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# Indonesia-Australia Dialogue

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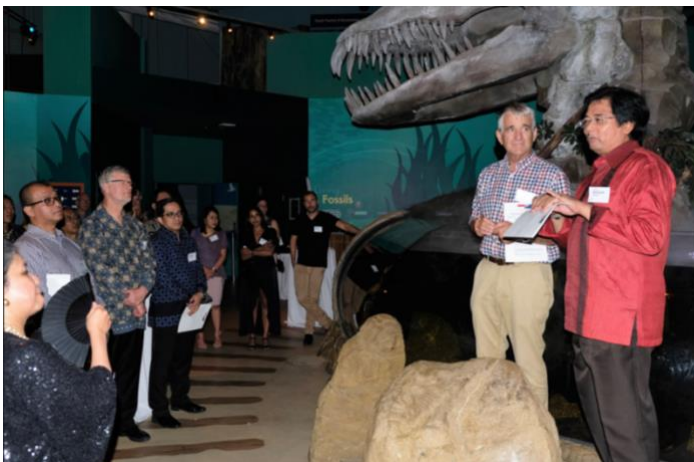
## Outcomes Report

The fourth Indonesia-Australia Dialogue was held in Sydney on 8-10 April 2018. The dialogue was established during President Yudhoyono's visit in 2010 as a second track bilateral dialogue to enhance people-to-people links between the two countries and has been held in Jakarta, Sydney and Yogyakarta.

Taking the theme "The Role of Civil Society in Strengthening the Indonesia – Australia Bilateral Relationship towards a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership," the fourth Indonesia-Australia Dialogue was co-convened by The Honourable John Anderson AO, former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and His Excellency Hamzah Thayeb, Indonesian Ambassador to Australia from 2005 to 2009. The Australian Institute of International Affairs acted as secretariat as for previous dialogues.

Some highlights of the fourth Indonesia-Australia Dialogue included:

- Impressive Australian and Indonesian delegates from various fields, including politicians, academics, as well as leaders in business, media and technology.
- Two days of open and frank exchanges with sharing of expertise and insights in four different theme areas.
- Opening addresses from the Governor of New South Wales, General The Hon David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd).
- Opportunities to connect through a welcome reception for delegates and harbour cruise with additional invitees from the Australia Indonesia Business Council (AIBC), the Australia Indonesia Youth Association (AIYA) and AIIA NSW.



*The Hon John Anderson AO and His Excellency Hamzah Thayeb welcoming delegates at welcome drinks at Sealife Sydney Aquarium*



*L-R: Zulaikha Chudori, I Made Andi Arsana, Timothy Marbun, Dr Connie Bakrie and Dr Philips Vermonte during harbour cruise Karaoke session*



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### Objectives

The objective of the Indonesia-Australia Dialogue is to facilitate people-to-people discussion on a broad range of topics. Discussions covered domestic, regional and global issues as well as explore opportunities for closer engagement and cooperation in business, culture, education, science and technology.

Drawing on the experience of other leadership dialogues, the Indonesia-Australia Dialogue sought to build relationships between leaders of various fields and develop high-level commitment to advance relationships at all levels of society.

Objectives of the Indonesia-Australia Dialogue include:

- Provide a platform for frank discussion regarding Indonesia and Australia's relationship.
- Establish a forum for discussion of Indonesian and Australian cooperation on regional and global affairs.
- Enhance people-to-people links through free exchanges of ideas on a range of topics that matter to Indonesia and Australia.
- Encourage informal conversation incorporating government officials and leaders from both countries.
- Include a range of participants from different areas of expertise, including industry, media, academia, community organisations and youth representatives.
- Discuss potential areas for collaboration between Indonesia and Australia in business, culture, education, science and technology.
- Formulate potential solutions and suggestions for dissemination to participants, government and the general public.



*(L-R): Dr Fatimah Husein, Professor Caitlyn Byrne, Professor Greg Fealy and Dt Gusrizal*



*Working Group 1: The Dynamics of Bilateral, Regional and Global Developments*



## Format

The first day of the Dialogue was divided into four sessions, each co-chaired by a pair of delegates from Australia and Indonesia responsible for facilitating discussion among participants. To stimulate debates, each session began with a 10–15 minutes “trigger speech” by a pair of Australian and Indonesian delegates. The topics covered were:

- **Session 1: The Dynamics of Bilateral, Regional and Global Developments**
  - Chairs: Bill Farmer AO FAIIA (Australia)/Andi Widjajanto (Indonesia)
  - Trigger Speakers: Allan Gyngell AO FAIIA (Australia)/Dr. Philips J. Vermonte (Indonesia)
  
- **Session 2: Promoting a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**
  - Chairs: Natalie Sambhi (Australia)/ I Made Andi Arsana, PhD. (Indonesia)
  - Trigger Speakers: Andrew Parker (Australia)/ Dr. Connie Rahakundini Bakrie (Indonesia)
  
- **Session 3: Cooperation on Innovation and Technology – Promoting Creative Economies**
  - Chairs: Laura Anderson (Australia)/David Ngalusi (Indonesia)
  - Trigger Speakers: Bede Moore (Australia)/I Ketut Adi Putra Kusnadi (Indonesia)
  
- **Session 4: Cooperation on Youth, Media, Social and Culture – Promoting Mutual Understanding**
  - Chairs: Lynley Marshall (Australia)/Dr. Suriel Mofu (Indonesia)
  - Trigger Speakers: Holly Ransom (Australia)/Timothy Marbun (Indonesia)

On the second day, participants were divided into four working groups to continue discussions on these four topics in order to produce ideas and recommendations for potential future actions. Each working group was co-chaired by an Indonesian and Australia participant as follows:

- WG 1 – Bilateral, Regional and Global Developments: Professor Caitlin Byrne and Andi Widjajanto
- WG 2 – Comprehensive Strategic Partnership: Mick Keogh and I Made Andi Arsana, PhD.
- WG 3 – Innovation, Technology & Creative Economy: Ken Chapman and David Ngalusi
- WG 4 – Youth, Media, Social & Culture: Kyle Springer and Dr. Suriel Mofu



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### Keynote Addresses by New South Wales Governor and the Australian Minister of Foreign Affairs

The dialogue opened with an address by the New South Wales Governor General The Hon David Hurley AC DSC (Ret'd) and a pre-recorded welcome by the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, The Hon Julie Bishop MP.

The address provided an opportunity for the Governor to emphasise the importance of continuously cultivating Australia-Indonesia relationship as close neighbours. In line with the theme of the Dialogue, the Governor particularly highlighted the importance of further educating civil societies in both countries about each other. The Governor also noted the significance of finding common interests to 'bind,' not just 'link' both countries together.

- “I hold very firmly to the view that the Indonesia – Australia relationship is critical to the future of both countries, certainly to Australia, and has greater potential to be a major, positive influence on regional affairs.”
- “Our relationship needs to go beyond the successful management of incidents to one of action flowing from shared interests, cooperative leadership within the region, support for shared imperatives and initiatives and binding economic interests.”

In a similar tone, Minister Bishop emphasised the importance of the Dialogue to nurture Australia and Indonesia's understanding of each other as well as providing counsel to both governments to continuously expand the countries bilateral relationship in multiple areas of cooperation, including business, academics and civil societies.

- “As good friends and close neighbours, Australia and Indonesia are stronger when we promote our interests together”
- “The Australia-Indonesia relationship brings benefits to both our people, and has the potential to grow much further”





## Australian Participants

### *Co-chair*

- The Hon John Anderson AO, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Australia and Leader of the National Party

### *Participants*

- Laura Anderson, Chairman, SVI Global
- Professor Caitlin Byrne, Director, Griffith Asia Institute
- Ken Chapman, Head of Strategic Delivery – Capital Markets, ASX Limited
- Greg Earl, Editor and writer, Australian Financial Review
- Bill Farmer AO FAIA, Former Ambassador to Indonesia
- Associate Professor Greg Fealy, Coral Bell School of Asia Pacific Affairs, Australian National University
- Senator The Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells, Minister for International Development and the Pacific and the Senator for New South Wales for the Liberal Party
- Allan Gyngell AO FAIA, National President, Australian Institute of International Affairs
- Mick Keogh, Executive Director, Australian Farm Institute
- Professor Tim Lindsey, Director of the Centre for Indonesian Law and Islamic Society, Melbourne Law School, University of Melbourne
- Brodie McCulloch, Founder and Managing Director, Spacecubed
- Lynley Marshall, Chief Executive Officer, Museums Victoria
- Senator Jenny McAllister, Senator for the New South Wales for the Labour Party
- Bede Moore, Non-Executive Director and Director, TechSydney and Amplitude
- Andrew Parker, Partner, Asia Practice Leader, PwC
- Holly Ransom, Chief Executive Officer, Emergent
- Natalie Sambhi, Research Fellow, Perth USAsia Centre
- Kyle Springer, Program Manager, Perth USAsia Centre



*(Speaking) Top-left: Natalie Sambhi; Top-right: Bede Moore; Bottom-left: Professor Caitlin Byrne; Bottom-right: Andrew Parker*



## Indonesian Participants

### Co-chair

- Ambassador Hamzah Thayeb, Former Indonesian Ambassador to Australia

### Participants

- I Made Andi Arsana, PhD, Director of International Affairs, University of Gadjah Mada
- Dr Connie Rahakundini Bakrie, Executive Director, Institute of Defense and Security Studies
- Dt Gusrizal, Vice Chairman, Muhammadiyah Kota Bukittinggi
- Ambassador Sudaryomo Hartosudarmo, Former Indonesian Ambassador to Brazil/Indonesian Consul General in Sydney
- Nadirsyah Hosen, Associate Professor, Faculty of Law, Monash University
- Dr Fatimah Husein, Associate Professor, State Islamic University (UIN) Sunan Kalijaga
- I Ketut Adi Putra Kusnadi, Vice President, Berrybenka.com
- Timothy Marbun, Executive Producer and News Anchor, Kompas TV
- Dr Suriel Samuel Mofu, Professor, State University of Papua
- David Ngalusi, Managing Director, SAI Global
- Tramaditya Salim, Journalist, *The Jakarta Post*
- Dr Philips J. Vermonte, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic & International Studies (CSIS)
- Andi Widjajanto, Former Cabinet Secretary/President Commissioner Angkasa Pura I



*(Speaking) Top-left: I Ketut Adi Putra; Top-right: Dr Suriel Mofu; Bottom-left: Dr Connie Bakrie; Bottom-right: Tramaditya Salim*



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### Feedback

Participants had very positive feedback about the Dialogue. The evaluation survey rated the organisation of the event at 4.6 out of 5.

Participants also responded positively on opportunities to network with each other, indicating the high-level quality of delegates. Some highlights outlined by participants include:

- “The delegates and the frankness of the dialogue”
- “Interaction with Senior Indonesian officials and academics”
- “The format of the dialogue with having short comments from speakers and dialogue, rather than strict Q&A was good for garnering more involvement.”
- “Good balance between generations.”

The following messages were extended in appreciation of the event:

- “Thank you again for inviting me to participate in one of the most frank and productive meetings on Indonesia I've attended in a while. I have to make special mention of the choice of venue for the Sunday night event and the dialogue—fantastic way to get people relaxed with koalas and also a sharp setting for focused thinking at PwC.”  
*Natalie Sambhi, Research Fellow, Perth USAsia*
- “Indonesia Australia Dialogue was such a wonderful meeting... We are going to bring our country for a better future and understanding to work together along with our neighbor-Australia hand and hand.”  
*Dt Gusrizal, Vice Chairman, Muhammadiyah Kota Bukittinggi*



*L-R: David Ngalusi, Ambassador Gary Quinlan and Laura Anderson*



*L-R: Former Ambassadors Bill Farmer and Sudaryomo Hartosudarmo*





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## Coverage

The Australian Institute of International Affairs has ensured that discussions reach a broader audience through its popular *Australian Outlook* blog. The following are published or scheduled:

### Opinion:

- “Can Jakarta and Canberra Become Soulmates?” – His Excellency General the Hon David Hurley AC DSC (<http://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/the-importance-of-dialogue-in-the-indonesia-australia-bilateral/>)
- “Australia and Indonesia: More than Good Neighbours – Greg Earl (<http://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/australia-indonesia-good-neighbours/>)
- “Australia and Indonesia: Strategic Partners in a Time of Change – Kyle Springer (<http://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/australia-indonesia-relations-strategic-partners-in-a-time-of-change/>)
- “Renegotiating the Indonesia-Australia Maritime Boundary Agreement?” – Dr. I Made Andi Arsana (<http://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/renegotiating-the-indonesia-australia-maritime-boundary-agreement/>)
- “Post-Reformasi Indonesia: The Age of Uncertainty” – Prof. Tim Lindsey (<http://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/post-reformasi-indonesia-the-age-of-uncertainty/>)

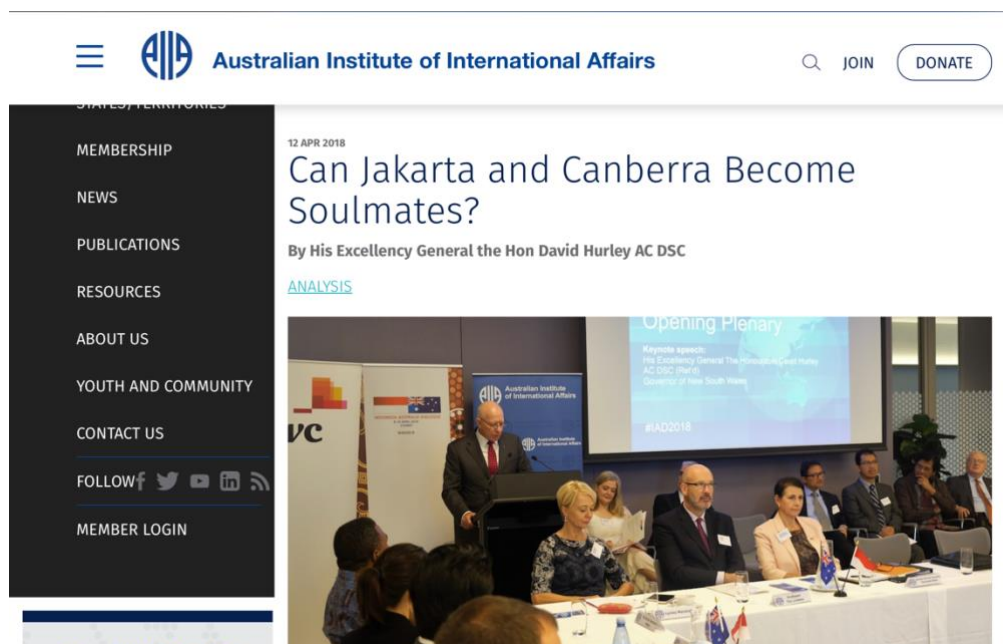
### Interviews:

- “Taking the Australia-Indonesia Relationship to the Next Level” – with Senator The Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells (<http://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/australia-indonesia-relationship-next-level-2/>)
- “Drafting Jakarta’s Ballot Papers” – with Timothy Marbun (<http://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/drafting-jakartas-ballot-papers/>)
- “Australia and Indonesia: Possibilities for Cooperation” – with Dr. Connie Rahakundini Bakrie (<http://www.internationalaffairs.org.au/australianoutlook/indonesia-and-australia-possibilities-for-cooperation/>)



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The Dialogue also achieved an excellent reach on social media under the hashtag #IAD2018. The hashtag was the 8<sup>th</sup> trending topics in Twitter within Australia on 9 April 2018 according to Trendinalia AU (@trendinaliaAU). Participants also tweeted and posted comments and photos on their personal social media accounts on Facebook and Instagram throughout the event.



*Top: Interview with Senator The Hon Concetta Fierravanti-Wells;  
Bottom: His Excellency the Hon David Hurley AC DSC speech during the Indonesia-Australia Dialogue 2018 opening*



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