

Indonesia-Australia Partnership on Food Security in the Red Meat and Cattle Sector Communique 16-17 November 2016

On 16 and 17 November 2016, Indonesian and Australian Government and industry Partnership members met in Perth, Australia to participate in the fifth meeting of the *Indonesia-Australia Partnership on Food Security in the Red Meat and Cattle Sector* (the Partnership).

Both the Indonesian Co-chair, Dr Himawan Hariyoga, and Australian Co-chair, Ms Louise van Meurs, noted the Partnership's achievements in facilitating closer relations between industry and government, as well as its role in strengthening the Indonesian-Australian red meat and cattle industry as part of a globally competitive supply chain. Both Co-chairs also noted the objectives of the Partnership in working to promote two-way investment and efforts to develop a competitive, efficient and sustainable red meat and cattle sector and to support food security in Indonesia.

Partnership members were updated on the joint Indonesia-Australia long term vision for the red meat and cattle industry and the Indonesian and Australian industries proposal to develop a Joint Industry Strategy for consultation at the sixth Partnership meeting. The Strategy will detail key priority areas of development and outline the roles and responsibility of industry, government and where the Partnership may be able to focus in achieving this vision. The detailed strategy will in turn influence funding priorities and decisions, and provide a universal framework to assess progress towards achieving the desired objectives in the short, medium and long-term. It was noted that the Strategy will be developed in close consultation with all stakeholders in Indonesia and Australia.

Partnership members reviewed progress of the Indonesia-Australia Commercial Cattle Breeding Programme (IACCB). The programme is piloting different commercially focused breeding models with private sector partners and smallholder cooperative groups to assess economically sustainable cattle breeding models. Members were informed that to date a total of three pilots have been established, with a further five pilots to be established by mid-2017.

Partnership members were updated on the key priorities and emerging issues in each joint Indonesia-Australia working groups on breeding, processing and transport/logistics. Each working group presented their progress to date, discussed key issues and identified future priorities. This included project specific updates on Partnership projects currently being funded, which included:

- Development of Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) in Indonesian abattoirs;
- Promoting sustainable commercial scale cattle breeding in Indonesia;
- Cattle breeder support activities for East Kalimantan small holders;
- Development of best practice guidelines for cattle handling from port to feedlot;
- Skills development programme short courses; and
- Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association Pastoral Student Programme 2016.

Partnership members discussed different models of agricultural financing in Australia and how relevant aspects could be adapted to develop inclusive financing models for cattle breeding in Indonesia. This information sharing session included specific examples from the Australian banking and government sector to support the cattle breeding sector and discussed feasible incentives for cattle breeders to support Indonesian government's policy to promote cattle breeding in the country.

Partnership members were also engaged in a dialogue session of '*Global supply chains and their impact on price sensitivity in Australia and Indonesia*'. This session included a brief presentation on the topic from Dr Brian Fisher (BAEconomics) and Dr Scott Waldron (University of Queensland), who also co-facilitated discussion during the session.

The dialogue assisted both countries to understand the global trends that may affect the Indonesia-Australia cattle and beef trade, the global drivers for Indonesian beef industry and policies that can be used to capitalise on Indonesia's comparative advantage in global/regional supply chains. Members discussed pricing in Indonesia and options to reduce the price of beef. Co-chairs agreed to finalise the theme for the sixth Partnership meeting out of session.

Partnership members were updated on the development of a Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Framework to guide the Partnership's implementation. The M&E Framework will work at the Partnership and project level to ensure the Partnership is progressing towards its vision and intended outcomes, and to help ensure sound management and accountability, learning and improvement, and inform approaches for replication and scale up.

Partnership members discussed the following proposals:

- Skills Development Programme
 - Expansion of the programme is proposed to train at least 80 Indonesians annually, both in Australia and in Indonesia, through strengthening the train the trainer aspects of the programme and incorporating a stronger focus on cattle breeding to support the current Indonesian government's priority.
- Extension of the East Kalimantan Breeder Support Programme and iSIKHNAS modification
 - This activity will propose continued support to the small holders to enable a full assessment of the Australian cattle's productivity and include an adaptation of the Indonesian animal health reporting system (iSIKHNAS) to improve local capacity to report on breeder performance.
- Extension of the Northern Territory Cattlemen's Association Pastoral Student Programme
 - The programme extension is proposed to allow 20 Indonesian undergraduate and postgraduate students per year (2017 and 2018), to experience placements in cattle stations across Northern Territory, Queensland and Western Australia.
- Improving training and capability in the Indonesian meat industry
 - This project proposes ongoing support to the Indonesian meat industry. This includes building in-country capacity to deliver training and set up a process to review performance and promote continuous improvements in the Indonesian meat industry.

Members agreed that the proposals would be finalised out of session between co-chairs, after consultation more broadly in Indonesia, specifically the Ministry of Agriculture, by February 2017. Members noted that the Partnership would seek endorsement on the Skills Development Programme by December 2016.

The sixth meeting of the Partnership was agreed to take place in Yogyakarta, Indonesia in May 2017.

Attendees

Australian delegation

Government

- Ms Louise van Meurs (Co-Chair) – First Assistant Secretary, Trade and Market Access Division, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Mr Tom Connor – Assistant Secretary, Indonesia Economic and Political Strategy Branch, South East Asia Division, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade

Non-Government

- Mr Terry Nolan – Director, Nolan Meats Pty Ltd
- Mr Gary Stark – Managing Director, Stark Engineering Pty Ltd & Warwick Cattle Crush Company
- Mr Ken Warriner AM – Chairman, Palladium Group
- Dr John Ackerman – Industry expert
- Ms Jacqui Cannon – Chief Development Officer, Consolidated Pastoral Company

Observer

- Mr Dean Merrilees – Minister Counsellor (Agriculture), Australian Embassy in Jakarta
- Mr Chris Barnes, Regional Director, Indonesia WA Trade & Investment, Government of Western Australia
- Ms Valeska Valeska – Country Manager, Indonesia, Meat and Livestock Australia (representing Mr Andrew Simpson, Meat and Livestock Australia)

Secretariat and other members of delegation

- Mr Ian Mortimer – Director, Indonesia, Middle East and South Asia, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources

- Mr Sam Malfroy – Assistant Director, Indonesia Partnership Unit, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Mr Brindon Garcia – Senior Policy Officer, Indonesia Partnership Unit, Department of Agriculture and Water Resources
- Mr Andrew Schloeffel – Director, Indonesia Economic and Trade Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Ms Brianna Page – Policy Officer, Indonesia Economic and Trade Section, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- Ms Ade Johansyah – Programme Manager, Australian Embassy in Jakarta
- Mr Muhamad Isradi Alireja – Programme Manager, Advisory and Support Group (ASG)
- Ms Trudy Djanggur – National Secretariat, ASG
- Dr Ben Mullen – Strategic Adviser, ASG
- Mr David Goodwins – M&E Adviser, ASG

Apologies

- Mr Kym Hewett, Minister Commercial and Senior Trade Commissioner, Austrade

Presenters and Guests

- Mr Richard Slaney – Programme Director, Indonesia-Australia Commercial Cattle Breeding Programme
- Mr Neil MacDonald – Director Livestock Industry Development and Regional Director, Northern Territory Department of Primary Industry and Resources
- Mr Simon Westaway – CEO of Australian Livestock Exporters Association
- Ms Anna Campbell – CEO of Red Meat Advisory Council
- Mr Don Mackay – Chair of Red Meat Advisory Council
- Mr Geoff Pearson – WA State Member, Cattle Council of Australia
- Mr Mark Rickard – Teacher Meat Processing, TAFE Queensland South West
- Dr Brian Fisher AO PSM – Managing Director, BAEconomics
- Dr Scott Waldron – Senior Research Fellow, University of Queensland
- Mr Brad McCormick – Director Beef Industry Development, Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australian Government
- Mr Manus Stockdale – Project Manager Northern Beef Futures, Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australian Government
- Mr Daniel Marshall – Manager, New Markets and New Supply Chains, Department of Agriculture and Food, Western Australian Government
- Mr Andrew Clark – State Manager, Agribusiness of NAB and Agrifinance Alliance Chair
- Ms Catherine Marriott – CEO of Kimberley Pilbara Cattlemen's Association

Indonesian delegation

Government

- Dr Himawan Hariyoga (Co-Chair) – Deputy Chairman for Investment Promotion, Indonesia Investment Coordinating Board
- Ms Musdhalifah Machmud – Deputy Minister for Food and Bioresources, Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs
- Mr Nurimansyah Iman – Indonesian Trade Attaché to Australia - Indonesian Embassy

Non-Government

- Mr Kris Sulisto – President, Indonesia Australia Business Council
- 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 Adiwoso – President Director, PT Juang Jaya Abdi Alam
- Mr Dimas Brahmantya – Vice President Investment and Procurement, PT Widodo Makmur Perkasa
- Mr Jody Koesmendro – Secretary General, National Meat Board

Observer

- Mr Jimmy Halim – President Director, PT Intraco Penta
- Mr M.I. Derry Arman, Minister/Deputy Chief of Mission, Indonesian Embassy
- Mr Ade Padmo Sarwono, Indonesian Consulate General for Perth
- Dr Irwan Sinaga, Economic Counsellor, Indonesian Embassy
- Ms Nina Damajanti, Deputy Director for South East Asia & Pacific, Ministry of Trade

Secretariat and support staff

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

Other

- Mr Tria Hatmanto – Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs
- Ms Resky Irianawati – Vice President International Business Division, Bank Rakyat Indonesia
- Ms Rahmawati Alih – Staff of the Indonesian Consulate General at Perth
- Ms Rina Komaria - Staff of the Indonesian Consulate General at Perth
- Ms Ryan Andriani - Staff of the Indonesian Consulate General at Perth

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