

**Remarks of Director for Non-Aligned Movement Centre for
South-South Technical Cooperation at Business to
Business Meeting, Mbeya, Tanzania**

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Thank you to the Acting Regional Administration Secretary of Mbeya for hosting this Business to Business Meeting and giving Indonesian private actors the opportunity to interact closely with Mbeya's business leaders.

Let me also thank Professor Ratlan Pardede, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia. Nothing we achieved would have been possible without the Embassy's collaboration and support.

Coming from Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation-the Centre, as you can very well imagine, I will emphasise much more on technical cooperation in agriculture.

I would like to tell you what the Centre is doing, and why we're interested in working with you. The Centre supports Non-Aligned countries in their efforts to improve postharvest production and build capacity for food processing.

We also work in other areas: Extension and training on agriculture; collection and interpretation of agricultural data; integrated farming; and mechanisation.

Awareness has risen on what it takes to reduce post-harvest losses: Greater support and investment in post-harvest systems and facilities. So I encourage private sectors from Indonesia and Tanzania to strengthen friendship and explore business opportunities with each other, as well as to help set up a business cooperation forum.

Increasing trust and cooperation between both parties is the best thing to do to promote mutual growth and prosperity. Sixty-four years ago, the Bandung Conference—attended by leaders from Asian and African countries, gave birth to Bandung Spirit of solidarity, friendship and cooperation.

The Conference outlined the ten principles that played a historic role in charting the course for advancing cooperation between Asia-Africa and among the Global South. The Bandung Conference, therefore, is a major milestone for the solidarity and cooperation between peoples of Asia--especially Indonesia, and Africa.

There is enormous potential for South-South Cooperation in agriculture, food processing and rural development. But the resulting cooperation often runs the risk of lack of continuity. That is why good communication, along with regular attendance of meetings and knowledge sharing will help ensure sustainable collaboration activities.

It is through channels like this, relevant actors can expand the scope and impact of South-South Cooperation. The Centre will support these processes.

We also know that mechanisation is a key input for the production of agricultural crops. It is the method of using

agricultural machinery which greatly increases the productivity of farm workers, enables large-scale production and to some degree, improves the quality of farm production.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

The Memorandum of Understanding on Implementing Technical Cooperation for Non-Aligned countries in the Processing of Agricultural Products is one of the Centre's most significant cooperation with private sector. This is a mechanism which provides guidance on enhancing Non-Aligned countries' agricultural cooperation, particularly between Indonesia and Tanzania.

Most private companies in Indonesia are actively involved in technical cooperation. In terms of accelerating technological advancement and dissemination, and building capacity of extension officers, their participations are important. As Tanzanian agricultural business leaders, I would like to encourage you to further engage in technical cooperation.

As a private entity, you have the opportunity to invest more on agriculture, effectively ensure economic diversification and improve food security. This is necessary because the global economy has shown a sign of uncertainty about its future. The phenomenon gives sector-dependent economies mounting pressures.

On the other hand, by increasing regional and global value chains, we could provide countries with new ways of broadening their manufacturing base and diversifying the employment structure.

South-South Cooperation's progress is measured by strengthened cooperation among business partners as well as between government and private sector. And we look forward to support this initiative at the Centre.