

POINTS OF INTERVENTION MINISTER OF ENERGY AND MINERAL RESOURCES AT THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH-LEVEL DIALOGUE ON ENERGY JAKARTA, 20 SEPTEMBER 2021

I. SALUTATION

- Excellency, President of the UN General Assembly.
- Excellency, Secretary-General of the United Nations.
- Distinguished Delegates, ladies and gentlemen.

I would like to extend my highest compliments to the United Nations for organizing this conference. It is a great opportunity for me to present Indonesia's concerns on energy agenda which is highly relevant for achieving SDGs, particularly SDG7 and also the NDC of Paris Agreement.

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- The global pandemic hampers the progress for achieving Agenda 2030 or SDGs. Progress has made, but it is still not enough progressive. With the current policy scenarios, in 2030, 2.2 billion of global populations will still not have adequate access to clean cooking, while 650 million of people will be living without electricity access.
- In these times of recovery, reaching a balance between energy access and energy transitions is highly essential to safeguard sustainable recovery, which will increase people's productivity and prosperity.
- Therefore, I wish to underline several main points, as follow:
 - 1. First, securing energy accessibility is a must for achieving Agenda 2030. The universal spirit of SDG7 is about accessibility, addressed by the tagline of "leaving no one behind" in ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.

In this light, and in the efforts towards clean and sustainable energy, energy transitions should reflect strong and inclusive dimensions of development, contribute to poverty eradication, and increase people's life quality. Energy transitions need to become peopleoriented, create more jobs; enhance socio-economic development; and assure equitable and inclusive policies and public participation.

2. Second, a unity of purpose in energy transitions will be contributed through scaling-up clean and smart technologies. Nations need to consider different transitions' pathways, based on their respective national circumstances and capabilities. Therefore, Indonesia believes that "a middle way" will facilitate diverse views, in order to step up for concrete policy actions, while avoiding one-size-fits-all solutions.

Scaling-up clean and smart technologies will help Indonesia's efforts in reducing emissions on energy sectors. In our Grand Strategy Energy National, key policies include accelerating renewable energy development, improving power grid infrastructures – including expanding integrated transmission networks and smart grids among islands in Indonesia, and increasing the use of battery-based electric vehicles. In coal power, we have set the long-term, gradual, and rationalised measures in transitioning away from unabated coal power, while developing CCS/CCUS and clean technologies for fossil fuels.

3. Third, clean energy financing will help global energy transitions more actionable.

Projects in renewables development, energy efficiency, smart grid and digitalisation, and other low-carbon initiatives will require massive-scale investment and accessibility on new, upgraded, and more-efficient technologies.

On our part, Indonesia continues to promote innovative financing facilities. Several platforms have been mobilised, such as establishing Special Mission Vehicles (SMVs) or public financing corporations, issuing green bonds, setting up Environmental Fund, and collaborating with international partners in de-risking renewables business, like in Geothermal Resources Risk Mitigation.

However, energy transitions still require more massive funding support. Challenges remains on the availability of financial supports and mutually-beneficial technology transfer. These items should be win-win solutions in raising our ambitions for transitioning towards sustainable energy.

III. CLOSING

Distinguished Speakers, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

To conclude, Indonesia remains committed in sustainable and just energy transitions, and keen to invite all committing parties to take concrete actions and cooperate through leading by example.

Thank you.

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