

# Opening Speech

by

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on the occasion of the Online Training Course on  
Principals and Applications of Integrated Pest and  
Disease Management for African Countries

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Zoom Meeting

The honourable Director for Technical Cooperation

Mrs. Maria Renata Hutagalung,

Head of Agricultural Training Centre of Indonesia Dr.

Leli Nuryati,

Head of Indonesian Centre for Agricultural Training  
of Ketindan Mr. Sumardi Noor,

Distinguished Trainers,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I am delighted to start the Opening Ceremony of the training organised by the Non-Aligned Movement Centre for South-South Technical Cooperation-NAM Centre and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Indonesia, in cooperation with the Ministry of Agriculture of the Republic of Indonesia.

I would like to offer our trainers a heartfelt thank you for their unselfish commitment and thank all participants for suspending their regular task to participate in this training.

Mrs. Renata, In inviting broader participation from Africa, I really appreciate your warm comments and the Government of Indonesia as a whole. Without your generous cooperation the NAM Centre could surely not make this event happened.

I might also want to acknowledge the contribution that has been made by the Ministry of Agriculture throughout the training session, through their notable lecturers.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Organising this course was conducted within the framework of:

- The **severity** of the problems associated with plants and diseases;

- The **reduction** in yields and cultivation **failure** caused by the continuing pests and diseases that are becoming intolerable; and
- **Recommendation** to the Centre for the organisation of training for African countries that includes IPDM in the technical cooperation programmes on agriculture.

Thus, this online course is a strategic instrument to analyse recent developments, to share experiences and to recognise IPDM potential.

Honourable participants,

It is **vital** to note that through this training we are able to identify successful IPDM measures at all levels. This course offers IPDM modules to be implemented, resources for IPDM, and IPDM approach systems to be comprehended. We also

encourage you to transfer the knowledge and know-how you develop in the countries where you live.

The organisers of this programme therefore had a responsibility to provide food quality managers, traders, agricultural professionals, lecturers, researchers and others to solve pests and disease concerns. The organisers conducted sessions with subtopics as follows:

- **Ecologically based IPDM;**
- **Integrated pest management control tactics;**  
**and**
- **Disease management of crop and horticulture plant.**

The programmes include presentations, simulations and talks.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Distinguished trainers,

For agriculture tomorrow, such an online training is promising. The countries in the African region I believe are committed to deepening IPDM practices, notably their human resources. It is quite intriguing. Their participation suggests that there is optimism for the future.

This positivity must be shared and strengthened. I believe you anticipate the intensity of discussions with trainers during the sessions.

It does not seem superfluous to me to remind you of the relevance of this training for NAM in general and especially for your countries. The skills and experience gathered from Indonesia and Africa

will help us to make great progress in achieving our worldwide development objectives.

I genuinely hope that our will to face the problems of the day will be further strengthened in the next three-day training.

As part of my desire to successfully complete your training, I proclaim the opening of the "Online Training Course on Principals and Applications of Integrated Pest and Disease Management for African Countries."

Thank you for your kind attention.