

Talking Points on Indonesia's Blue Transformation  
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Good morning distinguished speakers, ladies and gentlemen.  
Thank you very much for having me in this very important topic of discussion.

Having more than 17,000 islands, 2/3 of Indonesia is covered by sea with coastline stretches for more than 80.000 km. This has become the source of income for 7.5 million fishermen. Our marine ecosystem has become the world's biggest marine mega-biodiversity, including million ha of mangrove, coral reefs, and seagrass.

Blue Economy is indispensable for Indonesia's economic transformation. Along the line with green economy, low carbon and energy transition, blue transformation has been one of the game changers in the Long Term Development Plan 2025-2045, in which align with the achievement of SDGs, Indonesia's vision to become an advance country by 2045, and Net Zero Emission by 2050.

Blue economy is about creating value-added and improving productivity of marine-based economy to achieve inclusive & sustainable economic growth. Therefore, we have developed the Blue Economy Framework, which provide strategic directions to uplift traditional as well as emerging sectors; the Blue Financing Strategy, Policy Notes, and Guideline that provide innovative financing schemes; and Blue Economy Action Plan that consists of strategic actions supported by all stakeholders. Under Indonesia's presidency of ASEAN, we have also developed the ASEAN blue economy framework.

In particular, the aquatic food or also called as blue food, has been part of our blue transformation. The benefit of Blue Food System Development includes not only to increase protein sources, but also using less carbon footprint, compare to land-based food, and strengthen local communities.

The next steps we need is preparing the implementation strategies, starting in the first medium term development plan 2025-2030. All of these provides us to achieve Indonesia's sustainable ocean economies.