

Press release

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## **PT PLN (Persero) and Southeast Asia Energy Transition Partnership Formalize Collaboration to Accelerate Indonesia's Energy Transition**

**Jakarta**— PT PLN (Persero) and the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS) Southeast Asia Energy Transition Partnership (ETP) have formalized an expanded Partnership Agreement; a significant escalation in their joint commitment to accelerating Indonesia's energy transition.

Marking a key milestone, the partnership was formally signed by Mr. Evy Haryadi, Director of Technology, Engineering, and Sustainability (representative for PLN) and Mr. John Robert Cotton (representative for ETP). The agreement will drive several initiatives, including studies on coal-fired power plant transition, the development of smart grid and Energy Storage System (ESS), as well as studies supporting renewable energy development. In addition, both parties intend to jointly participate in and co-host events at national, regional, and international platforms to advance knowledge-sharing and promote Indonesia's energy transition agenda.

The high-level ceremony took place in the presence of PLN President Director Mr. Darmawan Prasodjo and the Head of the UN Resident Coordinator's office Mr. Matthew David Johnson-Idan (representing UN Resident Coordinator Ms. Gita Sabharwal), underscoring the collaborative effort between the two organizations.

This expanded partnership builds upon a successful foundation established in 2021 and significantly broadens the scope of cooperation to support PLN's energy transition mission.

Mr **Darmawan Prasodjo** expressed PLN's continued commitment to advancing energy transition:

"PLN continues to strengthen global partnerships to deliver practical and sustainable solutions in addressing climate change, including its collaboration with UNOPS. This

partnership reflects a forward-looking alliance to accelerate Indonesia's energy transition through tangible, high-impact initiatives. Through this collaboration, we are advancing key priorities—from coal phase-out and grid optimization to renewable energy development—supported by rigorous, world-class studies. Beyond building infrastructure, we are shaping a resilient, low-carbon energy system that serves every Indonesian—across households, communities, and industries—while ensuring that no one is left behind in this transition."

Meanwhile, **Mr. Evy Haryadi** outlined the scope of the collaboration:

"The scope of this Partnership Agreement covers a wide range of strategic initiatives to support Indonesia's energy transition. This includes developing transition pathway studies for coal-fired power plants, as well as assessments to strengthen transmission, distribution, and overall grid optimization—particularly through smart grid and Energy Storage System initiatives. We are also collaborating on pre-feasibility studies for renewable energy development, ESS deployment, and grid infrastructure. Beyond technical work, we aim to actively engage in joint events at national, regional, and global levels to promote knowledge-sharing and help advance Indonesia's energy transition agenda."

Mr. **John Cotton** highlighted the importance of this collaboration:

"This Agreement reflects ETP's continued commitment to supporting Indonesia's ambitious energy transition agenda. PLN is a key driver of this transformation, and through this partnership we aim to provide strategic, technical, and practical support that enables progress leading clean energy deployment and grid readiness. Together, we hope to generate long-term impact for Indonesia's economy, people, and environment."

Ms. **Gita Sabharwal** emphasized the UN's commitment to supporting Indonesia's energy transition:

"The UN is already working hand-in-hand with PLN to support Indonesia's energy security, through UNOPS Southeast Asia Energy Transition Partnership, UNDP solar mini-grids in remote areas, and UN Women's work on empowerment; turning policy ambition into results on the ground."

This collaboration demonstrates the strong commitment of both institutions to advancing Indonesia's clean energy vision, fostering a sustainable, secure, and resilient future for the nation's power sector.

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**About ETP:** The Southeast Asia Energy Transition Partnership (ETP) is a multi-donor partnership formed by governmental and philanthropic partners to accelerate sustainable energy transition in Southeast Asia in line with the Paris Agreement and Sustainable Development Goals. ETP mobilises and coordinates technical and financial resources to build the foundations for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and sustainable, resilient infrastructure. ETP supports Indonesia, Vietnam, and the Philippines in transitioning toward sustainable energy systems, strengthening economic growth, and enhancing energy security.

More information: [www.energytransitionpartnership.org](http://www.energytransitionpartnership.org)

**About PT PLN (Persero).** PLN is Indonesia's state-owned electricity company with the mandate to provide reliable, affordable, and sustainable electricity across the country. PLN is committed to driving Indonesia's energy transition through the development of renewable energy, modernisation of the national grid, digitalisation of electricity services, and enhancement of energy security. Guided by the principles of sustainability and innovation, PLN continues to expand clean energy infrastructure and support national targets for Net Zero Emissions.

More information: [www.pln.co.id](http://www.pln.co.id)

**Pictures of the event: (Below)**



*(The ETP Indonesia Team with PLN's Chief of Technology, Engineering and Sustainability. Left to right: Muhammad Fathahillah Zuhri, John Cotton, Evy Haryadi (PLN), Emi Fatma Widayani, Achmed Shahram Edianto | Photo Credits: The Southeast Asia Energy Transition Partnership).*



*(The ETP Team attended PLN's Sustainability Day 2026, which featured a symbolic presentation celebrating the formal agreement between the two organizations. | Photo Credits: The Southeast Asia Energy Transition Partnership).*



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