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Report Highlights:

This report provides a summary readout from a recent seminar held by the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) in coordination with the Indonesian Ministry of Agriculture on the Role of OECD in the Agricultural Policy Reform Agenda: Focus on Indonesia held in Bogor on October 11, 2012. The seminar discussed the OECD recommendations for Indonesian agricultural policy development and Indonesia's current and future agricultural policy.

Executive Summary:

The OECD and its 34 member-countries regularly work with non-OECD members to identify opportunities, discuss policies and analyze issues, as well as promote policies to solve challenges.

On October 11, 2012, the OECD, in coordination with the Ministry of Agriculture, conducted a seminar titled “The Role of OECD in the Agricultural Policy Reform Agenda: Focus on Indonesia”.

The OECD criticized Indonesia’s policies of perusing “self-sufficiency” as its primary vehicle for achieving food security. The report recommended Indonesia to liberalize its trade policies and ease government intervention in food and agricultural markets. The OECD noted a number of constraints on investment, to include Indonesia’s complex system for securing land rights and title, and its insufficient and poor quality infrastructure.

The OECD’s report garnered significant media attention in Indonesia. However, Government of Indonesia officials, to include the Minister of Agriculture, have vocally criticized the report in the local media.

The OECD report can be found at the following link: [OECD Review of Agricultural Policies: Indonesia](#)

General Information: