

Indonesia-Australia Partnership on Food Security in the Red Meat and Cattle Sector

COMMUNIQUÉ

Seventh meeting

22 February 2019

On 22 February 2019, Indonesian and Australian Government and industry members met in Melbourne, Australia for the seventh meeting of the *Indonesia-Australia Partnership on Food Security in the Red Meat and Cattle Sector* (the Partnership).

Co-chairs Wisnu Wijaya Soedibjo and Louise van Meurs welcomed members to Melbourne and acknowledged that the Partnership has been very successful in achieving project outcomes, enhancing bilateral dialogue, improving of information exchange as well as building technical transfer of skills across the red meat and cattle sector. The co-chairs noted and reinforced that the purpose of the meeting was to set the future direction for the Partnership as an outcome of the mid-term review of the Partnership and the development of the Indonesia and Australia Joint Industry Action Plan.

The co-chairs noted the importance of the meeting given the anticipated signature and ratification of the Indonesia-Australia Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (IA-CEPA). The trade and investment outcomes from the implementation of IA-CEPA will be significant for the Indonesian and Australian red meat and cattle sector.

Ms Valeska (Country Manager Indonesia – Meat and Livestock Australia) presented to Members on the development of the Indonesia and Australia Joint Industry Action Plan and the outcomes of the joint industry workshop held in Melbourne on 20 February 2019. The development of the Joint Industry Action Plan has generated positive linkages and relationships between Indonesian and Australian red meat and cattle industry groups, and has identified and prioritised actions to assist with the development of a competitive, productive and sustainable sector.

Members noted the four key pillars of the Joint Industry Action Plan—policy stability, supply chain efficiency, informed consumers and capable workforce—were consistent with the Indonesian Government’s long term agriculture vision – 2045. Members supported the ongoing development of the Joint Industry Action Plan, noting government support for implementation may be subject to upcoming Indonesian and Australian elections. Members agreed to consider project proposals against the highest priority initiatives identified in the Joint Industry Action Plan—communication, investment and breeding.

Mr David Goodwins and Professor Dahlanuddin presented on the outcomes of the review of the Partnership which found it remains relevant to both countries and is unique as a bilateral arrangement that promotes trade and industry development. The review noted the Partnership has achieved mutually beneficial outcomes and continues to engage in policy dialogue. Most key stakeholders consider the Partnership to have symbolic value which has helped build networks, relationships and trust, however the perceived value delivered is lower than expected.

Members noted a key area for improvement for the Partnership is the development of clearer governance and management structures, including through the creation of a program design document for the Partnership for the next 3-5 years to provide more clarity around its purpose, objectives, scope and implementation. This would include a regular program of meetings of the Partnership and supporting bodies, structured and transparent calls for project proposals and the flexible use of reference groups driven by Partnership members according to the needs of the program. The program design document will be developed at a workshop convened in Indonesia involving Australian and Indonesian Government and industry members of the Partnership.

Members agreed that communication and engagement should be strengthened and that this should be a key priority in responding to the recommendations of the review and in the development of the program design to ensure industry, government and the broader community are aware of the benefits of investments and the achievements of the Partnership.

Members also agreed that the program design process should incorporate the review's proposal to improve the Partnership's monitoring, evaluation and knowledge management mechanisms to ensure lessons learned from investments are captured and communicated to ensure ongoing development. These mechanisms should be designed to bring together industry and government around evidence-based reporting.

In line with the review, Members agreed that the strategic priorities of the Partnership should have quantifiable outcomes, noting that the objectives should be amended to encourage greater communication and awareness of the Partnership and its investments and note the Partnership as a collaborative relationship working to create a global supply chain. The general view is that the focus should be on improving the business and investment climate through innovation, supporting the commercial sector and promoting two-way investment.

Members broadly agreed that the Partnership should focus on **breeding** and **improving the meat and cattle supply chain** (transportation, distribution, logistics and processing) and that the priorities articulated in the Joint Industry Action Plan should be considered for adoption as part of the program design process.

Members agreed to discuss the Partnership's project proposals out-of-session following the design workshop that will be held in Indonesia in the first quarter of 2019. The purpose of the design workshop is to reset and prioritise the Partnership's strategic direction. It was also agreed that the Partnership's Terms of Reference would be updated and agreed out of session.

Co-chairs thanked the members for their participation and the productive discussion. The Indonesian Co-Chair proposed that the eight meeting of the Partnership should take place in Indonesia with the exact date and time to be confirmed.

Attendees

Australian delegation

Government

- Ms Louise van Meurs (Co-Chair) – First Assistant Secretary, Trade and Market Access Division, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Ms Sally-Ann Watts – Senior Trade and Investment Commissioner (Jakarta), Austrade
- Mr Dan Heldon – Director, Indonesia Economic and Trade Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Non-Government

- Mr Troy Setter, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Consolidated Pastoral Company
- Ms Liz Ritchie, Co-CEO, Regional Australia Institute
- Mr David Foote, Group Managing Director, Australian Country Choice
- The Hon Lawrence Springborg – Former Opposition Leader in Queensland
- Dr Christine Pitt – CEO, Food Futures Company

Observer

- Ms Valeska Valeska – Country Manager, Indonesia, Meat and Livestock Australia

Policy Support

- Ms Jodie McAlister – Assistant Secretary, Trade and Market Access Division, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Mr John Southwell – Director, Indonesia and South Asia, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Mr Syed Haider – Assistant Director, Indonesia Economic and Trade Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Ms Mirianne Jovanoski – Indonesia Partnership Unit, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Mr Lachlan Parsons – Indonesia Partnership Unit, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Mr George Hughes – Counsellor (Agriculture), Australian Embassy in Jakarta
- Ms Ade Johansyah – Program Manager, Australian Embassy in Jakarta

Secretariat, Advisory and Support Group (ASG)

- Mr Muhamad Isradi Alireja – Team Leader
- Dr Ben Mullen – Strategic Adviser
- Mr David Goodwins – Monitoring and Evaluation Adviser
- Ms Shinta Martin – Administration and Finance Officer
- Prof Dahlanuddin – Senior Lecturer in Animal Husbandry, Mataram University
- Dr Risti Permani – Senior Lecturer in Agribusiness, Deakin University

Apologies

- Mr Tom Connor – Assistant Secretary, Indonesia Economic and Political Strategy Branch, South East Asia Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Indonesian delegation

Government

- Mr Wisnu Wijaya Soedibjo (Co-Chair) – Deputy Chairman for Investment Cooperation, Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board (BKPM)
- Mr Jafi Alzagladi – Assistant Deputy, Livestock and Fisheries, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs
- Ms Wahyuni Riyanti - Head of Sub-Directorate Livestock, Fisheries and Marine-based Industries, Directorate of Food, Fisheries and Marine-based Industries

Non-Government

- Mr Kris Sulisto – President Director, PT Trimegah Hasanah Prima
- Mr Juan Permata Adoe – Vice Chairman for Food and Cattle Industry, Indonesia Chamber of Commerce and Industry (KADIN)
- Mr Samuel Wibisono – President Director, PT Santosa Agrindo
- Mr Dicky Adiwoyo – President Director, PT Juang Jaya Abdi Alam
- Mr Jody Koesmendo – Secretary General, National Meat Board

Observer

- Dr Himawan Hariyoga – Special Staff to the Minister, National Development Planning Agency (BAPPENAS)
- Mr Zaenal Arifin, Minister-Counsellor (Economic), Indonesian Consulate General in Melbourne
- Mr Muhamad Mawardi – Head of Sub-directorate, Livestock Policy Analysis, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs
- Mr Ali Fauzi, Head of Sub-directorate, Promotion of Manufacturing Industry, Directorate of Sectors Investment Promotion, BKPM
- Ms Sri Moertiningroem, Director, Indonesia Investment Promotion Centre (IIPC), Sydney
- Ms Puspita Arum, Deputy Director, IIPC Sydney
- Mr Jef Rinaldi, Head of Industrial Empowerment Section, Directorate of Food, Fisheries and Marine-based Industries, Ministry of Industry

Policy Support

- Mr Ahmad Faisal Suralaga – Section Head for Services and Industrial Zone, Directorate of Sectors Investment Promotion, BKPM

Apologies

- Mr Oke Nurwan – Director General for Foreign Trade, Ministry of Trade
- Mr I Ketut Diarmita – Director General for Livestock and Animal Health, Ministry of Agriculture
- Mr Ahmad Sigit Dwiwahjono – Acting Director General for Agro Industry, Ministry of Industry
- Mr Jimmy Halim – President Director, PT Intraco Penta Wahana