

**IMAGINE** a more inclusive, progressive and sustainable Indonesia

Be **INSPIRED** by best practices in addressing the country's most daunting development problems

**INNOVATE** to create breakthroughs that would achieve the Indonesia you imagine

## Indonesia Development Forum 2017 **Fighting Inequality for Better Growth**

Jakarta, 9-10 August 2017

The Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS) will host a two-day gathering of top government officials, the brightest minds in development, and other key stakeholders to discuss groundbreaking solutions to Indonesia's increasingly urgent problem of inequality.

The Indonesia Development Forum is a national platform for national dialogue on national development. It is a key initiative by Bappenas and its partners to encourage discussion on challenges and ideas for innovative solutions.

The Forum's mission is to build a stronger, more sustainable, more inclusive Indonesia on three pillars: Inspire, Imagine, Innovate.

Supported by the Knowledge Sector Initiative, a joint program between the governments of Indonesia and Australia, the forum comes at a crucial time when Southeast Asia's largest economy is transitioning away from a commodity-based and low-end manufacturing economy. Without strong inclusive policies, this transition risks exacerbating inequality, leaving more and more Indonesians behind.

The Indonesia Development Forum aims to achieve the following:

- To convene development actors in the public, private and non-profit sectors around a forward-looking development agenda
- To communicate evidence for policies that support inclusive growth
- To promote collaboration among disparate interests and perspectives across multiple levels of government, civil society, the academy and the private sector

The Indonesia Development Forum is not a one-off: The 2017 inaugural Forum is the start of a long-term annual platform for Indonesian leaders in government, private sector, academia, and other members of society to collaborate to shape Indonesia's development agendas.

The theme for 2017 Forum is: Fighting Inequality For Better Growth.

Inequality is one of the greatest challenges facing Indonesia and one of the biggest threats to social stability and stronger economic growth. President Joko Widodo has announced that narrowing the wealth inequality gap is one of the top priorities of his government. Bappenas, as the ministry in charge of national development, is thus leading the efforts to achieve the goal set by the president.

Addressing the challenge, however, is not the exclusive responsibility of the government. Nor is it a case of "one size fits all".

While the government can set policy, it must also work together with all other stakeholders and the public to ensure that its programs to fight inequality have the maximum impact.

The Forum will be a powerful catalyst to make this happen. Indonesia is a complex and diverse country with many ethnic groups, religions and socio-economic levels. The Indonesia Development Forum will draw upon the diverse knowledge, insights and experiences of all relevant and interested stakeholders. By doing so, it can turn this diversity into a tremendous asset for national development.