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## UTILITY EXCHANGE BUILDS INDONESIA'S CONFIDENCE AND CAPABILITY TO EXPAND ITS RENEWABLE ENERGY MARKET

Through U.S. Energy Association (USEA) and Indonesia Clean Energy Development II (ICED II) Program, USAID Indonesia supported a visit of four representatives from California Independent System Operator (CAISO), California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC), Hawaii Electric Light Company (HELCO), and Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) to Indonesia from March 12-16, 2018. The delegation of U.S. utilities and regulator exchanged experiences, knowledge and insights on development and integration of renewable energy with officials from Indonesia's Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources (MEMR) and State Electricity Company (PT PLN (Persero)). As part of the agenda, the delegation also visited Indonesia's first utility-scale 75 Megawatt wind power plant in Sidrap, Sulawesi, developed by a U.S. Company - UPC Renewables.

As follow up, Director of PT PLN (Persero) hosted additional discussion with CAISO to get their insights on best practices in power purchase agreement (PPA) contract, grid management-related issues, coordination with government, negotiation with independent power producers, and opportunities for internship with CAISO. The internship opportunity will further strengthen Indonesia's confidence and capability to develop and expand the market for renewable energy.

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