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ABSTRACT

Indonesia is a country consisting of hundreds of islands, and this characteristic makes Indonesia an archipelagic state. As an archipelagic country, Indonesia is vulnerable to climate change, which causes significant impacts that can be felt across various aspects. Climate change not only affects Indonesia but also the entire world. It is a global issue because its impacts are worldwide and do not recognize territorial boundaries. Therefore, a platform is needed to serve as a forum for cooperation to discuss and address this problem. The AIS Forum serves as a cooperative platform among island and archipelagic countries worldwide, aiming to strengthen collaboration to tackle global issues, especially climate change. This forum functions as an international platform to handle common problems in global politics.

As the largest archipelagic country, Indonesia naturally plays a crucial role in implementing AIS Forum programs. Being the world's largest archipelagic state, Indonesia takes a central role in facilitating international cooperation among island and archipelagic countries to collectively face the challenges of climate change. Indonesia's active involvement in the AIS Forum through cooperative maritime diplomacy has successfully bridged the establishment of the AIS Forum and initiated various key programs, including the development of the blue economy and mitigation of climate change impacts in the maritime region. This will be a very important step for Indonesia, especially in its efforts to address climate change. This study will explain the role Indonesia plays as one of the AIS member countries in tackling climate change. In analyzing Indonesia's role in the AIS Forum, the researcher uses the perspectives of maritime diplomacy and international cooperation to examine Indonesia's efforts to address climate change through the AIS Forum.

Keynote: Climate Change, AIS Forum, Indonesia, Maritime Diplomacy, International Cooperation, Blue Economy Concept, Impacts of Climate Change, ArchipelagicCountry.

ABSTRAK

Indonesia merupakan negara yang terdiri dari ratusan pulau, dengan karakteristik tersebut menjadikan Indonesia sebagai negara kepulauan. Dengan karakteristiknya, negara kepulauan rentan terhadap perubahan iklim yang memberikan dampak signifikan yang dapat dirasakan dari berbagai aspek. Perubahan iklim tidak hanya berdampak di Indonesia namun di seluruh dunia. Perubahan iklim merupakan masalah bersama bagi dunia karena dampaknya bersifat global dan tidak mengenal batas wilayah. Dengan kondisi ini Indonesia menyadari pentingnya kerjasama untuk mengatasi perubahan iklim. Maka dari itu dibutuhkan platform untuk menjadi wadah kerjasama untuk membahas dan mengatasi masalah ini. AIS Forum merupakan wadah kerjasama antar negara pulau dan kepulauan sedunia yang bertujuan memperkuat kolaborasi untuk mengatasi permasalahan global, khususnya perubahan iklim. Forum ini menjadi forum internasional yang digunakan untuk menangani masalah bersama dalam politik global.

Indonesia sebagai negara kepulauan terbesar tentu menjalankan peran krusial dalam pelaksanaan program AIS Forum. Sebagai negara kepulauan terbesar di dunia, Indonesia mengambil peran sentral dalam memfasilitasi kerjasama internasional antarnegara pulau dan kepulauan untuk menghadapi tantangan perubahan iklim secara kolektif. Keterlibatan aktif Indonesia dalam AIS Forum melalui diplomasi maritim yang kooperatif berhasil menjembatani pembentukan AIS Forum dan menginisiasi berbagai program utama, termasuk pengembangan ekonomi biru (blue economy) dan mitigasi dampak perubahan iklim di kawasan maritim. Hal ini akan menjadi langkah yang sangat penting bagi Indonesia khususnya dalam upaya Indonesia mengatasi climate changes. Penelitian ini akan menjelaskan peran yang dilakukan Indonesia sebagai salah satu negara anggota AIS dalam mengatasi perubahan iklim. Dalam analisis peran Indonesia dalam AIS Forum, peneliti menggunakan sudut pandang maritim diplomasi dan kerjasama Internasional untuk melihat usaha yang dilakukan Indonesia untuk mengatasi perubahan iklim melalui AIS Forum.

Kata kunci: Perubahan Iklim, AIS Forum, Indonesia, Diplomasi Maritim, Kerjasama Internasional, Konsep ekonomi biru, Dampak perubahan Iklim, Negara Kepulauan.

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

Acronyms	Meaning
AIS	Archipelagic Island State
APEC	Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation
ASEAN	Association of Southeast Asian Nation
BMKG	Badan Meteorologi Klimatologi dan Geofisika
BNBP	Badan Nasional Penanggulangan Bencana
CISE	Carbon Inventory For Seagrass Ecosystem
COP	Conference of Parties
CTI	Coral Triangle Initiative
FOLU	Forestry and Other Land Use
G20	Group of Twenty
IDEA	Indonesia Digital Ecosystem Assessment
IORA	Indian Ocean Rim Association
NGO	Non-Governmental Organization
PIF	Pacific Island Forum

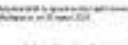
SCC	Seagrass Carbon Converter
SDG	Sustainable Development Goals
SIDS	Small Island Development States
SOM	Senior Official Meeting
UN	United Nation
UNDP	United Nation Development Programme
UNFCCC	United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change
WTO	World Trade Organization
ZEE	Economy Exclusive Zone
ZERI	Zero Emission Research Initiative

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Manado Joint Declaration on AIS

 Manado Joint Declaration on the Establishment of the Antipodal and Island States Forum We, the participating countries (Annex I), gathered in Manado, 1st November 2018 for the 1st Biennial Meeting of Antipodal and Island States Forum. Noting that antipodal island states, irrespective of our location, size, and level of development, share common but differentiated development challenges and common-sustainable challenges. Acknowledging the varied roles and responsibilities of various stakeholders, including but not limited to youth, civil society, academia, startups, entrepreneurship, industry, private sector and traditional organisations in addressing sustainable development and climate change issues including disaster resilience. Emphasizing that antipodal and island states are amongst the most vulnerable to the adverse effects of climate change. Noting that antipodal and island states are committed to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, including combating climate change impacts and accelerating low-carbon transition in the oceans, seas, coastal, and marine sectors as well as collaborative and integrated approach. Affirming our commitment to the outcomes of all major UN conferences and summits which have laid a solid foundation for sustainable development, including the Declaration on Small Islands and Development, Paris Agreement, Addis Ababa Action Agenda, Sendai Framework, and Integrated BIM Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular by UNFCCC. Recognizing that antipodal and island states are facing structural threats from climate change that are affecting our sustainability. Manado Declaration on the Establishment of AIS Forum (Page 1 of 1)	 Declarations/Declaration 1. Recognizes our commitment to be part of a collaborative action to address our common challenges in the areas of: (a) climate change mitigation, adaptation, and disaster management; (b) economic challenges and opportunities which consist of blue economy, resiliency and sustainable fisheries and aquaculture, economic growth and creation of decent working opportunities; (c) infrastructure deficits; and (d) good institution governance. 2. Identify and work towards achievable, climate collaborative and partnership with all relevant stakeholders, including but not limited to, youth, civil society, academia, startups, philanthropists, industry, private sector, and international and multilateral organizations to strengthen our joint efforts through youth and innovative platform, including project implementation supported by financial finance institutions, in achieving sustainable development, improving livelihoods of vulnerable communities and learning from best practice. 3. Encourage development of an integrated approach to maritime sector governance, recognizing that the challenges being met require an holistic interconnected. 4. Establish Antipodal and Island States Forum (hereinafter referred to as "AIS Forum") as an open-ended, complementary, integrated, and inclusive development forum, with regular meeting that is in synergy with other international meetings concerned for sustainability and disaster resilience to generate impact and cooperative initiatives among antipodal and island states and its stakeholders/partners. Agreed in Manado, Indonesia, on first day of November in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen, in a single original copy in the English language. Manado Declaration on the Establishment of AIS Forum (Page 1 of 1)	 ANNEX I: Participating countries 1. Republic of Cabo Verde, 2. Republic of Cuba, 3. Republic of Cyprus, 4. Republic of Fiji, 5. Republic of Ghana, 6. Republic of Indonesia, 7. Jamaica, 8. State of Japan, 9. Republic of Maldives, 10. Republic of Madagascar, 11. Independent State of Papua New Guinea, 12. Republic of the Philippines, 13. Federation of Saint Christopher and Nevis, 14. Dominican Republic of San Pedro and Martin, 15. Republic of Seychelles, 16. Republic of Singapore, 17. Dominican Republic of Saint Lucia, 18. Republic of Solomon, 19. Dominican Republic of Saint Vincent, 20. Kingdom of Tonga, 21. United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland Manado Declaration on the Establishment of AIS Forum (Page 1 of 1)
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Appendix 2 – Leaders Declaration

 ANNEX I JOINT LEADERS' DECLARATION ON THE SUSTAINABILITY OF THE ANTIPODAL AND ISLAND STATES FORUM SULLI, INDONESIA, 2021 We, the Heads of State and Government representatives of the antipodal and island states from 2nd of participating countries, gathered in Sullia on 12 October 2021 for the High-Level Meeting of the Antipodal and Island States Forum (hereinafter referred to as AIS Forum). Reaffirming the Manado Joint Declaration adopted in Manado, Indonesia, in 2018, on the Establishment of the Antipodal and Island States Forum. Noting the collective efforts of antipodal and island people for good governance, sustainable economic development, prospering environmental protection, and sustainability. Emphasizing that antipodal and island states, irrespective of location, size, and level of development, share common but differentiated environmental and development challenges that should be resolved through joint efforts and concrete collaboration. Confronting the multidimensional impact and environmental threats caused by the climate change, and now this, compounded by the COVID-19 pandemic to the survival of the antipodal and island people. Recognizing the leadership role of Indonesia and the United Nations Development Programme in facilitating the collaboration among the antipodal and island states through the cooperative framework of the Antipodal and Island States Forum. Emphasizing that antipodal and island states shall engage in a mutually beneficial collaboration built upon the principles of peace, integrity, fairness, sustainable integrity, and reciprocity to protect and preserve the health of the ocean ecosystem, successfully address sustainable development related challenges, ensure welfare and prosperity of all humanity in the generations to come. We hereby declare to: 1. Reinforce the establishment of AIS Forum has created inclusive space to forge synergy with other stakeholders and serving as an arena for collaboration, sharing of expertise, and joint initiatives among innovative institutions among antipodal and island states and its collaborative partners. 2. Affirm that the framework of cooperation established under AIS Forum and the work of the Institute for Sustainable Development is fundamental in facilitating the implementation of sustainable development objectives to resolve sustainable development related challenges and pressing global social-environmental issues in the areas of:	 Antipodal and Island States Forum Leaders' Declaration on Sustainability (a) climate change mitigation, adaptation, and disaster management, including the challenges of reducing risks from extreme weather events and the need to improve forecasting and early warning capacities; (b) creation of sustainable economic development and decent blue job opportunities through the implementation of blue economy responsible and sustainable fisheries and aquaculture as part of our common efforts to achieve food security, development of inter-island connectivity, and enhancement of seaports as marine research and innovation, including biotechnology; (c) protection of the marine environment from the challenges of ocean health degradation, loss of biodiversity, overfishing, plastic waste, and marine pollution; and (d) good institution governance. We, the joint statement of the Antipodal and Island States Forum delivered during the 2021 Annual Leaders' Climate Change Conference held in Sullia, Sullia, 12 October 2021, and 1 November 2021, and recognized the AIS Forum with an instrument to amplify the voices of the antipodal and island states over pressing issues related to the future of the ocean and the future of the people whose lives are inseparable from it. Considering the ongoing collaboration programs and projects and the desire to strengthen mutually developed cooperation, to these ends, agree on the declaration of the Antipodal and Island States Forum (AIS Forum) as an open-ended, complementary, integrated, and inclusive development forum, with regular meeting that is in synergy with other international meetings concerned for sustainability and disaster resilience to generate impact and cooperative initiatives among antipodal and island states and its stakeholders/partners. Task Ministers of the Antipodal and Island States Forum Participating Countries to initiate measures on the strategic roadmap and coordination to establish a character-based organization to advance the cooperation. Agreed in Sullia, Indonesia, on the Eleventh of October in the year Two Thousand Twenty One, in a single original copy in the English language.
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Appendix 3 – Blue Financing Strategic Document



<https://aisforum.org/our-programs/blue-financing-strategic-document/>

Appendix 4 – AIS Forum program documentation



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Appendix 5 – Documentation with Mr. Sofyan from the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries



Appendix 6 – Documentation with Mr. Dafa Komarudin

