MANOKWARI DECLARATION

Based on the results of the International Conference on Biodiversity, Ecotourism and Creative Economy (ICBE 2018), and considering the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Customary- or Adat-based Sustainable Development signed by Papua Province and West Papua Province on October 7th 2018, the Governments of Papua and West Papua hereby declare The Tanah Papua Vision:

Tanah Papua Damai, Berkelanjutan, Lestari dan Bermartabat
(The Island of Papua being Peaceful, Sustainable, and Dignified)

With regard to the implementation of the Vision, the results of ICBE 2018 are stated below:

FIRST, to reaffirm the commitment to mainstream sustainable development and to pursue it through the Special Regional Regulation in West Papua, review or revision of the Provincial Spatial Planning (RTRWP) of Papua and West Papua, which accommodates 70% of land as protected areas, RZWP3K, and the revision as well as mid-term review of the Provincial Medium Term Development Plan (RPJMD) of West Papua by integrating customary regions, and by strengthening the implementation of 2100 vision and the formulation of the Provincial Medium Term Development Plan (RPJMD) 2019-2023 for Papua Province, which is sustainable and contextual for Papua.

SECOND, to commit to protect the rights and strengthen the roles of indigenous people (masyarakat adat) through the provincial special regulations and local district regulations, recognizing the existence of indigenous people, their culture, customary lands and its governance, including customary forests and waters based on local wisdoms and sustainable use of the local resources. To finance for the territorial mapping of the customary regions and establish a registration system for customary lands and facilitate the enforcement of land management and land-use conflict resolution mechanisms.

THIRD, commit to uphold law enforcement on natural resources in managing the sustainable development, to implement a moratorium on permits for large-scale plantation, mining and other land-based industries, and to review of the published permits, by creating a special taskforce for this purpose.
FOURTH, together with Central Government, commit to manage sustainable financing mechanism and the ecological fiscal incentives, which are stated in regulations, to the Provincial Government and District Governments, through the existing channels such as DAU, DAK, DID, Dana Otsus (special autonomy funds), and/or financial assistance to the provinces, districts / municipalities, while accelerating special regulations on revenue sharing (DBH) and its implementation.

FIFTH, commit to immediately establish the Information Commission of West Papua, in order to enhance data and information transparency and accountability, through strengthening the information-management systems that shall be integrated at the local, multi-sectoral, including national levels.

SIXTH, commit to establish the Natural History Museum and Botanical Garden for Tanah Papua to support conservation efforts, accommodating various collections, research and improving the understanding and appreciation of the biodiversity, nature and culture of Papua.

SEVENTH, commit to enforce human resources capacity-building on sustainable development, including indigenous people, in various knowledge and skills that are key for supporting the planning process, community participation in natural resource management, protected areas management, eco-tourism management, sustainable fishery management. To mainstream sustainable development in education curricula while developing information management system on biodiversity and sustainable development.

EIGHTH, support and facilitate indigenous people to develop products with high economical value to be processed by them, supported by market accessibility and appropriate financing.

NINTH, commit to develop an independent commission on environment conflict management according to the mandate of Article 64 of UU 21/2001, and commit to monitor the sustainable natural resource management and the access of the indigenous communities to benefit as mandated by UU 23/2014 on local governance. Both provinces commit to support the synchronization and integration of development-related policies in Tanah Papua through active consultation with the national government and provincial governments as mandated by INPRES 9/2017.
TENTH, commit to establish regions and/or corridors for new terrestrial and marine conservation areas in the Island of Papua, essential conservation areas, mangroves, peat-land and sago peat management. Furthermore, to establish local strategic areas, protection of genetic resources and endemic species prone to extinction, protection of Kars, and improve efficacy in the management of legal areas in order to generate great benefits to the communities.

ELEVENTH, commit to evaluate the impact of existing infrastructure on the environment, and to focus on building eco-friendly infrastructure between villages, districts and regencies that connect the OAP with basic services and local markets.

TWELFTH, commit to enforce and facilitate the acceleration of gubernatorial regulations related to food security in Tanah Papua that involve the government, DPR, MRP and indigenous peoples.

THIRTEENTH, to employ global, national and local partnerships, and to establish multi-stakeholder platforms that support the establishment of funding and investment models to support economic growth for sustainable development in Tanah Papua.

FOURTEENTH, to continue the ongoing collaboration among civil society, religious groups, cultural groups, academic institutions and other parties in the implementation of sustainable development. Both provinces commit to increasing the role and capacity of women in discussions and activities regarding customary rights and sustainable natural resources management in Tanah Papua.

This declaration has been established to guide us in our joint collaboration to realize our common vision, “The Land of Papua that is Peaceful, Sustainable, and Dignified”.

Manokwari, October 10th, 2018

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