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Breakout Session 7: Coalition Building for a Stronger Civil Society

June 15, 2023, 13:30 - 16:00

Host: Kemitraan

This panel, hosted by Kemitraan, will discuss ways of successfully utilizing the strength of networks and build cross-sectoral coalitions and alliances between activists and CSOs. An inclusive and connected civil society is at the core of democracy. The separation of cultural values and technical issues creates exclusivity. We need to encourage the development of cross-sectoral coalitions. A democratic society is a critical society, willing to express opinions, desires, and feelings. There needs to be a space for interfaith encounters clearly carrying a diversity of interests. The values of democracy in Indonesia should not be about majority and minority, but must be put forward as deliberation and consensus, promoting social inclusion and cooperation.

Networks strengthen, enrich, and improve the effectiveness of CSOs' in their policy reform and advocacy works by bringing a complementarity of knowledge, experience, and resources to joint efforts, as well as complementarity of target beneficiaries. Programs can be expanded with the availability of more resources. It also strengthens the bargaining positions of the CSOs vis a vis the state.

This session also discussed how to overcome a potential disconnect between the grassroots and Jakarta-based organizations, providing examples of how national organizations have linked with local community-based groups.

Guiding Questions:

1. What kind of cross-sectoral CSO network exist in Indonesia?
2. How do these networks communicate and collaborate with each other? How effective has the network been able to share knowledge, experiences, and resources in delivering program in complementary manner?
3. What are the success stories from the collaborative works that were done? What are the challenges and opportunities for CSOs to strengthen their effort in sustaining democracy through collaborative networks?
4. How to build effective link and complementarity between "grassroots" and "grasstops" with an integrated mechanism reflecting the aspirations and needs from below according to priority issues in the ground, as well as the vision, priorities, and funding of the national organizations?

5. How much does the enabling framework need to be improved to ensure stronger and more effective linkage between national and local organizations, and in what manner?

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