups are developed in the following areas with membership being relevant government and development partner stakeholders:

- Procurement
- Dialogue and Institutional Development
- Monitoring and Evaluation
- Capacity Building and Knowledge Management
- Public Financial Management
- Development of Financing Mechanism

The working groups formally established through the Deputy for Development Funding decree No. 03/D.VIII/06/2009 dated 11 June 2009. However, the activities of the working groups have been taken place since the inception of A4DES in April 2009 by WG members.

Working Group	Topic of Discussion
Procurement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work program</li> <li>Alignment of procurement rules</li> <li>CPI Survey</li> </ul>
Dialogue & Institutional Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work program</li> <li>Dialogue framework</li> </ul>
Monitoring & Evaluation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work program</li> <li>AIMS</li> <li>Aid data collection</li> </ul>
Capacity Building & Knowledge Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Work program</li> <li>South to South Cooperation</li> </ul>
Public Financial Management	Work program
Development of Financing Mechanism	Work program



*Meeting with 26 Development Partners discussing follow up support to the implementation of Jakarta Commitment through Transitional Multi Donor Fund (TMDF) mechanism.*

## SECRETARIAT ACTIVITIES

### Meeting with Development Partners, June 18th, 2009

The spirit to implement aid for development effectiveness in Indonesia is consistently maintained by Government of Indonesia. In that sense, the Jakarta Commitment, signed by 26 development partners in January 12, 2009, was followed by formation of 6 thematic working groups (WG). The WGs immediately started its activities by drafting their respective work plan up to 2010.

Along with that, A4DES has invited the Development Partners to discuss WGs program and work plan. The meeting also intended to call for realization of Development Partners' commitment to support the implementation of the Jakarta Commitment.

Until recently, a number of development partners have made their contribution including:

- Development of AIMS by BMZ (Germany)
- Introductory Training on Aid Effectiveness by UNDP;
- Procurement Study by JICA;
- Support to the A4DES Management Office by AUSAID and USAID;
- Development of Transitional Multi Donor Fund (TMDF) by UNDP.

Meanwhile, Government has provided office space with utilities, staff and part of operation budget to run the Secretariat.

### Formation of Transitional Multi Donor Fund (TMDF) A4DES

A4DES work program for 2009-2010 aimed at helping improve the coordination process of development, public financial management, procurement systems, and develop the capacity of government

agencies to meet the Paris Declaration targets as the first stage of implementation of Jakarta's commitment.

To implement A4DES programs, funding support is required, one of which is expected by gathering support from development partners in the form of trust fund. In the early stage, the trust fund will be administered by the UNDP, in the form of Transitional Multi Donor Fund (TMDF).

The purpose of TMDF is to channeling development partners' support for the implementation of A4DES work program in an effective, efficient, transparent and accountable manner, so that the impact of such assistance can be maximized. TMDF also serve as a mean to identify, select and develop the necessary capacity for a national entity as part of the step forming a national trust fund that is fully managed by Indonesian entity.

To reflect government leadership, preparation of work programs and preparation of TMDF documents are prepared jointly by A4DES Management Office and the UNDP. Thus, this is the first step in achieving self-reliance as stated in the Jakarta Commitment.

TMDF A4DES signing took place in August 14, 2009 and followed by a meeting with development partners who have expressed their willingness to assist the TMDF, on September 4, 2009. Norway, DFID of the UK and the Netherland have confirmed their support to TMDF and currently under discussion with UNDP on the implementation of their support. Germany will continue the support in the development of AIMS while other Development Partners responded positively. A4DES is currently in discussion with a number of Development Partners to realize their support to A4DES both through TMDF and bilateral arrangement.

### Workshop on Trust Fund

Workshop on the Trust Fund as a mechanism that is currently used by the Government of Indonesia to support the funding of national development and certain strategic activities was held on 9 September 2009. The speakers including Maurin Sitorus (Ministry of Finance), Nazmiah Sayuti (RANTF BRR Aceh-Nias), Endah Murniningtyas (BAPPENAS), and Yogana Prasta (World Bank).

The objective of this workshop is to gain

common understanding on the use of trust fund a mean of funding government programs. It also discussed the administration mechanism as well as accountability issues. This workshop is the beginning of series of workshop under the WG on Development of Financing Mechanism.



*The speakers in the workshop Thematic Trust Fund in Jakarta, 9th September 2009.*

### Dialogue with Civil Society Organizations (CSOs)

One of the main functions of A4DES is to consult, communicate and disseminate the Jakarta Commitment and its activities to the wider stakeholders, including the CSOs. CSOs are seen as the key partners in relation to their role in the community.

Government has seen CSOs role in balancing the view while also provide positive input in the formulation and implementation of various policies. With regards to aid for development effectiveness, CSOs play even more critical role, particularly in the area of dialogue to ensure effective delivery of aid.

The dialogue with CSOs was conducted in Jakarta on September 14, 2009. It was agreed that A4DES will engage more frequent dialogue with CSOs to build common understanding on the Jakarta Commitment as well as to find the best role for CSOs in its implementation.



*Erna Witoelar, Chair of Advisory Board Partnership and Kennedy Simanjuntak, Chairman of Management Committee A4DES in Socialization & Dialog on Jakarta Commitment with Civil Society Organization (CSO) Jakarta & provinces, in Jakarta, 14th September 2009.*

## LESSON LEARN

### South - South Technical Cooperation

Southern states play important roles in the world of international trade. Since the 1980s, the contribution of the South countries in the international manufacturing sector have doubled, export value has increased more than twice, while the bilateral transactions among Southern countries also increased rapidly. The growth of trade in southern hemisphere also engaged in regional cooperation such as the Group of 77, or through direct economic interaction in the form of trade, investment and technology transfer the South - South. South to South Cooperation has also be the key instrument in achieving the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

Through South to South Cooperation, South countries can contribute to the development of trade and poverty reduction. Therefore, South to South Cooperation one of the programs listed in the Jakarta Commitment's Plan of Action. The South to South Cooperation activities under the Jakarta Commitment will be linked with the Development Partners program to form an effective Trilateral Cooperation where Indonesia can take important role.

WG on Capacity Building and Knowledge Management (CBKM) has conducted more than 4 times a meeting to discuss the program with relevant agencies, including joining the First Meeting of the Task Team on South-South Cooperation (SSC-TT) and Coordination of Analytical Work of the TT-SSC in Washington on September 15th 2009 through video conferencing facility.

### Video Conference

First Meeting of the Task Team on South-South Cooperation (TT-SSC) and Coordination of Analytical Work of the TT-SSC was held on 15-16 September 2009 in Washington DC.

Representatives from several countries, including Indonesia, joined the meeting via video conference facilities. Mr. Tubagus A. Choesni, and A4DES staff

participated in the conference call on behalf of the the WG CBKM.

The meeting discussed the role of SSC in the context of aid effectiveness, the case study criteria, and a regional perspective on South-South cooperation. Among the output are conclusions and recommendations on the role of the SSC and Aid Effectiveness with "three-fold approach"; revision of criteria for the selection of case studies as an input in policy making; and practical recommendations on the role of regional cooperation in the South - South Cooperation.

## PROFILE

Tubagus A. Choesni, currently serves as Director of Procurement Planning for State Budget in the National Procurement Policy Agency (LKPP) and Co-Chair of WG CBKM.



Pak Choesni is one of the pioneer in the area of aid effectiveness in Indonesia. His ideas and thoughts associated with the spirit to achieve self-reliance in the management of foreign assistances inspiring many efforts in the establishment of the A4DES. He is also one of the most helpful resource person for A4DES staff that can easily accessed through his mobile internet.

One of Pak Choesni's activities in A4DES is the development of South-South Cooperation under the WG CBKM. He is also keen in assisting the WG Procurement in the preparation of the Bli/CPI Survey.

## CIRCLE of AID

The figure below was made to ease the understanding of quite long process of foreign aid circle.

