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Break-Out Session TRADE & INVESTMENT

### KEY ISSUES ON INVESTMENT

- Legal Uncertainty including local regulation (*PERDA*) which is not conducive to the investment climate.
- Labor Inflexibility.
- Land Acquisition.
- Transparency (Spreading virus of corruption).
- Poor Infrastructure.
- 5-10 years planning to direct investment on food, energy and infrastructure.
- High labor cost but comparatively low skill

# KEY ISSUES ON TRADE

- Lack of Capacity Building for SMEs
- Access to information and knowledge among medium size and big firms (market information)
- Technical Barriers for export oriented products
- Logistical Problems for agricultural products, i.e.: providing the cold storage warehouse
- Unsupportive PERDA on inter provinces and regencies transportation
- Public Procurement Reform
- Competitiveness of Indonesian Products

### Government of Indonesia's Plans on Trade

#### Public Service

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1.1. National Single Window (on-trial operation) 1.2. Faster and Transparent Licensing Procedure 1.3. Safeguard on eco-labeling, standardization, illegal transshipment for garment, footwear and shrimps Trade & Investment Promotion 2.1. Small & Medium Enterprise's products 2.2. Priority for certain market 2.3. Market Diversification/Expansion 2.4. Trade Expo 2.5. Capacity Building for SME: training and international exhibition

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- 3. Developing Blueprint for Creative Economy
- 4. Free trade among ASEAN countries and FTA with Japan, India, US, and Australia (in the pipeline)
- 5. Development of economic zones (Batam, Bintan and Karimun)
- 6. Market penetration (opening of 11 ITPC and trade promotion offices abroad)
- 7. Trade show with Asmindo and other associations
- 8. Warehouse receipt system

### Government of Indonesia's Plans on Investment

- General Guidance on Investment with focus on investment, promotion and facilities, scheduled to be finished in June 2008 and followed by Road Map at the end of this year.
- Finishing implementing regulation of Investment Law.
- Implementing regulation on one stop shopping due in 2008.
- Special Economic Zone (Batam, Bintan and Karimun), draft law to be submitted to the Parliament on fiscal and non-fiscal.On-line system consist of Information and Licensing.
  - Promotion.

## Areas for USAID to work for

- Innovative promotion plan
- Development of economic zone
- Staff capacity building for investment services
- Creation of models of incentive system for certain industry.
- Provision of legal assistance with ITAP as model approach

### CHALLENGES AHEAD FOR INDONESIA

- Drafting/Reviewing Investment Law, Labor Law and Corporate Law
- Capacity Building to Local Government and National Government on Transparency and Corruption Fighting
- Drafting of Law on Land Acquisition for Public Interest
- Developing Website to create access to information for SMEs to encourage direct export

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- Adoption of ISO components to address the problem of technical barriers for SMEs
- Drafting Law on Public Procurement to comply with WTO
- Addressing issue of alternative energy with declining resource of oil and gas (the government should focus on bio-fuel)

# THANK YOU

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