



**STATEMENT BY INDONESIA AT THE HIGH-LEVEL SEGMENT OF
THE 23RD SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE
UNITED NATIONS FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON CLIMATE CHANGE,
THE 13TH SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS
THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE KYOTO PROTOCOL,
AND THE SECOND PART OF THE FIRST SESSION OF THE CONFERENCE
OF THE PARTIES SERVING AS THE MEETING OF THE PARTIES TO THE
PARIS AGREEMENT**

Bonn, 16 November 2017

Excellency Mr. President,
Distinguished Delegates,
Ladies and Gentlemen,

At the outset, I wish to congratulate you Mr. President for assuming the Presidency of this COP-23, as we embark on the full implementation of Paris Agreement. We are confident that under your able leadership we can achieve substantive accomplishments.

On that note, I would also like to thank the Moroccan Presidency during the COP-22, and we shall continue the spirit to achieve more. Such spirit would not have been possible without the support from the Government and people of Germany in making this COP happen. To them, we shall render our tribute and gratitude.

Excellencies,

The Paris Agreement came into a rapid entry into force in November 2016. As of today, 170 parties have ratified the agreement, and we welcome countries that have recently declared their intentions to sign or ratify.

Challenges, however, remain. We must therefore strive in unity to maintain the momentum of the landmark agreement. The adverse impact of climate change can never be tackled by one country alone! The global commitments to the Paris Agreement must be strengthened as it is irreversible. It must stay irreversible and non-negotiable, because climate change is a global responsibility.

In our part, Indonesia reaffirms its strong commitment to the Paris Agreement and other environmental agreements by conducting the following:

- Established a National Transparency Framework in accordance to the Paris Agreement;
- State recognition for customary forest;
- Restored 680.000 hectares of peatland from the target of 2 million hectares by 2020;
- Ratified the Minamata Convention;
- Committed to reducing 70% of plastic debris by 2025 from 2017 level;
- Continued assistance for other developing countries' efforts on climate action through South-South and Triangular Cooperation in agriculture, forestry and coastal area management.

Excellencies,

We urge parties to make best efforts in demonstrating significant progress to achieve an early operationalization of the Paris Agreement by adopting the Paris Agreement implementation guidelines in 2018. Furthermore, the guidelines should take into consideration a balance between mitigation, adaptation, finance and capacity building as well as technology development and transfer. The process in developing the Paris Agreement implementation guidelines will also be crucial to gain inputs and necessary information for the Facilitative Dialogue in upcoming year.

Developed countries must continue to lead the global efforts in tackling climate change, while ensuring access to means of implementation for developing countries, especially those most prone to the adverse effects of climate change. Developing countries, on the other hand, must show their concrete contributions to these global efforts.

We also hope that the COP-23 will become the political impetus in maintaining the strong global commitment to the Paris Agreement.

Excellencies,

As an archipelagic state, Indonesia faces the same threats from climate change to that of our brothers and sisters living in island states, among them: changing weather patterns, abrasion of coastal areas and rising sea levels.

In relation to this, Indonesia stands ready to support Fiji for its COP Presidency.

Furthermore, Indonesia believe that the “*Talanoa Dialogue*” proposed by Fiji, which promotes inclusiveness, participation, transparency, and building empathy will be an important modality for the upcoming Facilitative Dialogue in 2018.

Last but not least, we also support Fiji’s initiative to strengthen the role of ocean in tackling climate change. It is imperative for the world to protect the ocean, as it is the world’s largest active carbon sink.

I thank you Mr. President.