

## India-Indonesia joint palm oil forum established

Dewan Minyak Sawit Indonesia (DMSI) or Indonesian Palm Oil Board, The Solvent Extractors' Association of India (SEA) and Solidaridad signed a Memorandum of Understanding on July 16, 2018. This MoU envisages close cooperation between the organizations concerned to jointly promote ISPO (Indonesian Sustainable Palm Oil) and IPOS (Indian Palm Oil Sustainability Framework) in India as well as to create an awareness of the health benefits of palm oil among the consumers, enabling and sustaining growth of Indonesian palm oil.

As the follow up on the MoU, and facilitated by the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs, DMSI, SEA and Solidaridad held their first meeting in Jakarta on December 19, 2018 to discuss the Global Palm Oil Challenges. Indonesia and India traditionally have long established mutually beneficial economic relations, one of which is in the palm oil trade. The data related to 2017 shows, the total trade value of the two countries was recorded at 18.1 billion USD, of which 34.8% were exports of palm oil products from Indonesia to India, or worth 4.9 billion USD. This shows the importance of palm oil for both countries.

The agreements reached across several key points are as follows:

1. Promoting sustainable palm oil in Indian market through campaigning of ISPO and IPOS standards.
2. Establishing Indonesia - India Palm Oil joint working committee to facilitate and pursue for the two Governments, to enhance cooperation on trade related matters.
3. Scaling up the participation of smallholder farmers in implementing sustainable palm oil practice (ISPO and IPOS).

The high-level committee under the chairmanship of Mr. Derom Bangun, Chairman of DMSI and Mr. Atul Chaturvedi, President of SEA of India as co-chairman will be leading the initiatives, facilitated by Mrs. Musdhalifah Machmud and Mr. Willistra Danny from the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs of The Government of Indonesia. The other members of the committee are Dr. Darmono Taniwiryo (MAKSI), Mr. Kulbir Mehta (Solidaridad), Dr. B.V. Mehta (SEA), Dr. Shatadru Chattopadhyay (Solidaridad), Dr. Suresh Motwani (Solidaridad), Mr. Edi Suhardi (GAPKI), Mr. Sahat Sinaga (GIMNI), Mr. Rino Afrino (APKASINDO), Mr. Azis Hidayat (ISPO), Mr. Vikash Sharma (GODREJ India), Mr. Dono Boestami (BPDP-KS).

The Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs of the Government of Indonesia will be monitoring the progress of the initiatives to take forward the effective implementation in achieving the objectives.

Leveraging this platform, Solidaridad has further established several agreements with the provincial Governments of Kalimantan for the implementation of NI-SCOPS project.



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