



## REPORT

### RELIGION FOR PEACE (RfP) INDONESIA IN COLLABORATION WITH GITA SANTI H NUSANTARA (GSN)

### ACTIVITY REPORT FROM THE FIRST YEAR, 2023 FOR FLAGSHIP CLIMATE CHANGE FROM ACRP

#### Introduction

Religion for Peace Indonesia chose Climate Change as the focus of activities for the first two years: a) Year 2022-2023 in the form of activities: 3 Webinars and 2 Focus Group Discussions. b) Year 2023-2024, Action Plan with a location focused on Bali.

The theme is: "Environmental Preservation for Peace".

Sub-theme: "Actualization of religious life in developing a caring culture environment in society for the sake of peace".

#### Activities

Three (3) webinar series and speakers:

*Webinar I.* Saturday, 13 August 2022. 08.00-10.00 WIB. **An overview of the problem of climate change in Asia-Pacific and specifically in Indonesia.**

*Resource persons:* 1. Dr. Mozaharul Alam (Regional Coordinator, Climate Action Asia and the Pacific Office/UNEP, Bangkok); 2. Mr. Leo Simanjuntak (Green Peace

Indonesia); 3. Mrs. Dewi Kanti Setianingsih (GB Member of ACRP/Religion for Peace Indonesia, Commission of the National Commission on Violence Against Women Republic of Indonesia; Sunda Wiwitan Believe, West Java, Indonesia).

*Moderator* : Prof. Dr. apt. Ketut Adnyana M.Sc. (Gita Santih Nusantara)

*Webinar II.* Saturday, October 29 2022., 19.00-21.00 WIB. **Perspectives, experiences and critical reflection of women, youth and children on Climate Change.**

*Resource persons:* 1. Aeshinina A. Aqilani (Children Environmental Justice Activist); 2) Rev. Dr. Ira D. Mangililo (Postgraduate Lecturer at Artha Wacana Christian University, Kupang, East Nusa Tenggara); 3. Novita Indri (Extinction Rebellion Activist, Jakarta).

*Moderator* : Dr. Suhadi Cholil (PUSAIK Researcher-Post Graduate, Sunan Kalijaga, State Islamic University)

*Webinar III.* Saturday, December 3 2022, 19.00-21.00 WIB. **Perspectives, Critical Analysis and Experience of Reality in Bali.**

*Resource persons:* 1. Prof. Dr. Sunarta (Professor of Environmental Tourism, Udayana University, Bali); 2. I Nyoman Sadra (Leader of Gedong Gandhi Ashram, Candi Dasa, Bali); 3. Enny Catur (Head of the Center for Environmental Education, Bali).

*Moderator:* Luh De Suryani (Journalist).

### **Lessons from the three WEBINARs:**

1. The problem of Climate Change in Asia-Pacific is increasingly apprehensive, including in Bali, a province in Indonesia which is known as an international tourism destination. Sea water pollution, causes fish to decrease, plastic waste always increases. The rivers are starting to dry up, the difficulty of clean water is increasingly felt because forests are being cleared, and the construction of hotels, villas, rest houses, malls is increasing. Farmers, fishermen and community members in general are increasingly experiencing difficulties in life. Why? Because what happens is that the development of tourism occurs based on "what the tourists want, not showing what Bali has as something that is original, distinctive, natural, culturally meaningful and humane". Why? Because what matters is money, but ignores the dignity of human life and the natural environment.

2. The aspect of spiritual awareness is forgotten, but rather as a commodity that is exhibited for the sake of tourism alone. Not the meaning of life.

3. The role of religious and traditional (adat) leaders is minimal in efforts to prevent the adverse effects of Climate Change. The meaning of religious life is reduced to mere ceremonial practices, not to building and appreciating life that reciprocates among human beings; humans and nature; man and the Creator.

4. Policies are not carried out as expected, but are easily weakened by the interests of money and power.

### **Action Plan (2023-2024)**

1. Building awareness among religious and the adat leaders still needs to be done, down to their respective people/communities.
2. It is also important to build critical awareness of the Government and society, including in the education environment from childhood to the University level, as well as informal education (through religion and culture).

Considering the two matters above, the action plan activities planned for 2023-2024 are:

- a) Two (2) Public Discussions. *The first*, regarding socialization of the issue of Climate Change and Tourism in Bali through a public discussion involving all components of society (numbers 1 and 2) with resource persons from several relevant stakeholders: government, NGOs, religious leader, traditional leader (adat leader), tourism corporations, academics and media . *Second*, continuing socialization in the form of a short film making competition (8-12 minutes) with the subject of Climate Change in Bali. Participants are interfaith young people from and in Bali. All selected films will be watched and discussed together in a joint forum (first seminar participants, etc).
- b) The results of those 2 activities will be in the form of a “joint statement” and input to district, provincial and national governments as well as religious and adat institutions leaders.

### **Closing**

Thus our series of activities, Religions for Peace (RfP) Indonesia for the first two years, 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 with the flagship option: Climate Change.

**Prof. Dr. M. Machasin**

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