

**Remarks by**  
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***Esteemed Panellists,***  
***Distinguished Guests,***  
***Ladies and Gentlemen,***

**Thank you very much for joining us this morning. It is truly an honour. Due to unavoidable circumstances, Director for Non-Aligned Movement Centre fo South-South Technical Cooperation---the Centre, Ambassador Ronny Prasetyo Yuliantoro, expressed his regrets that he could not be with us today.**

**I would like to extend a special welcome to our international Panellists especially as it is the first time for some of them to come to Indonesia. It is a great pleasure and honour to receive you today at the opening ceremony of “Applied Science for Technology Innovation---ASTECHNOVA International Energy Conference of 2019.”**

**Two years ago in this place, participants from Cuba, Indonesia, Nepal and Venezuela outlined a clear road towards regional integrated implementation of energy-food-water nexus. This include institutionalising the nexus approach, increasing high-level nexus discussions and providing incentives.**

***Ladies and Gentlemen,***

**At every ASTECHNOVA Conference, we as stakeholders, professionals and academics, come together to make comprehensive recommendations and ideas on how to address the opportunities and challenges of increasing renewable energy in developing countries. These recommendations also call for action, real actions on the ground to advance our globally adopted energy-related 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.**

**This year we are increasingly aware that more needs to be done if we are to meet the Agenda.**

**Emissions of greenhouse gasses have moved the climate system beyond human experience. 2030 may seem far away, but green-house gases keep growing around the world, and much of this is due to our energy production and consumption. Sooner or later we have to catch up before it's too late.**

**Considering the challenges ahead, stakeholders and academics need to discuss the latest sustainable energy source. We must also take action on renewable energy transformation, energy efficiency and access to energy, leaving none behind.**

**The bottom line is, we need to put concrete efforts in reducing global greenhouse emissions and preventing climate change that comes from current energy usage.**

**We make sure that all sectors are included, that they become recipients and players in our efforts to achieve the 2030 Agenda. An enabling forum given for everyone, including academia, to propose ideas that could help guide international community in energy issues. No one should be passive, silent partners any more.**

**That is why the Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation-the Centre-has concentrated on strategic collaboration with various actors, including academia. In the face of major challenges, framework of international cooperation must be focused on multi-stakeholder consultation.**

***Ladies and Gentlemen,***

**Ensuring dynamic and effective implementation of energy-related projects requires adequate and stable financial resources. It is hard to remain committed in the face of a difficult financial and economic situation, but such long-term undertaking will help to speed up environmental and energy reform which aligns with SDG7. We will be more fully involved with our firm position on promoting energy security, energy efficiency and environmental conservation.**

**The road ahead is long and we understand that there are more and more challenges that cannot be addressed by a ready-made solution, but we will learn, evolve and adapt as necessary. As such, we should be prepared to engage and collaborate actively to make the SDG dream a reality.**

**Thank you.**