

ENVIRONMENTAL SECTOR COOPERATION, INDONESIA & DENMARK, Annual report 2019

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Every day 7,500 tonnes of waste is being collected from Jakarta's households. In December 2019 the Danish Minister for Development, Rasmus Prehn, visited Jakarta's landfill, Bantar Gebang, to put focus on consumption and utilisation of resources from waste.

Partnership Description

Danish and Indonesian environmental authorities cooperate to promote a green and sustainable economy that can reduce and handle waste and make better use of valuable resources through a Circular Economy.

This is done to support Indonesia's ambitious targets of reducing the country's yearly 65 million tonnes of waste by 30% before 2025 and properly treat the rest.

Only half of Indonesia's household waste is currently collected and not properly handled. The other half is illegally burned or left in nature, consequently ending up in the World's oceans.

By bringing political priority and focus on sufficient financing and better organisation of the waste sector, discussing extended producer responsibility and efficient waste planning, the partnership supports Indonesia's national and local environmental strategies.

Key activities in 2019

- Capacity building of public authorities through workshops, seminars and meetings;
- Further increasing the network and platform of stakeholders addressing Circular Economy and waste management in Indonesia;

- Promoting dialogue to develop and issue Indonesia's first Roadmap for responsibility by producers of plastic and packaging materials;
- Addressing national sector challenges and promoting research activities within treatment of organic household waste;
- Developing the Sustainable Island Initiative with focus on green planning in isolated systems and island communities;
- Supporting Danish private sector to set foot on the Indonesian market with relevant environmental technologies by working closely with the Danish Trade Council;
- Participating in the National Plastic Action Partnership (NPAP) with Indonesian key ministries, private sector and civil society to make an action plan for reducing plastic.

Main achievements and lessons learned in 2019

Bringing political attention to the waste management sector. The Danish Minister for Development visited Indonesia to focus on political priority to and highlight the importance of Circular Economy.

Providing local success stories in Indonesia. Priority were given to five selected Indonesian cities focusing on waste planning, separation and treatment of organic waste while presenting relevant Danish technology providers.

Addressing environmental problems and solutions. Through a seminar on Circular Economy in architecture and construction, and by providing a platform for the Governor of Jakarta to table poor air quality prior to the C40 Mayors Summit in Copenhagen, Denmark's green profile in Indonesia was sharpened.

Developing national indicators of Circular Economy. Input were given on how to measure Circular Economy in Indonesia's 5-year national development plan.

Setting up a national process for an Indonesian Circular Economy Strategy. Together with UNDP and the Indonesian Ministry for Development Planning, BAPPENAS, the partnership has developed a pipeline for Indonesia to analyse potentials for Circular Economy in Indonesian key economic sectors.

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