

Wrap-Up Session

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Thank you so much, Moderator.

Excellencies,

Distinguished speakers,

Distinguished audience members,

Thank you for your active involvement over the last few hours.

I am very happy with the degree of participation demonstrated by stakeholders from Delegate Entrepreneur Rapid, Manobi Africa, and Sierra Leone.

I believe that we are making steady progress toward the programme's goal of "Dispatch of Experts on Rice Sector Development."

During the last few hours, we had a really rich discussion. In this opportunity, allow me to read a summary of our discussion:

First: Farmers will be more productive as a result of the mechanisation of rice farming since they will save time in harvesting. Because of their size, harvesters reduce the physical workload of manual workers. For small farm farmers, a manufactured harvester is determined to be adequate in terms

of time, labour, and running costs. Harvesters would facilitate the adoption of new technology in the future.

Second: The combined harvester presented by CV. KHS has been tested in a wide range of crop and soil conditions across different agro-ecological zones, and it has economic benefit.

Third: The autonomous operation performed well enough for rice transplanting. It could achieve sufficient accuracy for spraying or mechanical weeding activities after rice transplantation.

Fourth: The use of the Jajar Legowo system, if we adhere to the planting spacing regulations, resulted in higher plant heights.

Fifth: Nitrogen application should occur within a specific interval in order to increase rough rice yield, milled rice protein, and translucency.

Sixth: Senegal's rice agriculture challenges include rice seeds, agricultural machinery accessibility, and pest management. And these concerns would be rectified through the dispatch of Indonesian experts.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

We have additional work to perform in the next months to prepare the "Dispatch of Experts on Rice Sector Development" programme.

Let us keep the Dispatch of Experts' primary goal in mind.

The preparatory effort will gain up speed in the following months. In addition to the preparatory process, which I believe will be carried out by the Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia and Manobi Africa, the Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation-"NAM Centre"-will hold meetings with relevant Indonesian Ministries and CV. Karya Hidup Sentosa

on the context, approach, charter, and work plan of the Dispatch of Experts.

Finally, I would want to thank you for your outstanding involvement in our Kick-Off meeting. Your continued participation and contributions will be vital to the success of the Dispatch of Experts.

I wish to meet you in Senegal in May or June.

Before I finish, I would like to express my gratitude to all those who worked tirelessly to make this event a success, including the interpreter, Mr. Alhassan, the Embassy's staff, Mr. Nelson, the speakers and moderator, and, of course, my colleagues at NAM Centre.

I hope that when you leave this room, you will remember how enthusiastic we are - about making the Dispatch of Experts programme a success.

Thank you very much.

Over you, Mr. Moderator.