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To discuss and prepare the Leaders' Declaration at the G20 Summit in Bali in November 2022, the Indonesian G20 Sherpa held the Third G20 Sherpa Meeting in the Special Province of Yogyakarta (DIY) on 27-29 September 2022. The meeting continued the First G20 Sherpa Meeting in Jakarta on 7-8 December 2021 and the Second G20 Sherpa Meeting in Labuan Bajo on 10-13 July 2022.

Furthermore, the fourth or final meeting will be held back-to-back with the G20 Summit Meeting, which will be held on 11-14 November 2022 in Nusa Dua Bali (the G20 Summit will be held on 15-16 November 2022). The third and fourth meetings of the G20 Sherpas will focus on preparing the Leaders' Declaration concept which will be brought and determined by the Heads of State/Government of the G20 members in the upcoming G20 Summit.

Secretary of the Coordinating Ministry for Economic Affairs Susiwijono Moegiarso said that the Sherpa Track is one of the workstreams in the G20 besides the Finance Track. The Sherpa Track discusses global challenges and various economic (non-financial) issues to find solutions and provide recommendations on the G20 agenda and priority issues. The main pillars of Indonesia's G20 Presidency are the Global Health Architecture, Digital-Based Economic Transformation, and the Energy Transition.

The Sherpa Track of the G20 Indonesia Presidency itself consists of 12 Working Groups (WG), namely Agriculture; Digital Economy; Education; Employment; Tourism; Development; Energy Transition; Environment & Climate Sustainability; Anti-Corruption; Trade, Investment & Industry; Health; and Empower (Initiative). Apart from that, there are also 10 Engagement Groups (EG), namely Business 20; Civil 20; Science 20; Think 20; Labor 20; women 20; Urban 20; Youth 20; Parliament 20; and Supreme Audit 20.

"In addition to elements of the Government, Indonesia also actively involves non-governmental groups who are members of the G20 Engagement Groups. The aim is, among others, to ensure that the discussion process regarding economic recovery efforts is inclusive by taking into account inputs from groups outside the Government as stakeholders and the main actors of economic growth," explained Secretary Susiwijono in Media Briefing Day 1, in Yogyakarta, Tuesday (27/09).

The role of Sherpa Track is very vital, especially in coordinating all Working Groups and Engagement Groups under its coordination. The G20 Sherpa is a direct extension of the Head of State/Head of Government who will discuss various non-financial issues and discuss financial issues to be input in the preparation of the Leaders' Declaration.

In addition to the Working Group and Engagement Group, the Sherpa Track also holds various other activities, such as Culture and Creative Economy, Research and Innovation Ministers' Meetings, Side Events, and Joint Ministerial Meetings which are a form of collaboration between ministries and institutions.

"The Indonesian G20 Presidency itself held a total of 437 events, consisting of 184 official meetings and 253 Side Events and Road to G20, such as our event in Yogya, namely the Sherpa level meeting. Meanwhile, the main event, namely the G20 Summit, will be held in Bali on November 15-16," said Secretary Susiwijono.

Indonesia's G20 presidency in 2022 will provide an opportunity for Indonesia to lead developed and developing countries in discussing various issues and the process of global economic recovery. Indonesia's G20 presidency also demonstrates Indonesia's active role and leadership in global forums, strengthens a positive image, and builds international trust in the national economy, becomes a means of showcasing Indonesia's development progress as well as implementing structural reforms, and increasing investment attractiveness.

"As the Presidency, Indonesia will have a very strategic position, in directing the global agenda to find real solutions, several strategic issues and priority agendas at the global level. In addition, the holding of various events also helps encourage the recovery of the national economy, especially in the accommodation, transportation, food and beverage sectors, as well as the creative economy," said Secretary Susiwijono.

It is hoped that the warmth and hospitality of Yogyakarta will build a conducive atmosphere, and support productive discussions so that the implementation of this third Sherpa Meeting will result in an agreement in formulating the Leaders' Declaration draft. "We hope that the third G20 Sherpa Meeting can run smoothly, and produce outputs following what we have targeted, so that they make a real contribution to solving various global problems, and are also of great benefit to the people and the Indonesian economy," concluded Secretary Susiwijono. (rep/map/fsr/hls)

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