



**Second Meeting
INDONESIA – PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY
PARTNERSHIP (IPPP)
*Partnership for Prosperity:
Fostering Connectivity and Inclusive Development***

Jakarta – Indonesia, 25 – 26 July 2024

CHAIR’S SUMMARY

The second Indonesia-Pacific Parliamentary Partnership (IPPP) meeting was held in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 25-26 July 2024. The IPPP aimed to enhance the parliamentary role in fostering partnership and cooperation between Indonesia and the Pacific Islands countries based on their shared commitment to promote regional connectivity and inclusive development to address multifaceted and unprecedented regional and global challenges.

The IPPP Meeting was organized by the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia and attended by the Parliament of Cook Islands, Republic of Fiji, Republic of Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, Republic of Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Independent State of Samoa, Solomon Islands, Kingdom of Tonga, Tuvalu, and representatives from the Republic of Kiribati. The meeting reaffirmed parliaments’ commitment to enhancing economic, political, and social connectivity in the region, envisioning the Pacific region as a closely integrated and interconnected region which aimed at achieving collective prosperity.

The meeting addressed three areas of mutual concern: i) Partnership for prosperity: fostering regional connectivity and inclusive development; ii) Connecting our seas and people: challenges and opportunities; and iii) Harnessing maritime potentials for sustainable and inclusive growth.

Through a thoughtful and constructive discussion, parliamentarians unequivocally expressed a steadfast commitment to maintain regional peace and security, build resilience, and bring prosperity for all under the principle of mutual trust and respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of every country through parliamentary diplomacy and dialogue.

To that end, Participants of IPPP conveyed a common view on the following key points:

1. Shared common understanding that countries in the Pacific Ocean are not separated by the ocean. Instead, they are united by the ocean and bound by cultural similarities despite being so diversified. Embracing diversity and enhancing diplomatic and political engagement are therefore crucial to strengthening the ties among countries in the Pacific Ocean. These will become a social and political capital to cement a more sustainable cooperation and mutual understanding

2. Acknowledged the strategic relationship between parliaments and parliamentarians of Indonesia and Pacific Islands countries by highlighting their shared concerns on various regional issues from economic uncertainties, tangible impact of climate change, ocean degradation, and natural disasters to food security threats and maritime security. Enhancing collaboration, partnership, and connectivity based on the principles of mutual respect for territorial integrity and sovereignty is essential for establishing a foundation for regional peace, security, and prosperity;
3. Emphasized the importance of parliamentary diplomacy, particularly through constructive dialogue, cooperation, and collaboration between parliaments of Indonesia and Pacific Islands countries, to create a more equitable, resilient, and prosperous future for people and the region;
4. Expressed concern with the ongoing degradation of oceans and seas environment and marine biodiversity which is driven by marine debris, water pollution, plastics, and unsustainable exploitations. These factors significantly impact human health and food security and are widely recognized as major impediments to economic progress and inclusive development;
5. Encouraged closer interactions between Indonesia and Pacific Islands countries, especially through exchange in the fields of education, socio-culture, and people-to-people connections;
6. Exploring the opportunities of cooperation between Indonesia and Pacific Islands countries through South-south Cooperation as a platform to enhance regional connectivity, for instance, through sharing of experiences, best practices, knowledge transfer, and collaboration on innovative projects towards achieving sustainable development.
7. Reaffirmed the shared commitment to fostering regional development in accelerating the achievement of SDGs and inclusive development. This commitment involves capitalizing on sustainable use of ocean resources and blue economy, including, but not limited to fisheries and aquaculture, seaport connectivity, renewable energy, promoting sustainable food production and use, sustainable marine tourism, and women and youth empowerment in maritime sectors;
8. Highlighted the importance of closer cooperation and partnership in mitigating the impacts of climate change and pursuing actions on climate adaptation through effective climate financing initiatives aimed for coastal land rehabilitation, marine ecosystem protection, and community empowerment in Pacific Islands.
9. Agreed to boost economic growth through trade, investment, and business partnership, underpinned by the pivotal role of communication technology, digital infrastructure, transportation network, and enabling policies in the Pacific region;

10. Also agreed the importance of cooperation and partnership in key development areas such as human resources, education, culture, and tourism which underpin the connectivity and prosperity vision of the region;

The Way Forward

11. The IPPP Meeting reiterated the call on parliamentarians from the Republic of Indonesia and Pacific Islands Countries to fulfil the commitment established during the meeting. The summary of this meeting will be shared with the government of Indonesia and the government of Pacific Islands countries for their consideration;
12. Parliamentarians will continue to utilize the IPPP as an important platform for regional engagement with the aspiration of evolving into a parliamentary assembly. This would create a more sustained and institutionalized forum to maintain parliament-to-parliament connection;
13. The House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia is also committed to strengthen parliamentary cooperation with Pacific countries' parliaments in the area of capacity building, legislative drafting, technology innovation in parliament, information exchanges and media publication aiming at optimizing the role of parliamentary secretariats; and
14. The Participants of IPPP commended the House of Representatives of the Republic of Indonesia for the success of organizing this significant event and looking forward to meeting in the next IPPP meeting.