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POLICY INSIGHT

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Programme

13.30 - 14.00

Welcome and registration of participants

14.00 - 14.10

Introductory remarks by

Arif Havas Oegroseno, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union

14.10 – 15.30

Policy & Practice roundtable

SESSION I:

Indonesia: Today and tomorrow

Closed session - by invitation only

Indonesia is changing fast. Once a struggling developing nation, the country is now a confident and dynamic middle-income power and a vibrant democracy with enormous regional and global clout. Not surprisingly, leading world powers are scrambling to forge closer ties with Jakarta. The EU and Indonesia have signed a Partnership and Cooperation Agreement (PCA) aimed at forging a stronger relationship. But more is required to develop deeper and more strategic ties. What are the necessary steps to establish an EU-Indonesia strategic partnership? How will such a partnership impact on EU relations with ASEAN? How can the EU and Indonesia upgrade discussions on global and regional security challenges? What are the possible avenues for intensifying cooperation in ensuring safe and secure international navigation and fighting terrorism? Can the EU and Indonesia foster global interfaith initiatives and dialogue on matters of pluralism and tolerance? What is the potential for further engagement between the two sides in the areas of climate change and energy?

Scene-setters

Azymardi Azra, Director of Post Graduate Studies at Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University

David Camroux, Associate Professor at Science Po (CERI), France

Anja Jetschke, Chair of International Relations at Göttingen University, Germany

Shafiah Muhibat, Researcher at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta

Daniel Novotný, Director at Global Europe, Czech Republic

Jürgen Rüländ, Professor at the Department of Political Sciences of the University of Freiburg, Germany

Moderated by
Shada Islam, Director of Policy at *Friends of Europe*



15.30 - 16.00

Coffee break

16.00 - 17.30

Policy & Practice roundtable

SESSION II

Building stronger EU-Indonesia ties

Closed session - by invitation only

With its rich natural resources, economic and political stability and a booming middle class, Indonesia attracts foreign investors. There are complaints, however, that infrastructure bottlenecks, regulatory hurdles, a skills gap and allegations of corruption are strangling Indonesia's growth. Economic relations between the EU and Indonesia are becoming more dynamic but with bilateral trade in goods valued at 23.5 billion euros, Indonesia ranks only 29th on the list of leading EU trading partners. The recent signature of the Voluntary Partnership Agreement to prevent the trade of illegally logged wood is a step on the right direction. But what are the prospects for a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)? How will it impact on improving market access, capacity building and the facilitation of trade and investment between the two sides? What are the main roadblocks to begin negotiations? How can Indonesia and the EU strengthen cooperation in areas such as science and technology, education, mobility and people to people exchanges to boost growth? What are the opportunities for European businesses? Will visa facilitation for Indonesian nationals help to step up contacts between business leaders, academics and students?

Scene-setters

Rahimah Abdulrahim, Executive Director at The Habibie Centre , Indonesia

Felix Heiduk, Lecturer at the Department of Political Science & International Studies of the University of Birmingham

Helena König, Head of the South and South East Asia Unit at the European Commission Directorate General for Trade

Yahya Muhaimin, Professor at the Faculty of Social and Political Studies at the University Gadjah Mada

Tirta Segara, Executive Director of the Communication Department at the Central Bank of Indonesia

Muhadi Sugiono, Director of the Center for Southeast Asian Social Studies at the University Gadjah Mada

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Shada Islam, Director of Policy at *Friends of Europe*

17.30

End of Policy & Practice Roundtable



17.30 - 18.00

Coffee break

18.00 - 19.30

POLICY INSIGHT

Indonesia goes to the polls: Prospects and pitfalls

Indonesia's transformation from an authoritarian state to a robust democracy continues to inspire a watching world. The year ahead will be crucial for Indonesia's political future: legislative polls in April will be followed a few months later by the election of a new president to replace Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, the military officer turned civilian president who has steered the country over the last ten years. Whoever wins at the ballot box will face an array of challenges in unleashing the country's potential. As the world's third-largest democracy heads to the polls, who are the most exciting candidates, what do they stand for and what are their election prospects? Do religious parties and groups wield political influence in Indonesia? What can the international community and foreign investors expect from the new government? Can the next leadership, in conjunction with private sector, address Indonesia's bottlenecks to foster economic growth? What role is social media playing in the formation of public opinion, particularly as regards young voters? How will the elections impact on Indonesia's foreign policy, including relations with ASEAN? What will be the new government's attitude as regards closer ties with the European Union?

Speakers

Rahimah Abdulrahim, Executive Director of the Habibie Centre

Ugo Astuto, Director for South and South-East Asia at the European External Action Service (EEAS)

Azyumardi Azra, Director of Post Graduate Studies at Syarif Hidayatullah State Islamic University

Shafiah Muhibat, Researcher at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS), Jakarta

Tirta Segara, Executive Director of the Communication Department at the Central Bank of Indonesia

Luciano da Silva, Honorary Consul of Indonesia in Porto

Muhadi Sugiono, Director of the Center for Southeast Asian Social Studies at the University Gadjah Mada

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19.30 - 20.00

Networking cocktail

