



POLICY BRIEF

Global Development Initiative Think Tank Network

By Asian Institute of Eco-civilization Research and Development

BACKGROUND

On Wednesday, September 14, 2022, Asian Institute of Eco-civilization Research and Development (AIERD) of Pakistan launched the Global Development Initiative Think Tank Network. The launch of this wide-ranging network of think tanks from several countries was spurred by the announcement of Global Development Initiative (GDI) by Chinese President Xi Jinping at the General Debate of the 76th Session of the UN General Assembly. GDI is an initiative that calls the international community to place development high on the global macro policy agenda, accelerate the implementation of the UN 2030 Agenda, and work together to steer global development towards a more balanced, coordinated, and inclusive phase.

The practical aspects of this initiative will be focused on key areas such as poverty reduction, food security, COVID-19 and vaccines, financing for development, climate change and green development, industrialization, digital economy and connectivity. This network wishes to serve as a way to lessen the division between countries and to promote collaboration in achieving GDI as a common good, on 14th September 2022. The aims of Global Development Initiative Think Tank Network are: 1.) To facilitate collaborative research on GDI and dissemination of GDI between think tanks from several countries; 2.) Advocate GDI to the relevant stakeholders in their respective countries.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the launch, Synergy Policies as the attending Indonesian think tank was represented by Dinna Prapto Raharja, Ph.D as Synergy Policies' Co-Founder and Executive Director.



Dinna highlighted several questions about GDI, such as how little is known about GDI, especially how it will work on achieving the goals, the difficulty of how to achieve the development agendas as stated in GDI, and also whether GDI will be a repetition of existing international agendas. Despite these questions, Synergy Policies welcomed the creation of this think tanks network, and believe that further dialogue with institutions and agencies interested in GDI is inevitable and pertinent. Other than AIERD and Synergy Policies, the agenda launching of this network was attended by several think tanks comes from different countries and international universities, such as: Center for International Knowledge and Development, Schiller Institute, Center for New and Inclusive Asia, Synergy Policies, Global Governance Institute, Pakistan Center for Community with Shared Future, Pak-China Institute, Belt and Road Initiative Green Coalition Council, Institute of Global Cooperation and Understanding at Peking University, Pakistan Centre at North Minzu University, China Study Center at COMSAT University.

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The total number of attendees in this agenda launching were 20 participants.



The launched was opened with an opening remark by Mr. Shakeel Ahmad Ramay as the CEO of AIERD, then all the organizations introduced themselves and briefly explained the focus of their think tanks and what their view on GDI. All of the organizations in attendance welcome the GDI initiative, especially its focus on helping the development of underdeveloped countries and achieving the UN 2030 Agenda of green development, and also support the creation of this think tank network and agreed for further discussions to officially establish this network.

This **Policy Brief** is a part of a larger discussion with the topic of Global Development Initiative Think Tank Network that was held by AIERD. This Policy Brief was written by Dinna Prapto Raharja, Ph.D under Synergy Policies in September 2022.

ABOUT SYNERGY POLICIES

Synergy Policies (by PT. Cipta Inspirasi Nusantara) is a consulting company located in Jakarta with the vision to develop synergies across fields of knowledge and interest for the sake of sustainable public policy that is beneficial to the widest possible society. Nurtured by experienced professionals in the fields of social science, politics and economics, Synergy Policies conducts policy studies and evaluations, interactive training for policy makers, and facilitates the implementation of events. Growing rapidly since 2014, Synergy Policies has been partnering with international and national institutions.