

## High-Level Political Forum on Sustainable Development Goals 2021

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#### Advancing the Local Implementation of the SDGs

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#### Comment on VSR Indonesia - Dr. Vivi Yulaswati M.Sc.

The formulation of Indonesia's VNR of this year has been inclusive by involving all stakeholders, known as 4 participatory platforms of SDGs: government, philanthropy & business, academia, CSO and media.

The process of VNR development also considered the VSRs, which based on survey conducted in 13 provinces, nine cities, and three regencies, involving the Indonesian District Government Association, Indonesian Provincial Government Association and Indonesian District Parliament Association.

From the VSR, we could have new knowledge on subnational governments performance on the implementation of SDGs, how they set priorities for SDGs-aligned development, and of course level of their understanding of SDGs.

Besides VSR, The process of Indonesia's 2021 VNR also accommodates results from the Voluntary Local Review (VLR) conducted by Surabaya municipality, the 2<sup>nd</sup> biggest city in Indonesia. In addition to subnational's commitment on SDGs implementation, this process has been encouraged by the integration of SDGs into the mid-term development planning of the city government.

The VSR and VLR was really the first for Indonesia. Along with the decade of action, It is an important efforts to localize the SDGs. Localizing SDGs needs to involve process of adaptation, implementation and monitoring of SDGs at local levels. These include, at least:

- mainstreaming the targets and indicators of SDGs in the planning documents,
- Strengthening local voices at the national level in money and reporting.
- Support from local governments, including villages, in the achievement of SDGs national targets with *bottom up* activities, as well as local programs.
- Internalised SDGs principles in all business process

The progress of localizing SDGs in Indonesia is actually vary. Some local government perform well in the SDGs achievement, and many are lacking behind. Some challenges include: different level of understanding, different level of leadership/ownership, and different capabilities particularly in financing.

Due to Pandemic, we are aware there are risks on the achievement of many SDGs targets. Hence, the collaboration with the local governments is now much more important. The collaboration is needed to:

- Develop innovation capacity to build the **resilience (review and build back better)** and balancing social, environment, economy, and good governance.
- *Volatility, Uncertainty, Complexity, Ambiguity of future* → we need to find a way to keep adaptive, find new way of doing things, thinking the unthinkable, and inevitable expect the unexpected.
- Build preparedness, therefore is necessary, by building better database and capacity for research base policies.
- Lastly, digital literacy and social capital I believe will accelerate collaboration and networks.