Change Needed to Achieve Indonesia’s Vision

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Visions drive change. Visions have helped us achieve many great things in the past, and now can help us grow sustainably for many generations to come. In 2015, through Sustainable Development Goals and Paris Agreement, we have put a very solid foundation to build collective visions to combat climate change, and unleash actions and investment towards a low-carbon, resilient and sustainable future.

There is a strong link between 17 goals of SDG and Paris Agreement on climate change. The Sustainable Development Goals not only contain a distinct climate change goal (Goal No. 13), but climate action is also integral to the successful implementation of most of the other SDGs under the agenda. What we need to do now is to create visions for a better world to become stronger and more alive. Indonesia is joining the world to transform climate change and sustainable development visions into reality. We are in the process of ratifying the Paris Agreement and developing the National Determined Contribution. We remain committed to place sustainable development strategies into our national medium and long term development plan.

We envisioned Indonesia to take low-carbon and inclusive development pathways as efforts to alleviate poverty and to reach economic prosperity while maintaining sustainable and resilient future. We believe that to be able to achieve our visions, involvement of all play a key role. We can not do things as we used to do in the past. We need to change by involving non-state actors and stakeholders across sectors. We have to keep asking this question over and over again: do the visions we have inspiring enough to drive the change we need?