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Heading Off Corruption: Indonesia Acts to Meet UN Standards

In 2010, Indonesian planning agency official Diani Sadiawati sought to bring the country in line with its obligations under the United Nations Convention against Corruption by focusing on prevention. With the help of the president's delivery unit, Sadiawati and her colleagues began to coordinate actions among government agencies, overcome resistance to reform, and develop a system for tracking progress and monitoring impact. By 2014, agencies had achieved 88% of their targets, although civil society observers believed further work was required to address the underlying issues. In 2017, new president Joko Widodo introduced several changes as the program moved into its next phase.

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Taking a Step Toward Supply Chain Sustainability: Brazil's Round Table on Responsible Soy

As deforestation accelerated in Brazil's Amazon rainforest in the early 2000s, a Greenpeace report placed the blame partly on the soy industry. In response, industry representatives joined with non-governmental organizations, financial institutions, supermarkets, and others to form the

Roundtable on Responsible Soy to implement a certification system. The aim was to help buyers know whether farmers had produced harvests sustainably, and to improve practices on farms. Although the partners published a standard and some major growers earned certification, low demand for certified soy and the high cost of compliance slowed progress, especially among smaller producers. This case illuminates some of the challenges faced in drawing smallholders into supply chain certification systems.

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ISS Events

Earlier this month, guests from several countries joined UN officials, advisers from the Tony Blair Institute for Global Change, and Innovations for Successful Societies to talk about improving the performance of cabinet offices in very difficult settings. This event was part of an informal collaboration to share experience and develop new ways to address some of the challenging issues governments face in focusing on priorities, implementing policies, coordinating across ministries, and communicating effectively. To learn more about what was shared at this event and read related cases, [click here](#).



Functioning Centers of Government in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Settings: What Works? convening at ISS in early August.

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