

Govt to implement Rio document

“The Future We Want” document agreed by world leaders in the Rio+20 Earth Summit will serve as a guideline in implementation of the sustainable development projects in the country, a minister has said.

Environment Minister Balthasar Kambuaya said over the weekend that the government would include provisions from the Rio document in both the medium-term development plan (RPJMN) for 2010-2014 and the long-term development plan (RPJPN) for 2005-2025.

“For Indonesia, this document can serve as guidance in arriving at a green economy that will support sustainable development and poverty reduction in the country,” he said.

The Rio+20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, from June 13 to 22 has produced the “Future We Want” Document as a road map toward the sustainable development.

The Rio document set out a common vision for countries in the world to achieve sustainable development.

Three main issues on sustainable development laid out in “The Future We Want” document are; green economy in the context of sustainable development and poverty reduction; institutional framework for sustainable development; and framework for action and means of implementation.

The plan of action includes the development of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) post 2015 which is inspired by the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs).

During the summit, President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono underlined that in achieving the main target of sustainable development, countries should not only champion a robust economic growth but also a “sustainable growth with equity”.

“While continuing to work on a sustainable development, we have to be able to make sure that all people in the country have equal opportunities to benefit from the fruit of development projects,” said Balthasar, referring to the “equity” principle.

Balthasar said that the ministry would soon organize a national summit to devise an action plan for sustainable development.

“In the planned summit, we will break down topics discussed in Rio+ 20 Summit and discuss how we can translate commitments achieved in the summit into reality,” he said.

In the Rio Summit, participants were encouraged to make voluntary commitments reaching up to US\$513 billion which would later be allocated for sustainable developments in energy, transportation, green economy, disaster mitigation, water, forestry and agricultural sectors.

Member of the ministry's delegation to the Rio+20 Summit Dana Adyana Kartakusuma said that arriving at the final document in the meeting was not an easy task. "Many developed countries are currently facing financial crisis. European countries such as Germany and France for example should support their neighboring countries so it was not easy for us to reach any agreement," Dana said.