



High-level Roundtable: *Asian Cities: Fostering Growth and Inclusion*

Monday, 30 September 2019 – Jakarta, Indonesia

Background

Urbanization is widely believed to be an engine of growth. Cities host dynamic firms and create productive jobs, with agglomerations resulting in better matches between workers and jobs, strong input-output linkages, and more knowledge spill overs. But there is concern that the nature of urbanization underway in developing countries today may undermine the potential for cities to serve as engines of growth and generate productive and well-paying jobs for workers at large. Under-investments in urban infrastructure, limited coordination between economic and spatial planning, and a lack of affordable housing, among others, may lead the forces of congestion to overwhelm the benefits of agglomeration.

Key questions to be discussed will include:

1. What is the nature of urbanization in developing Asia? How does its urbanization compare with urbanization elsewhere?
2. What are the implications of the patterns of urbanization being experienced in Asia for cities' role as engines of growth and job creation?
3. What policy options and reforms are needed to ensure that Asia's urbanization fosters growth and inclusion?

Event's Details

- Date: Monday, 30 September 2019
- Venue: Auditorium, Ministry of Public Works and Public Housing, Jalan Raden Patah, Jakarta, Indonesia
- Co-organizers: Ministry of Public Works and Housing of the Republic of Indonesia and ADB
- Format: Seminar style with roundtable, with Davos-style moderated session
- Key speakers:
 - Public Works and Public Housing Minister Basuki Hadimuljono
 - ADB Vice-President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development Bambang Susantono
- Target participants: 250 officials, including representatives from relevant government officials, academic institutions, private sector, civil society organizations, and media

Proposed rundown

- 08:00-09:00 Registration at venue's common area (Speakers will be seated at the VVIP holding room)
- 09:00-09:05 Welcome Remarks: **Winfried Wicklein**, Country Director for Indonesia, ADB
- 09:05-09:20 Opening Speech: **Basuki Hadimuljono**, Minister of Public Works and Public Housing
- 09:20-09:35 Keynote Speech: **Bambang Susantono**, Vice-President for Knowledge Management and Sustainable Development, ADB
- 09:40-10:00 Moderator: **Pangeran Punce**, Deputy Editor in Chief, CNBC Indonesia
Report Presentation: **Rana Hasan**, Director, Economic Analysis and Operational Support Division, ADB
- 10:00-10:40 Panel Discussion:
1. **Danis Hidayat Sumadilaga**, Director-General of Human Settlements (Cipta Karya), Ministry of Public Works and Housing
 2. **Rudy Soeprihadi Prawiradinata**, Deputy for Regional Development, Ministry of National Development Planning (BAPPENAS)
 3. **A. Erna A.W. Witoelar**, Honorary President, Eastern Regional Organization for Planning and Housing (EAROPH)
 4. **Denni Puspa Purbasari**, Deputy of Economic Affairs, Executive Office of the President of the Republic of Indonesia
- 10:40-12:00 Roundtable Discussion, inviting:
1. **Airin Rachmi Diany**, Chairperson, Indonesia City Mayors' Association and Mayor of South Tangerang City
 2. **Wiwandari Handayani**, Associate Professor, Department of Urban and Regional Planning, Diponegoro University
 3. **Pandu Riono**, Senior Researcher, Department of Biostatistics and Population, Faculty of Public Health, Universitas Indonesia
 4. **Tri Mumpuni W. Iskandar**, Founder, People-Centered Business and Economic Institute (IBEKA)
 5. **Edwin Syahrzad**, President Director, PT. Sarana Multi Infrastruktur (SMI)
 6. Representative from Indonesia Chambers of Commerce (KADIN)
- *Followed by a Q&A session*
- 12:00 Closing Remarks: **Anita Firmanti Eko Susetyowati**, Secretary-General, Ministry of Public Works and Public Housing