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# CONFERENCE REPORT

VOICE 2018



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The ViabLe and Operable Ideas for Children's Equality (VOICE) International Conference is an event that co-hosted by PUSKAPA and the Care and Protection of Children (CPC) Learning Network, with 2018 theme: "Finding Scientific Answer to the 21st Century Challenges for Families, Communities, and Public Policy".

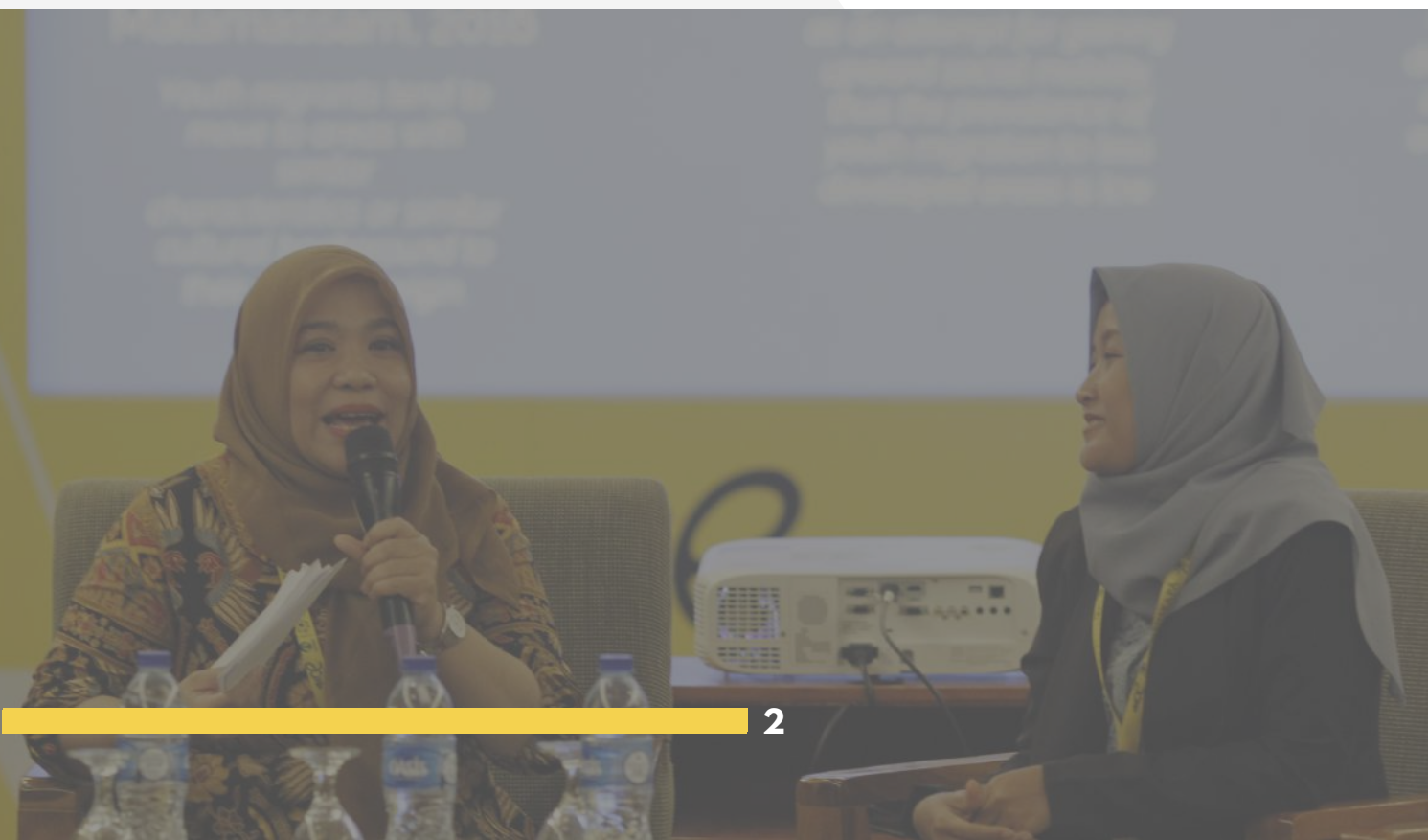
VOICE Conference convene interdisciplinary experts, researchers, practitioners, and decision makers whose work intersects in public health, education, medicine, legal, psychosocial, anthropology, social development, human rights, social work and welfare, child rights, child protection and social norms changes, gather to exchange policy ideas, latest scientific findings, and programmatic lessons. Participants of the conference discussed ways to address this century's challenges faced by children, families, and communities.

The VOICE Conference 2018 was held in Nusa Dua, Bali, Indonesia from 12-14th December 2018.

# ABOUT VOICE 2018

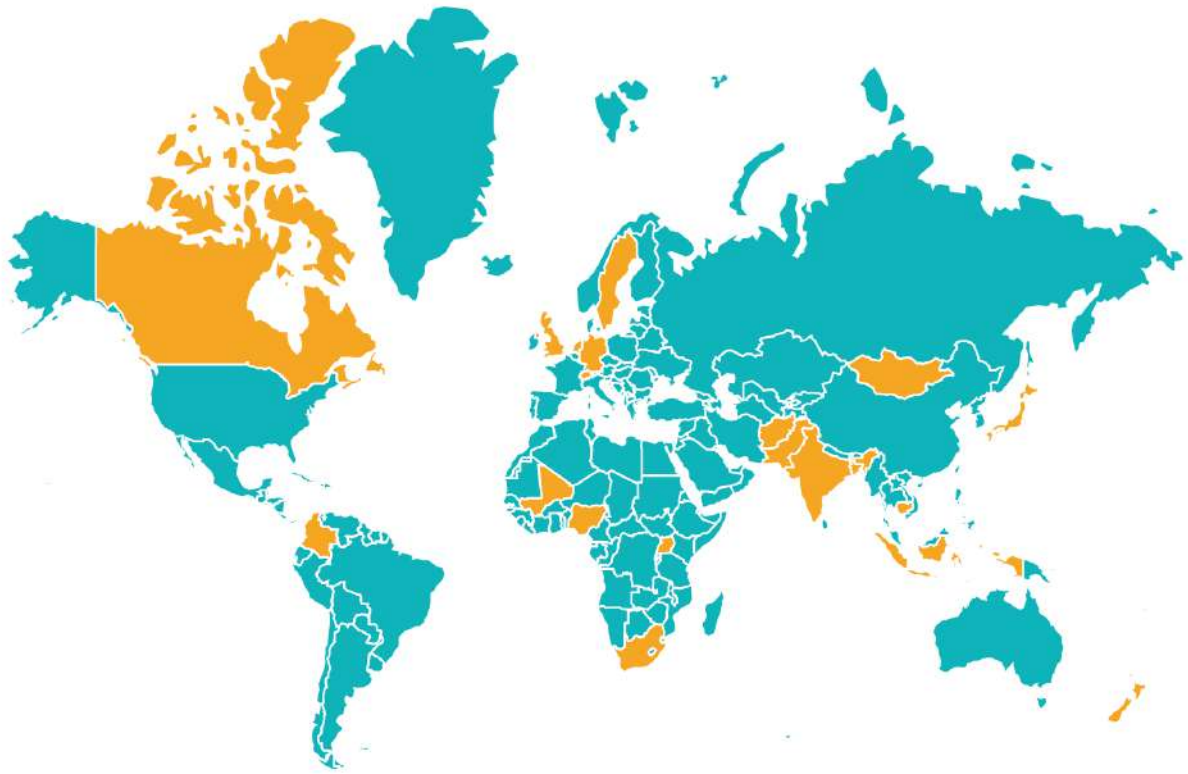
Within the broad rubric of children's rights, child protection, and family welfare, the conference will pay special attention to three themes that are changing how children are growing up in the modern world. The conference themes include:

- **Children, Climate Change and Migration**
- **Toxic Social Norms and Values**
- **Children and Technology**



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# CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS



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## **countries represented**

Indonesia, United States, Canada, India, Uganda, UK, Bangladesh, Mongolia, Switzerland, Afghanistan, Cambodia, Colombia, Germany, Jamaica, Japan, Kenya, Mali, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nigeria, Pakistan, South Africa, Sweden

# VOICE 2018 AT A GLANCE

**266** participants — **150** M  
— **116** F

**93** NGO  
**71** Academic/ Research Institution  
**23** Government Institution  
**11** Private Company  
**68** No Institutional Affiliation

**177** institutions represented

**67** abstract submitted

**58** accepted

**52** presented

**30** toxic and social norms

**15** children and technology

**13** children, climate change, and migration



**4** country-in-focus speakers

**4** keynote speakers

# DAY 1

## Conference Opening

By PUSKAPA & CPC LEARNING NETWORK

Importance of partnership of policymakers with think-tanks and universities for evidence-based policy-making and conferences like this to amplify “science into action.”

## Keynote Speech 1

By Pungky Sumadi (Deputy Minister for Population and Labor, Ministry of National Development Planning Indonesia)

Situating Science in Policymaking Experiences From Indonesia.

## Keynote Speech 2

By Howard Taylor (Executive Director, Global Partnership to End Violence Against Children)

End Violence Against Children In a Changing World: An Opportunity to Turn Vision Into reality for Every Child

# PLENARY SESSION

# DAY 2

## Keynote Speech

By Yanuar Nugroho (Deputy II Chief of Staff, Executive Office of The President of Indonesia)

Governing in a Changing World.

## Innovation Talk

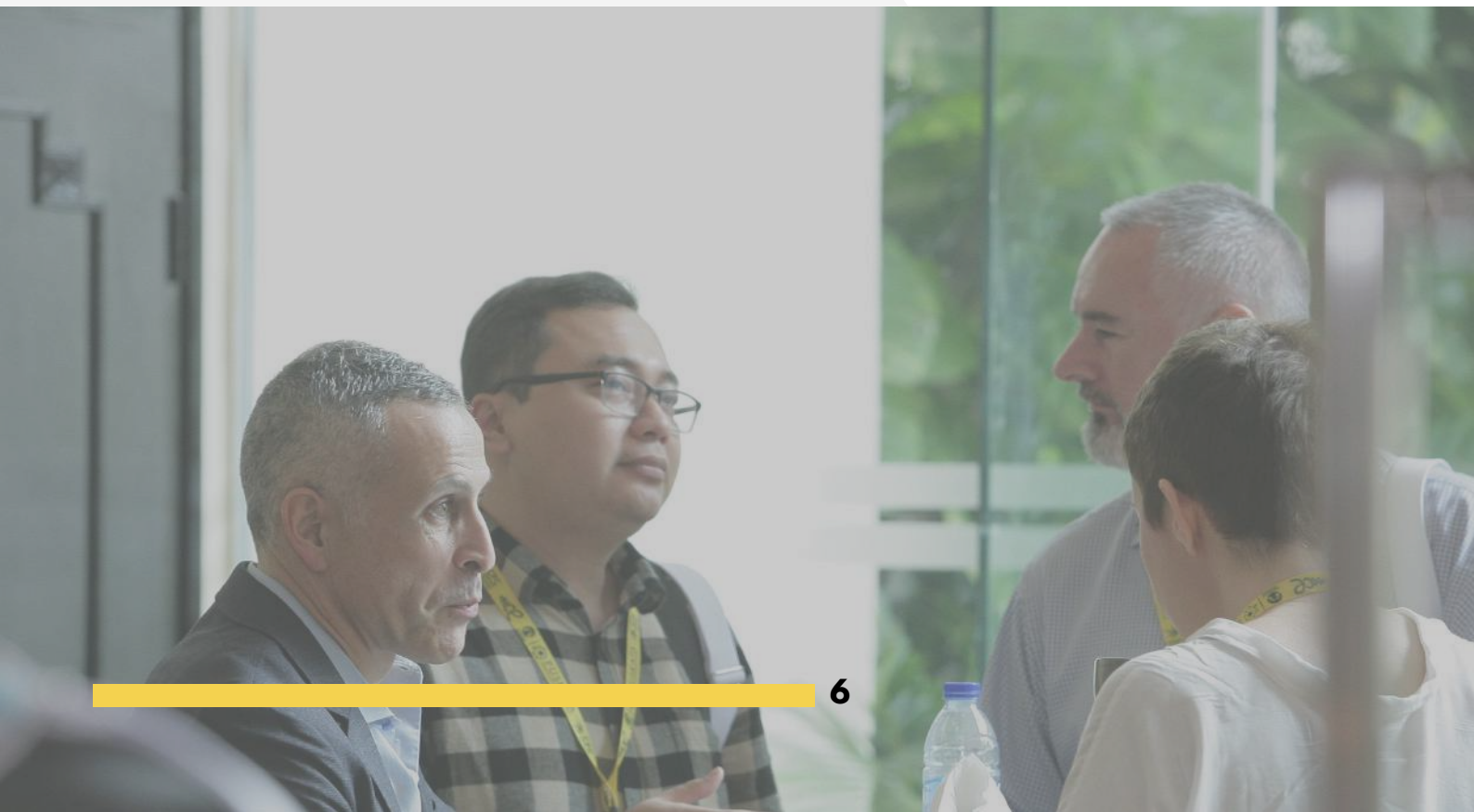
Hosted by KOMPAK

Young voices to share their work to solve the 21st-century challenges in technology, social norms, and child rights.

## Dinner Reception

By PUSKAPA & CPC LEARNING NETWORK

A night for appreciation



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# DAY 3

## Keynote Speech

By Ahmed Mushtaque Chowdhury (Vice Chairperson, BRAC)

Turning Evidence Into Meaningful Action and to Start Now.

## Closing Remark

By PUSKAPA & CPC LEARNING NETWORK





# SESSION SUMMARY

## DAY 1

The conference began with Santi Kusumaningum and Mark Canavera's opening speech, which said that the VOICE conference is the first of its kind to be held in this region. In this conference, we have around 250 global researchers, development and humanitarian practitioners, policymakers, and young leaders who share and converse about scientific evidence in the area of child protection and discuss ways to transform them into meaningful action. Child protection is an emotionally-charged issue and we must ensure that policies are not made based on raw, populist emotions but on well-researched data instead."

Pungky Sumadi, Deputy for Population and Labor, Ministry of National Development Planning/BAPPENAS, mentioned in his keynote speech that we need to acknowledge that children are more than the age group. They are citizens of the nation and deserve the full protection of the government. The Indonesian government recognizes the cross-cutting nature of child protection and well-being and is committed to prioritizing it as a central position of this administration.

The afternoon session followed by the panel discussions. In each of these panel discussions, presenters talk about their research or projects whose abstracts have been selected by the organizers to be showcased in the conference, focusing on sharing the evidence found on child protection.

UNICEF also hosted their special session called "Making Sustainable Development Works for Children". The session had two speakers from Bappenas, Ibu Vivi Yulaswati and Bapak Pungkas Bahjuri, who discussed the government's comprehensive approaches to achieve SDGs target.

LINEA Project also hosted social norms workshop, titled "Social Norms Theories and Implications for Child Protection and Wellbeing". This workshop was prioritized for 30 participants from selected organizations.

# SESSION SUMMARY

## DAY 2

In the morning session, Yanuar Nugroho explained how sustainable development and achieving targets and goals in the SDGs will save humanity. He highlighted the fact that the Indonesian government commits 20% of its state budget to education. At the same time, he also posited that due to the complexity of governing, this alone does not immediately minimize uncertainties in children's life.

This is followed by Innovation Talk hosted by KOMPAK. Anna Winoto, Team Leader of KOMPAK (Australia-Indonesia Partnership for Governance) together with Petra Karetji, Team Leader of KSI (Knowledge Sector Initiative) serve as moderators through an intimate talk with champions in spreading the ideas and actions of tolerance, meaningful use of technology, and child rights. The three champions were Meiske Demitria from SabangMerauke, Dedy Permadi from SiBerkreasi, and Veronica Yates from Child Rights International Network.

In the afternoon, separate panel discussions were held. In each of these panel discussions, presenters talked about their research or projects whose abstracts have been selected by the organizers to be showcased in the conference, focusing on how to turn learnings into action. In a separate session, The Asia Foundation – Indonesia hosted a special session on “Making Changes On the ground for Social Inclusion”, which presented three abstracts from PEDULI program.

LINEA Project also hosted social norms workshop, titled “Exploring Social Norms Interventions: Applying Theory and Programmatic Advances to Program Design”. This workshop was prioritized for 30 participants from selected organizations.

Day 2 of the conference is closed with dinner reception attended by all participants where the organizers use the opportunity to express their gratitude to all of those who have made the conference possible by presenting them with a token of appreciation.

# SESSION SUMMARY

## DAY 3

In the morning session, Ahmed Mushtaque Chowdhury, told a story about how BRAC, the organization he works at, became one of the world's largest civil society organizations. Chowdhury explained that the success of BRAC lies in the use of evidence to generate and to improve actions.

Chowdhury's keynote speech was followed by separate panel discussions; each session had presentations of research projects or development work on one of the conference's three specific themes. On the third day, the panel discussions focused more on how the action could create change in the society.

In a separate session, PUSKAPA hosted a special session called "Beyond Access: Pathways Out of Adversities". This session was an open discussion on SLAK, Indonesia's longitudinal study on child wellbeing. Santi Kusumaningrum, PUSKAPA's Director, moderated the session with resource persons Ibu Suharti from Indonesian Ministry of Education and Culture, Ni Luh Putu Maitra Agastya from PUSKAPA, Niken Rarasati from SMERU, and Rasita Purba from INOVASI.

AIPJ2 also hosted a special session moderated by Craig Ewers, AIPJ2 team leader. In this session, AIPJ2 specialists made presentations on: "Disability Inclusion" by Joni Yulianto, "Seeking justice in sexual violence cases" by Theodora Putri, and "Preventing child marriage" by Lia Marpaung.

LINEA Project also hosted social norms workshop, titled "From Collaborative Research to Collective Action: Co-Designing Social Norm Change Interventions with Communities to Prevent Sexual Exploitation and Abuse of Adolescents". This workshop was prioritized for 30 participants from selected organizations.

The third and final day of the conference ended with closing remarks by the director of PUSKAPA, Santi Kusumaningrum, and co-director of CPC Learning Network, Mark Canavera.

In his closing remarks, Mark Canavera said, "The VOICE conference has demonstrated that Indonesian researchers and policymakers are at the cutting edge of figuring out how to best empower and support children in the face of some of the world's big challenges like mass migration, climate change, and rapid technological changes. I am hopeful that the world is paying attention to what we have learned here. Indonesia will continue to be a beacon of learning for strengthening families around the world."

Meanwhile, Santi Kusumaningrum in her closing remarks recounted the knowledge, skills, and wisdom that she gained through mentorship by Ibu Purnianti, Universitas Indonesia's professor in Criminology who, sadly, passed away recently. Ibu Purnianti taught Santi the discipline of big-picture thinking and always do the best, how to navigate complexities, and the importance of relationship building. These have guided Santi, PUSKAPA and her team to grow and become one of South East Asia's most well-regarded Child Protection research and advocacy organizations. Santi hopes that VOICE conference which is attended by around 250 participants from 26 countries successfully provided a platform to converse, to network, to create new collaborations, and to seek to be useful together.

# TESTIMONIES

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## BEN CISLAGHI

*Assistant Professor in Social Norms at the  
London School of Hygiene and Tropical  
Medicine*

“And this is a space, this conference is a space where we are investigating what is precious. And it's an important question, one that we haven't quite found an answer to. What is precious to us in helping children achieve what is precious to them. So it's a great opportunity, it's a great conference. It has got a fantastic team facilitating it. So I can't imagine very few conferences that have been so participatory and grounded in delivering the experiences of the practitioners and the children who come from the global south.”

## AMANDA BISSEX

*Chief of Child Protection, UNICEF Indonesia*

“UNICEF is really pleased to support VOICE conference. It is really an important moment to bring together partners to talk about the evidence to support child wellbeing. It is really a critical time, what works and what doesn't work. We hear from experts around the globe as well as from Indonesia. We are excited to be here and excited to be supporting it.”

A man with short grey hair, wearing a traditional Indonesian batik shirt, is shown in profile from the chest up. He is speaking into a microphone and has his hands raised in a gesturing motion. He is wearing a yellow lanyard with a badge around his neck. The background is a blurred indoor setting with large windows.

## YANUAR NUGROHO

*Deputy Chief of Staff for Analysis and Oversight of Strategic Issues on Social, Cultural, and Ecological Affairs, Executive Office of the President*

“Therefore, hopefully VOICE will be able to produce recommendations to the government, or maybe Policy Brief that could help the government to see more clearly the actual state of Indonesian children, what challenges they face, that the academicians in this conference think would be helpful to the government.”



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