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to Indonesia's continued work on PGA for REDD+

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Geneva

As you may already know, the Indonesian PGA Report which was launched on May 6, 2013 was well-received by national and sub-national stakeholders. UKP4 took part in this initiative, and we are very happy to see that both the key findings and the policy recommendations of the report are now being seriously considered and used by government agencies to improve their planning processes for forest-related issues. Since the dissemination of the main report, the project has worked closely with key stakeholders such as the Ministry of Forestry, Forest Concession Holders Association (APHI) and the PGA Expert Panel to undertake additional analyses to enrich our understanding of the challenges. For example, one such study was on the high economic costs of forestry policies, from which concrete policy recommendations were made to the Ministry of Forestry to reform their policies.

The PGA initiative in Indonesia is also now developing a policy paper on the financial options available to local governments for accelerating community access to forests in the province of South Sumatra. This is a direct result of the PGA process and draws on analysis that was done on the sources of tenurial conflicts and the limitations in the regulations that should protect and recognise the customary rights of communities. This work is being undertaken with the support of the United Nations Indigenous Peoples' Partnership (UNIPP), and is expected to lead to a Draft Law on the Protection and Recognition of the Customary Rights of Communities. Similarly, the PGA team is also now assisting the Jambi Government to develop a province-specific forest governance index for each district and to develop a forest conflict database and map as a basis for provincial-level decision makers.

Our objective in 2014 is to build on the PGA initiative in order to put in place a stronger basis for REDD+ and forest governance. We aim to refine the methodology, publish the 2014 PGA Index, support both national and sub-national governments and partners to adopt the PGA and implement its recommendations and conduct the auditing of the Ministry of Forestry's seven online permit systems. We will also use 2014 to work through an appropriate long term institutional arrangement for the PGA after further consultations between the newly established REDD+ Agency, the Ministry of Forestry, Bappenas, UNDP, and other partners.



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On behalf of the Government of Indonesia I would like to endorse the PGA initiative and its request for further Targeted Support from the UN-REDD Global Programme (both FAO and UNDP) via the PGA and Anti-Corruption lines of work. Detailed work plans and budgets for our 2014 governance work are attached. This support is vital to ensure a continuation of the important work that has been started.

Head of Indonesia REDD+ Agency

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Heru Prasetyo', written over a horizontal line.

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