



ACTIVITY UPDATE

SENADA USES REGMAP TO STRENGTHEN BAPPENAS CAPACITY TO ANALYZE REGULATIONS



“I believe the RegMAP tool has great potential to become the standard analytical tool used by BAPPENAS regulatory reviewers.”

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SENADA’s RegMAP tool is a cornerstone of the project’s efforts to assist Indonesian stakeholders in shaping a progressive business enabling environment. RegMAP provides a clearly defined series of steps that allows policy makers to create an inventory of regulations and quickly target those that should be priorities for reform.

At the heart of RegMAP is the application of three filters designed to narrow hundreds of regulations down to the critical top ten. Each filter applies questions that explore legality, economic impact, redundancy, regulatory objectives, and other essential characteristics.

While the creation of the RegMAP tool was an important achievement, the tool itself will have little impact unless Indonesian government officials embrace RegMAP over the long term, fully exploiting its potential by using it properly. For this reason, SENADA is working with BAPPENAS (Indonesia’s national development agency) to thoroughly train staff and give them hands-on experience at conducting regulatory analysis using RegMAP. Following up on work earlier in 2008 that was focused on Filter 1, from November 3 to 5 SENADA held three one-day workshops in Jakarta, Bandung, and Surabaya to give BAPPENAS officials practice at implementing Filter 2. This filter uses 10 detailed questions relating to regulatory objectives, alternatives, targeting, communication, compliance and impact.

In each workshop, participants used Filter 2 to analyze three regulations, chosen to illustrate different types of regulation. This was followed by discussion in which participants focused on weeding out subjectivity and ensuring that each regulation had been completely analyzed. The workshops were led by a team from the Center for Economic and Social Studies and SENADA, and attended by BAPPENAS staff from the Direktorat Analisa Peraturan Perundang-undangan, (Directorate for Regulatory Analysis). The workshops were notable for the enthusiastic discussion generated, as participants proposed and then adopted or discarded various ideas. They also expressed considerable eagerness to carry out similar exercises for Filter 3, a step planned for early 2009.

SENADA is a four-year, USAID-financed project whose goal is to increase Indonesia’s economic growth and employment by improving the competitiveness of major, labor-intensive light manufacturing industries.