

Joint Declaration of Intent
between
the Government of the Republic of Indonesia
and
the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany
on the Strengthening and Deepening of the Partnership in the Field of
Technical and Vocational Education and Training

The Government of the Republic of Indonesia and the Government of the Federal Republic of Germany, hereinafter referred to as the Sides, have a long-standing history of successful development co-operation. Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) is one of the prominent topics in that co-operation.

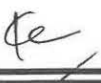
The two countries' leaders, President Joko Widodo and Chancellor Angela Merkel are committed to strengthen Indonesian-German co-operation on TVET in order to improve the Indonesian TVET system, using key elements of the German Dual Approach to TVET, whose centrepiece is the close co-operation with the private sector.

The Indonesian Side has internally taken an initiative to reform the TVET institutional framework as reflected in the Presidential Instruction No.9/2016, the signing of an MoU on TVET between five Indonesian Ministries in November 2016 and the issuance of Ministerial Decrees in January 2017.

The Indonesian-German dialogue on TVET has also been intensified on different levels. The German Ambassador invited high level representatives from key stakeholders from Indonesian institutions, as well as representatives from German institutions and the private sector to a TVET Roundtable in November 2016 in order to discuss needs and potential support. Following this, Germany has proposed a number of projects and fast-track measures to the Government of the Republic of Indonesia and has discussed them with Indonesian partners in March 2017.

In order to strengthen Indonesian-German partnership in the field of TVET, both Sides declare their intentions to co-operate in the following fields based on recent Indonesian government policies on economic development with equity through improvement of TVET and entrepreneurship:

1. Supporting the systemic TVET reform process at the national level by providing expertise that can assist key reform initiatives, players and institutions in tackling central topics like coordination of TVET reform, intensive involvement of the private sector in TVET and upscaling and country-wide application of selected TVET instruments;
2. Supporting an integrated approach to employment and inclusive business in selected sectors and regions;
3. Supporting linkage system development from vocational secondary to vocational higher education
4. Developing the quality of teaching and training personnel and assessors in particular for in-company trainers through the *Ada (Train-the-Trainer) Programme*, and also teacher/training instructor exchange programs;



5. Building a close co-operation between TVET institutions and the private sector, including both Indonesian and German companies, in order to better include relevant practical elements in TVET, e.g. through pilot dual training courses and the promotion of platforms for industry-TVET institution co-operation. The Indonesian – German Chamber of Industry and Commerce (EKONID) and KADIN can play an important role as platform for co-operation between Indonesian and German companies as well as a service provider to partners;
6. Developing the quality and scope of occupational standards and curricula by including practical components, in close co-operation with the private sector and supporting the development of the certification system;
7. Providing short-term experts (e.g. senior experts) to selected TVET institutions for specific tasks;
8. Financial support for investments in TVET projects and programs.

For successful implementation of this Partnership, the Government of Indonesia subject to the prevailing laws and regulations as well as budget availability will provide budget support and/or regulatory measures in line with the Presidential Instruction No.9/2016. Germany is prepared to support such a process with technical expertise under the Technical Cooperation Agreement of 1984 as well as with financial co-operation if suitable projects can be identified.

The scope and funding of specific measures will be determined according to the established processes of bilateral development co-operation as well as other processes suitable to the instruments employed. The implementation of such co-operative activities as set out in this Joint Declaration of Intent will be further discussed by the Sides and jointly decided upon in the relevant documents in due course.

A high-level Roundtable on TVET including the private sector is prepared to be established to discuss the follow up of this Joint Declaration. The participants as well as rules and procedure of the Roundtable will be discussed and agreed by the Sides.

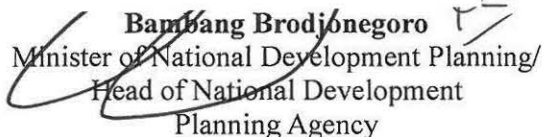
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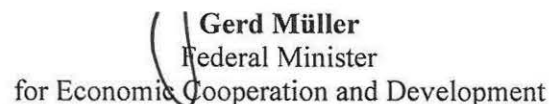
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