

# Academic Conference on Poverty Alleviation in Indonesia

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## Background

Almost half the world — over 3 billion people — live on less than \$2.50 a day. Governments around the world have done their best to alleviate the poverty rate in their countries but much of anti-poverty policy has failed over the years because of an inadequate understanding of poverty. The poverty problem is a multi-dimension and cross-sectoral problem that should be tackled comprehensively. Therefore it is important to formulate the comprehensive approach in the effort to alleviate poverty in the world.

Although Indonesia has made some progress in addressing absolute poverty, some challenges remain to be addressed such as vulnerability of the poor, region inequality and access to basic services.

The purpose of this academic conference is to bring together academics, experts and government officials to gather and exchange information on the latest development of poverty issues as well as a forum to share international experiences on poverty issues. The proceeding of the conference will be available before the end of SEADI project and it will be used as input in poverty policy making.

## Theme

The general theme of the seminar is poverty alleviation in Indonesia. The seminar will start with the plenary session on the macroeconomic conditions that support poverty alleviation. It will discuss the international experiences and how Indonesia can adopt the approach.

Three sub-themes of the seminar includes

1. Poverty and job creation;
2. Poverty and the enabling environment; and
3. Poverty reduction programs.

The Poverty and Job Creation sub-theme will discuss the role that job creation and income generation in the agriculture, industry and service sectors can have in addressing poverty reduction and the policy issues that could promote pro-poor growth in these areas. In addition the role of remittances from international migration in alleviating poverty will also be discussed.

Under the Poverty and enabling environment sub-theme, papers will discuss the role of the government and the private sector in poverty reduction efforts. The institutional arrangement is important to ensure that government efforts can be well-targeted especially under decentralization. In addition, government needs to ensure that the poor have access to basic services such as health and education, as well as other services such as infrastructure and finance. With the complexity and multi-dimension of poverty, government cannot tackle poverty by itself, participation from private sector is important to complement government's efforts. The role of foreign direct investment is important

to stimulate rapid and inclusive growth. The private sector can participate through Public Private Partnerships (PPP) and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) to alleviate poverty.

Papers under the Poverty Reduction Program sub-theme are expected to discuss both the short and long term poverty reduction programs, their costs and benefits and the implications of these programs for poverty reduction. Good management of funding is required to ensure the effectiveness of limited assistances from government and private sector including foreign assistances. Indonesia can learn from other countries experiences on this issue.

## Parallel sessions

	<b>Panel 1</b>	<b>Panel 2</b>	<b>Panel 3</b>
<b>Session 1: Poverty and Job Creation</b>	Agriculture sector and rural employment	Industry and services sectors	International migration
<b>Session 2: Poverty and the Enabling Environment</b>	Decentralization and Institutions and their impact on poverty	Access for the poor: health, education, infrastructure and finance	Role of FDI, Corporate Social Responsibility, and Public Private Partnership
<b>Session 3: Poverty Reduction Programs</b>	Short term poverty alleviation programs	Long term poverty reduction programs	Management of government, private, and international assistance

## Call for Papers

There will be three to four papers per panel to give presenters and discussants adequate time for fruitful engagement. In preparing abstracts of their proposed papers, we encourage prospective participants to address the conference theme and a specific sub-theme.

## Selection Criteria

All abstracts will be subject to a competitive selection process. For this conference, we intend to select up to 36 papers for presentation at the parallel sessions. The selection will be done jointly by TNP2K and SEADI. The selection criteria will be as follows:

1. Relevance to the broad theme and to specific sub-themes
2. Quality of the abstract
3. Geographical diversity of presenters

## Submission of individual papers

Participants should indicate the title of their paper and the proposed panel category (based on the parallel session above).

*Example:*

- Name of presenter: Dr. XXX
- Title of paper: "Diversification in Horticulture Products to Improve Farmer's Welfare"

- Category: Job Creation – Agriculture (Session 1 – Panel 1)
- Abstract: Description of paper in not more than 500 words
- Speaker’s Bio: Brief description of professional status, education background and experience in not more than 250 words.

Please submit electronically to [poverty.conference@seadiproject.com](mailto:poverty.conference@seadiproject.com) by **1 February 2013**.

## **Guidelines for authors**

(see: [Guidelines for Author.docx](#))

## **Important datelines**

**Submission of Abstract: 1 February 2013**

(Authors will be notified via email by **15 February 2013** on the status of their submission)

**Submission of Completed Papers: 10 May 2013**

**Closing Date for Registration: 17 May 2013**

**Conference: 12 June 2013**

## **Financial Aid**

The conference committee will provide accommodation and transport only for presenters residing in Indonesia and Indonesian presenters residing abroad. Other presenters from outside Indonesia are to find their own sponsors for their participation in this conference, including for the accommodation and transport.