

PRESS RELEASE

Indonesia and Germany Strengthen Collaboration in Skilled Labour Mobility

The German Ambassador to Indonesia, H.E. Ina Lepel and the Minister for Indonesian Migrant Worker Protection (KP2MI), Abdul Kadir Karding joined the dialogue on Indonesia-German collaboration to strengthen labour migration governance and launched new advisory centres.

Bandung, 19 June 2025 – Indonesia and Germany are strengthening their collaboration to create fair and ethical pathways for Indonesians seeking to work abroad. Today, this commitment was marked by a high-level dialogue and the launch of two new programmes. The **Centres for Migration Opportunity, Vocation & Development (MOVE-ID)** implemented by **Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH** on behalf of the **German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)** were officially opened in Bandung and Mataram. In Bandung, **Goethe-Institut Indonesien** initiated its **Competence Centre Southeast Asia for Professional Migration to Germany (KSM)**. The initiatives were further reinforced through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between GIZ and Goethe-Institut Indonesien.

The event was kicked off by a high level-dialogue which brought together **German Ambassador to Indonesia Ina Lepel** and **Minister of Indonesian Migrant Workers Protection Abdul Kadir Karding** at the Hilton Hotel Bandung. The dialogue focused on joint efforts to equip Indonesian youth with skills aligned with global workforce demands, while ensuring that labour mobility is safe, fair, and beneficial to all parties involved.

“Germany’s demographic challenges and Indonesia’s young and skilled workforce create an opportunity to foster strong partnerships that are based on mutual respect, shared responsibility, and common goals. Today marks an important milestone in our joint commitment to build fair, transparent and safe opportunities for labour mobility between Germany and Indonesia – further generating mutual benefits,” said **H.E. Ina Lepel, German Ambassador to Indonesia**.

“Improving the quality of life and protection for Indonesian migrant workers, and ensuring that they properly receive their rights, is a collective responsibility. Cross-border collaboration is essential to ensure that the nations providing and receiving labour are increasingly resilient, well connected, and ready to face the shared opportunities and challenges of the future,” said **the Minister for Indonesian Migrant Worker Protection, Abdul Kadir Karding**.

In a dialogue with the German Ambassador to Indonesia, Minister Karding emphasized the importance of mutually respectful and transparent partnership, as well as the active role of all parties, including prospective migrant workers, in order to create safe, fair and dignified working conditions. He invited the younger generation with potential and skills to work in Germany or other countries in Europe through safe and protected migration channels. The Ministry is committed to opening and optimising the placement of Indonesian migrant workers in skilled and professional sectors in various countries in Europe, to increase

the potential absorption of Indonesian labour outside ASEAN and Asia, in line with the guidance of the President of the Republic of Indonesia.

Following the high-level dialogue, the **Centres for Migration Opportunity, Vocation & Development Indonesia (MOVE-ID)** in Bandung and Mataram were officially inaugurated. MOVE-ID is part of a global programme, the **Centres for Migration and Development (ZME)**, that GIZ implements on behalf of BMZ. In collaboration with the Ministry of Indonesian Migrant Worker Protection (KP2MI), MOVE-ID provides advisory services for people interested in regular labour migration to Germany and Europe, as well as within the region (Asia and Southeast Asia) and for returnees who need support with their social and economic reintegration. The advisory services enable people to make informed and conscious decisions on migration.

“To maximise the benefits of migration for sustainable development and minimise its potential risks, MOVE-ID strives to provide reliable services throughout Indonesia by building a strong network of local partners, CSOs, business associations and multilateral organizations. GIZ is proud to continue the work on our long-standing partnership between Indonesia and Germany,” said **Hans-Ludwig Bruns, GIZ Country Director for Indonesia & ASEAN**.

In Grha Kompas Bandung, the **Competence Centre Southeast Asia for Professional Migration to Germany (KSM)** initiated by the **Goethe-Institut Indonesien**, was also inaugurated. The KSM will coordinate all activities related to skilled labour in Southeast Asia from its location in Bandung, providing reliable support to partners throughout the entire migration process of skilled workers and trainees on their way to Germany. These activities include language courses, curriculum development, and information sessions.

Constanze Michel, Regional Director of Goethe-Institut Southeast Asia, Australia, and New Zealand, explained, “Through the KSM, the Goethe-Institut offers trusted public support for individuals in Indonesia seeking a professional future in Germany with transparent and accessible services such as language courses, intercultural preparation, and career guidance.”

Through the newly established joint structures in Indonesia formalised by the signing of the MoU between GIZ and Goethe-Institut, MOVE-ID and KSM will provide complementary services to address different aspects of migration-related needs. This partnership reinforces successfully established German-Indonesian initiatives on skilled labour migration and reflects a shared commitment towards a more resilient and inclusive global workforce by promoting safe, fair, and well-governed labour migration.

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