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MEMORANDUM

DATE	: July 15, 2013
TO	: Timothy S. Buehrer
FROM	: Moekti P. Soejachmoen
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SUBJECT	: Reporting on the Outcome of the 23rd PRSCPO Conference and the 4th IRSA Institute Bandung, 2 – 4 July 2013

Background

The conference is the biannual event of the Pacific section of the RAI and is a venue for regional scientists and researchers of various disciplines from countries of the Pacific and beyond to share research findings and discuss current topics on the regional aspects of various global issues. The conference theme in 2013 was "Green Growth and Global Recovery: A Regional Perspective".

The topics of the conference included regional development issues in Asia and The Pacific, financing regional development, global crisis and recovery, trade and regional integration, infrastructure and social capital, industrial development, regional labor market dynamics, interregional disparity, city planning, climate change, green growth and sustainable development, disaster management, methods and models in regional sciences, transports and connectivity, and new perspectives of regional science. There were more than 300 participants from Pacific region and beyond in their capacity as researchers, policy makers as well as representatives from the international organization engaged in various activities at the conference.

USAID-SEADI sponsored the Conference. As a sponsor, we were permitted to organize two sessions to showcase SEADI's grant program. (We negotiated a significant improvement in terms of the sponsorship, increasing the number of sessions from one to two and increasing the number of free registrations to eight.) We felt that this was appropriate as the Conference is a good opportunity for Indonesian researchers to present their research at an international event.

The complete agenda for the conference can be found at:

<https://www.conftool.com/prsco2013/sessions.php>

Agenda for USAID Special Sessions:

Tuesday, July 2, 2013; 01.30 pm – 03.30 pm: Basic Services and Poverty

1. Impact of Infrastructure Expenditure on Economic Development in East Java: Local Government Spending, Economic Growth and Poverty Alleviation, Lyla Rachmaningtyas – Airlangga University Surabaya
2. Consumer Price Indices for the Poor in Indonesia, Rizki Nauli Siregar – Ministry of Tourism and Creative Economy
3. Development in Education Sector: Are the Poor Catching Up?, Ben Satriatna - Center for Economics and Development Studies (CEDS), Padjadjaran University Bandung
4. Impact of Export Tax Policy on Cocoa Farmers and Supply Chain, Amzul Rifin - Bogor Agricultural University

Wednesday, July 3, 2013; 08.30 am – 10.30 pm: Industrial Development and Health

1. Health Inequity in Indonesia: Is it Declining?, Pipit Pitriyan - CEDS Padjdjaran University Bandung
2. Labor Demand, Productivity, and Unit Labor Costs in Manufacturing, Raden Muhamad Purnagunawan, CEDS Padjajaran University Bandung
3. The Impact of Universal Healthcare Coverage (Jamsoskes) in South Sumatera, Henky Kurniawan, Institute for Economic and Social Research (LPEM), University of Indonesia
4. Inequality in the Labor Market in Indonesia, 1990 – 2012, Viktor Firmana – CEDS Padjadjaran University Bandung.



Basic Services and Poverty Session, from left to right: Amzul Rifin, Ben Satriatna, Rizki Nauli Siregar and Lyla Rachmaningtyas



Industrial Development and Health Sesion, from left to right: Viktor Permana, Muhamad Purnagunawan, Henky Kurniawan and Pipit Pitriyan

Summary of the events

The conference was opened by Prof. Armida Alisjahbana, Minister of National Development Planning and President of IRSA. The first keynote lectures were given by Prof. Iwan Jaya Azis (Cornell University / Asian Development Bank (ADB) on Global Headwinds and Regional

Spillovers and Prof. Jichung Yang (Seoul National University and President of PRSCO) on Socio-Spatial Dynamics of Economic Growth and Development.

Keynote Lecture 2 held on Thursday, July 4th, with Prof. Peter B. Dixon (Monash University) on The Development of Regional CGE Modeling for Policy Analysis: an Australian Perspective, followed by Prof Piet Rietveld (VU University Amsterdam) on Flying Carpets: On the Relationship between Transport and Urban Development.

8 parallels session was held for 3 days and discussed about the topics listed above. This conference was a good opportunity for young researchers to build their networks and showcase their research. Most of SEADI's sponsored participants (8 presenters) are young researchers who expressed their appreciation to be given an opportunity to participate in such large and prestigious international conference.