

INTERVENTION OF THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION
Agenda 16: Space and Global Health

Madame Chair,

As a populous archipelagic country, geographical condition as well as the high number of population are two of the biggest challenges faced by the Indonesian government, especially in managing health care and reaching many remote areas. I believe that the use of space technology will be able to alleviate the existing problems.

The use of space technology for health is being developed properly in Indonesia. Communication plays a big role in making the service system more convenient. By building application systems, all information that needs to be conveyed and transferred, such as medical records, would be received more easily and in real-time. The telemedicine program has been established in Indonesia since 2012. Telemedicine in Indonesia includes teleradiology, tele-EKG, tele-USG, and teleconsultation.

Three components of the space technology which are highly potential for further development in Indonesia and are related to national health issues are: navigation, communication, and remote sensing. With these components, we can build a better system and strengthen the efficiency, accountability and effectiveness of the whole activities related to national health, especially in health services, health disaster risk management, diseases surveillance, and health nutrition information.

Then, the aspects of integrated health systems among stakeholders at national level should be strengthened particularly the utilization of space technology. Therefore, Indonesia would like to take this opportunity to develop the collaboration framework at national and international level in particular for capacity building.

Madame Chair,

In terms of the use of space science and technology, Indonesia is of the view that there are significant gaps in health sector between developing and developed countries. In this regard, the transfer of knowledge and sharing information is primarily needed to reduce such gaps.

On way forward, Indonesia hopes that the Working Group on Space and Global Health would result in recommendations on specific topics of interest within the health and space domains.

I thank you.