

Indonesia-Australia Partnership on Food Security

COMMUNIQUÉ First meeting 17 April 2014

Indonesian and Australian government and business representatives met in Jakarta on 17 April 2014 to participate in the first meeting of the **Indonesia-Australia Partnership on Food Security in the Red Meat and Cattle Sector** (the Partnership).

The purpose of the Partnership is to synergise Australian and Indonesian strengths and potentials in order to develop the Indonesian cattle sector and improve prospects for long term investment and trade in red meat and cattle in Indonesia as part of a globally competitive supply chain.

The Partnership's governance and administrative arrangements were agreed through a Terms of Reference. The Partnership will provide a bilateral mechanism to bring together well-recognised and established industry figures and government officials from Indonesia and Australia associated with the red meat and cattle sector and business and investment community.

The intent of the Partnership is to;

- underpin Indonesia's food security by improving the long-term sustainability, productivity and competitiveness of Indonesia's cattle sector;
- strengthen Indonesia - Australia bilateral business, investment and trade ties, and supporting closer engagement with the red meat and cattle sector;
- support the bilateral exchange of expertise, capacity building and technical assistance related to the red meat and cattle sector;
- build and improve understanding and the effectiveness and efficiency of cooperation between parties by establishing regular meetings between governments and the red meat and cattle sector from both Indonesia and Australia.

It will improve prospects for long term investment and trade in red meat and cattle between Indonesia and Australia and provide strategically focused advice and recommendations on areas of priority investment and agricultural cooperation.

Australia provided an overview on the 10 year \$60 million assistance package, consisting of \$50 million Official Development Assistance (ODA) funding, to be administered by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and \$10 million non-ODA funding, to be administered by the Department of Agriculture. Projects to be funded under the \$10m program will be developed collaboratively with Indonesia through the Partnership initiative.

Both parties discussed and agreed to a number of early harvest programs to be funded through the assistance package, including:

- The Northern Territory Cattleman's Association Skills Development Program.
- A skills development program proposed by the Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture.

Parties engaged in a policy dialogue on commercial opportunities in the red meat and cattle sectors of Indonesia and Australia and agreed to provide to the next meeting a report covering priority areas for action that the Partnership, detailing what industry can do by itself and where governments can assist.

Both also agreed to a process to select several other investment related projects covering the supply chain for consideration at the second meeting.

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place in Australia in August 2014.

Attendees

Australian delegation

Government

- Simon Murnane (co-chair) - A/g First Assistant Secretary, Trade and Market Access Division, Department of Agriculture
- David Binns - A/g First Assistant Secretary, South East Asia Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Kym Hewett - Minister (Commercial) & Senior Trade Commissioner, Austrade

Non-Government

- Chris Barnes - Managing Director, PT ICON International Communications.
- Catherine Marriott - Managing Director, Influential Women.
- Terry Nolan - Director, Nolan Meats Pty Ltd.
- Gary Stark - Managing Director, Stark Engineering Pty Ltd.
- Ken Warriner AM

Observer

- Dean Merrilees - Minister Counsellor (Agriculture), Australian Embassy in Jakarta
- John Ackerman - Indonesian Regional Manager, Meat and Livestock Australia in-country representative (Jakarta)

Indonesian delegation

Government

- Himawan Hariyoga (co-chair) - Deputy Chairman for Investment Promotion, Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board
- Diah Maulida - Coordinating Minister for Food and Biosources, Coordinating Minister for the Economic Affairs, represented by Jafi Alzagladi - Assistant Deputy Marine, Fishery and Livestock

- Syukur Iwantoro - Director General Livestock and Animal Health, Ministry of Agriculture, represented by Abu Bakar - Director of Breeding Livestock
- Wahyu Hidayat - Deputy Minister for Restructuring and Strategic Planning, Ministry of State Owned Enterprises
- Bachrul Chairi - Director General for Foreign Trade, Ministry of Trade
- Donna Gultom - Indonesian Trade Attaché to Australia in Canberra, represented by Denny Lesmana - First Secretary of Economic Affairs, Embassy of Indonesia in Canberra

Non-Government

- Kris Sulisto - President, Indonesia Australia Business Council
- Samuel Wibisono - President Director, PT Santosa Agrindo
- Tumiyono - President Director, PT Widodo Makur Perkasa
- Irawan Eko Sulistiono - President Director, PT SMD Agribisnis Indonesia
- Juan Permata Adoe - Deputy Chairman for Food and Cattle Industry, Indonesia Chamber of Justice and Industry (Kadin)

Observer

- Jody Koesmendo – Secretary General, Dewan Daging Nasional
- Dicky Adiwoyo – President Director, PT Agro Giri Perkasa
- Jimmy Halin – PT Inraco Penta Wahana
- Siti Marwa – Director of Finance and Administration, PT Berdikari, represented by Alvin Purnadi – Director of Marketing and Operational

Secretariat

- Ian Mortimer, Department of Agriculture
- Christine Shannon, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade