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Bringing COP 24 to Life on the Field

COP 24 focuses on completing the tasks of the *Paris Agreement Work Program*. It is producing a *rule book* for the implementation of the Paris Agreement. *The Katowice Climate Package*, contains decisions aimed at operationalizing and for facilitating countries in implementing the Paris Agreement. However, the results still need to be translated into a simpler form to facilitate their implementation by the delegates and the parties concerned. Thus the results of COP 24 can be translated in the field. This is actually still a major challenge, said Mahawan Karuniasa, a member of the *Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB)*, under the UNFCCC, at the *International Conference of Indonesia Expert Network on Climate Change and Forestry (APIK Indonesia Network)*.

APIK Indonesia Network International Conference was held in Jakarta, on 19th December 2018. It discussed the issues of *Climate Finance and Policy for Paris Agreement Implementation in Asia Pacific: Leveraging Non-State Actors Role, in order to enhance capacity of the developing country Parties for NDC Implementation in the context of Paris Agreement*. It aimed to obtain an overview of the situation and formulas for fundamental improvements on climate finance issues for NDC implementation in developing countries in the context of the Paris Agreement. The second objective is to examine the results of climate finance in the field and identify for improvement. Third, through the conference, it is hoped that they will be able to participate in coaching and encourage a greater role of Non-State Actors in implementing commitments to control climate change.

As chairman of APIK Indonesia Network, Mahawan Karuniasa also regretted that the US government and other countries felt more threatened by climate change actions. However, optimism can still be felt when referring to the statement of Arnold Schwarzenegger, the former Governor of California who reminded him "*to look beyond Washington, DC.*" Political will is still a strategic issue for climate action in both developed and developing countries.