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**Bring COP 24 Down to Earth**

The COP 24 focused on completing work on the Paris Agreement Work Program, delivering a “rule book” for the Paris Agreement. The Katowice Climate Package, is a set of decisions meant to operationalize and facilitate countries’ efforts to implement the Paris Agreement. However, COP decisions and documents are high-level materials, should be translated into the real-world terms and actions to ensure the delegates and supported by related stakeholders bring the COP 24 into the ground. This is actually most challenging step, said Mahawan Karuniasa, member of Paris Committee on Capacity Building (PCCB), the body under UNFCCC, during International Conference of Indonesia Expert Network on Climate Change and Forestry (APIK Indonesia Network).

The International Conference 2018 of APIK Indonesia Network convened in Jakarta, 19 December 2018 and titled Climate Finance and Policy for Paris Agreement Implementation in Asia Pacific: Leveraging Non-State Actor’s Role, in order to enhancing capacity of the developing country Parties for NDC Implementation in the context of Paris Agreement. The main objectives of the event are to draw situation and formulating fundamental improvement on climate finance issue for NDC implementation in developing country Parties in the context of Paris Agreement. Also to review the impacts of climate policy on ground and identify corrective action for NDC implementation in developing country Parties in the context of Paris Agreement, and finally to foster and promote Non-State Actors to play significant role on NDC implementation in developing country Parties in the context of Paris Agreement.

As a chairman of the APIK Indonesia Network, Mahawan Karuniasa also concerns on US or governments that “feel a bit more threatened by climate actions”. But I still see optimism when Arnold Schwarzenegger, former governor of California, reminded to look beyond Washington, D.C. Political will remains strategic issue for climate actions in developed and developing country Parties.

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