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Session 10: Innovations in Resource Mobilization and Capacity Buildings for CSOs

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Host: Ford Foundation and INSPIRIT

This panel will focus on opportunities and challenges around the new forms of funding for CSOs sustainability and financing support, including endowment funds, social justice philanthropy, crowdfunding, social enterprises, and government service contracts to CSOs. Financing resilience, resource mobilization, and capacity remain major challenges for many CSOs in Indonesia.

Many local CSOs are still dependent on external funding to operate and deliver its program, and for most, these are short-term in nature. As such, it creates constraints for CSOs to plan and implement their program in the longer term. Moreover, as Indonesia is now an upper-middle-income country, many international development agencies have reallocated their resources to other countries that are more in need of support. In this context, CSOs will need to identify alternative financing resources to be able to continue their operations in a sustainable manner.

This session will also discuss a couple of exciting new opportunities around endowment funds and government contracts to CSOs via PerPres 16/2018 and social justice philanthropy.

Capacity building for CSOs also remains an under-invested field, with a relatively weak eco-system for capacity building for local CSOs, which are often the weakest and most in need of support, but today without much support. The government should invest more in civil society at the local level as one pillar of local democracy

Guiding Questions:

- 1. What new financing resources are available for financing CSOs initiatives at the national and the local level?
- 2. What are the requirements and conditions for CSOs to access those alternative financing resources? What are the constraints?
- 3. What actions and policies are needed from national ministries and local government agencies to support the capacity of local CSOs?
- 4. Are there examples of initiatives that can attract those alternative financing resources?
- 5. How can a marketplace for the capacity-building of local CSOs be supported?

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