

## **Welcome and overview of the program by Rizaldi Boer**

Prof. Dr. Herry Suhardiyanto, Rector IPB  
Mrs. Frances Seymour, Director General of CIFOR;  
Mr. Agus Purnomo, Executive Secretary of Indonesian National Council for Climate Change  
Distinguished guests  
Distinguished speakers and participants

Assalamualaikum wr. wb, and Good Morning

I am very pleased today that we are able to conduct the workshop on "REDD Methodologies: Lessons Learned from Demonstration Activities. As you see from the Banner that this workshop is jointly organized by CCROM-IPB, CIFOR and David Lucile & Packard Foundation. This workshop has a number of objectives:

1. To update us with international and national processes related to the development REDD policies and implementation
2. To learn and discuss the approaches and methodologies in setting the national REL which is very important as basis to measure the performance in reducing emission from deforestation and forest degradation
3. To share methodologies of project development that avoid unnecessary technical and policy barriers for effective implementation of REDD
4. To learn the lessons in engaging community in project development, implementation and monitoring for an equitable sharing of benefits

To achieve the above objective we have invited a number of resource persons from scientific group, government, private and NGOs to share their views and experience on the issues. In this opportunity, I would like to thank Mr. Noak Kapisa (from Jayapura), Mr. Illarius Wibisono (from Aceh), Dr. Upik Rosalina Wasrin (from Perum Perhutani), Dr. Nur Masripatin (from Ministry of Forestry), Mr. Ralph Ashton (from Terrestrial Carbon Group), Dr. Wardoyo (from Ministry of Forestry), Dr. Wahyudi Wardoyo (from the TNC), Arief Aliadi (from LATIN) who have accepted our invitation and spent their valuable time with us today.

Tomorrow we will have three parallel group discussions to discuss three issues, namely:

1. Working Group 1 will discuss issues related to Challenges in national and sub-national REDD policy processes
2. Working Group 2 will discuss issues related to Measuring and Monitoring REDD Effectively
3. Working Group 3 discuss issues related to Community Engagement in REDD Implementation

The participants will be divided into the three groups. So far, we have listed about 80 participants attended this workshop, 19 people from local and national government, 5 from privates, 36 NGOs, 17 academicians and scientists, and 3 press. Hopefully, from this workshop we can learn a lot from each other and can produce good recommendations and inputs for effective REDD implementation in Indonesia.

## **Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen**

For your information, the Centre for Climate Risk and Opportunity Management (CCROM) was just established a few months ago and this is the first workshop of the Centre. In this regard, I would like to use this opportunity to request Prof. Dr. Herry Suhardiyanto, IPB Rector to officially open the workshop and also inaugurate the Centre for Climate Risk and Opportunity Management (CCROM)-IPB. Thank you very much.

Wabillahitauk Walhidayah  
Wassalamualaikum wr. wb.

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