



Beyond Borders: Reimagining Borneo as a Strategic Corridor for Sustainable and Inclusive Growth

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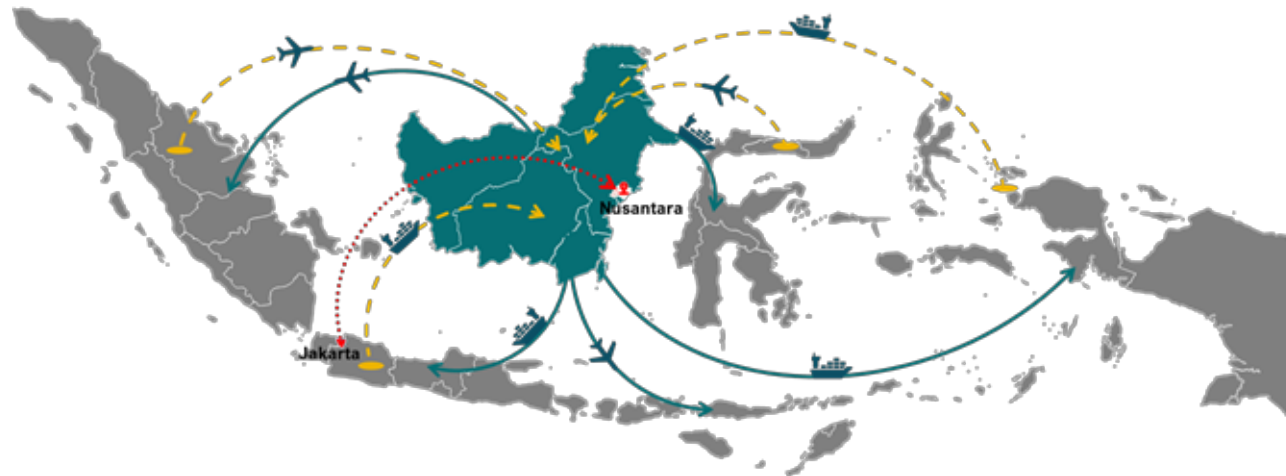
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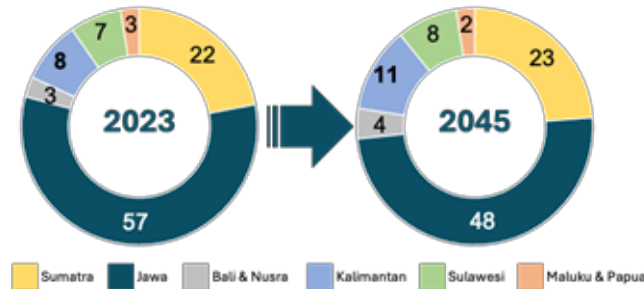
Nusantara Economic Superhub

"Game Changer" Indonesia Vision 2045 for Equitable Economic Development



In line with Presidential Regulation No. 63/2022, the development of Nusantara Capital City will support the **Nusantara Economic Superhub ecosystem** as a game changer for Indonesia Vision 2045.

The Nusantara Economic Superhub **shifts the economic center of gravity beyond Java and Sumatera**



The Nusantara Economic Superhub is implemented through **the development of six strategic, resilient, and innovative economic clusters**.



Kalimantan will become **a center for agglomeration and new economic development based on future economic clusters**, promoting equitable economic development across Eastern Indonesia.

Kalimantan's Current Challenges:

- Transitioning from natural resource extraction to competitive green downstream industries
- Strengthening logistics connectivity (ports/freight rail/toll roads) and food supply chain integration
- Developing talent and innovation through university-industry-government
- Ensuring social and environmental sustainability through recognition of Indigenous peoples' rights, forest conversation and culture-based creative industries

Policy Directions for **Regional Development** in Kalimantan

Under the National Long-Term Development Plan (RPJPN) 2025-2045

Kalimantan's long-term regional development is geared towards becoming:

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Kalimantan's Development Priorities

1. **Human Resource Development**

Support Kalimantan's social and economic transformation through improved healthcare, academic, and character education, and skills aligned with regional potential and future economic needs.

2. **Economic Development**

Strengthen interregional linkage, advance sustainable industrial downstreaming in promising economic sectors to increase value added, and develop potential tourism destinations.

3. **Connectivity Infrastructure Development**

Generate economic multiplier effects, improve transport connectivity, electricity and digital infrastructure, and expand equitable access to basic infrastructure in disadvantaged, frontier, outermost and border areas.

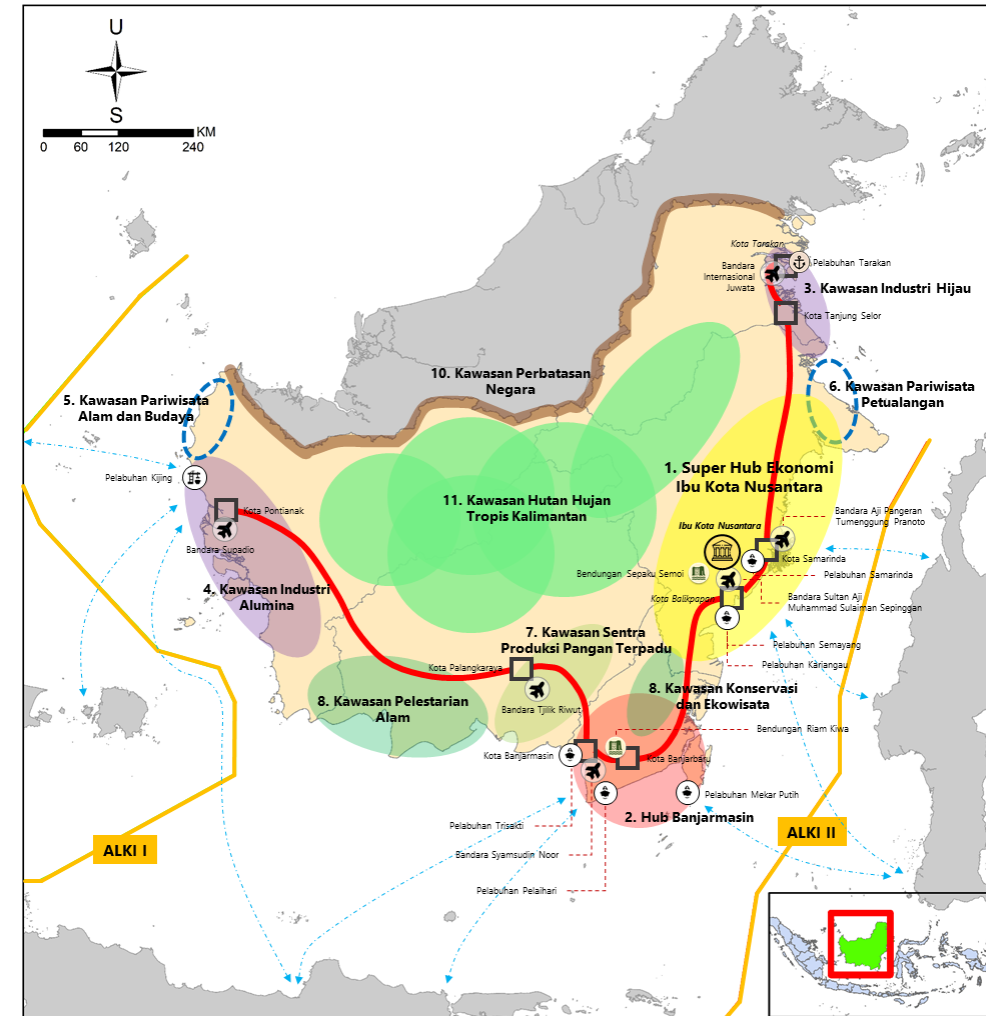
4. **Improving Public Governance**

Accelerate development and strengthen defence and security to safeguard national sovereignty in border areas and Nusantara Capital City, Complete district and city detailed spatial plans (RDTR) and integrate disaster risk considerations into spatial planning, particularly risk mitigation in urban and rural areas.

5. **Strengthening Social, Cultural and Ecological Resilience**

Support equitable and inclusive development.

Priority Areas for Regional Development in Kalimantan 2025-2045



Sumber: UU 59/2024 Rencana Pembangunan Jangka Panjang Nasional Tahun 2025-2045

Policy Directions for **Enhancing Connectivity** in Kalimantan

Under the National Long-Term Development Plan (RPJPN) 2025-204



STRATEGIC CORRIDORS AND REGIONS

NUSANTARA – BALIKPAPAN – SAMARINDA

Economic Hub through the development of Balikpapan Port, a multi-airport system, and mass transit

KALIMANTAN INTERREGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

- Completion of the Trans-Kalimantan Road
- Development of the Trans-Kalimantan Railway
- Interregional air transport network

INTERNATIONAL BORDER CORRIDORS

- Completion of parallel border roads
- Strengthening pioneer air transport services

PRIORITY URBAN AREAS

- Urban public transport development in Balikpapan, Banjarmasin, Pontianak, and Samarinda

KETAPANG – PONTIANAK – SINGKAWANG

- Development of a major logistics hub (Kijing Port)
- Enhancement of land connectivity

SAMARINDA – BONTANG – TARAKAN

- Connectivity development to support natural resource downstreaming and the energy industry

BANJARMASIN – BATULICIN – KOTABARU

- Logistics hubs to support food production areas and coastal regions

PALANGKARAYA – PANGKALAN BUN

- Trans-Kalimantan road development to support logistics and food production areas



OBJECTIVES OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT



Promote regional and national economic growth



Strengthen logistics connectivity and supply chains



Enhance welfare and equitable development



Support natural resource downstreaming and green industries



Strengthen regional resilience

BIMP-EAGA Economic Development Corridors

Borneo Collaboration for Sustainable Growth



Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA) uses an economic corridor strategy to promote economic growth and connectivity across the subregion.

BIMP-EAGA Economic Growth Corridor :

West Economic Corridor (WEC)

covers Brunei Darussalam (Belait, Temburong and Tutong), Indonesia (West Kalimantan), Malaysia (Labuan, Sabah and Sarawak), and the Philippines.

Development priorities include oil and gas, palm oil-based manufacturing, transport infrastructure (ports and logistics), and renewable energy.

Central Economic Corridor (WEC)

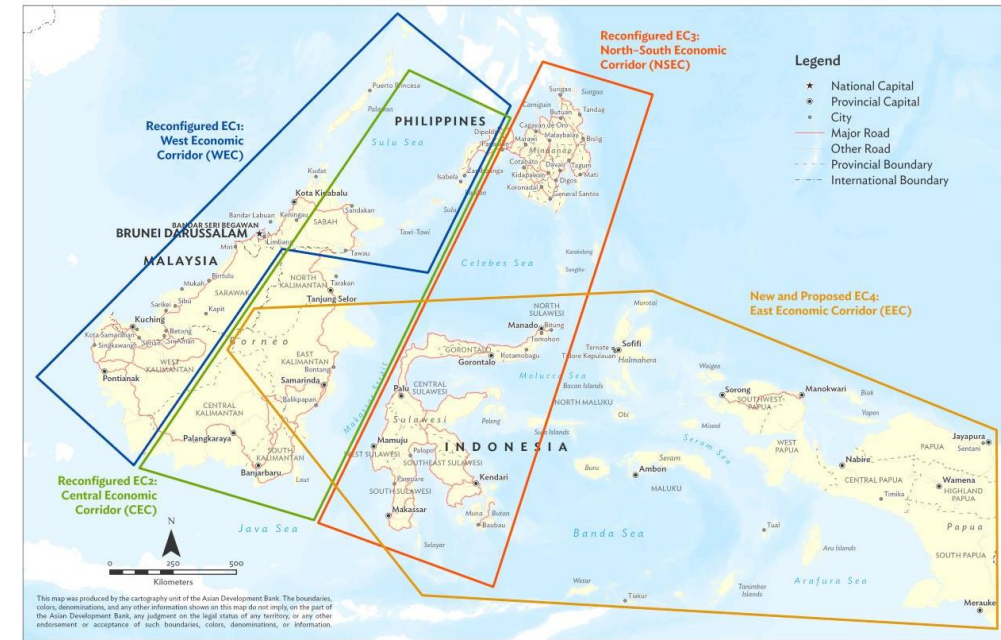
covers Indonesia (Central, South, East and North Kalimantan), Malaysia (Sabah and Sarawak), and the Philippines. Development priorities include the energy transition, bioindustries, mineral downstreaming, and logistics hubs.

North South Economic Corridor (NSEC)

covers Indonesia and the Philippines. Development priorities include fisheries and marine sectors, agriculture, tourism, and transport.

East Economic Corridor (EEC)

An extension of the BIMP-EAGA economic corridors covering only Indonesia (including East Kalimantan). Development priorities include fisheries and tourism



Source: <https://bimp-eaga.asia/about-bimp-eaga/economic-corridors>

Development in Borneo can be accelerated through regional cooperation with Malaysia and Brunei Darussalam under the BIMP-EAGA economic initiative.

Towards ASEAN Connectivity: Strategic Policy of Indonesia in South East Asia



Indonesia's contribution Indonesia welcomes dialogue that supports inclusive and sustainable development in Borneo. Such collaboration should strengthen the implementation of **Brunei Darussalam-Indonesia-Malaysia-Philippines East ASEAN Growth Area (BIMP-EAGA)** initiatives and their alignment with the ASEAN agenda.

Established Regional Platform

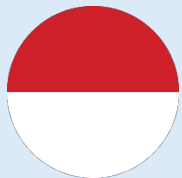
- BIMP-EAGA connects Kalimantan to wider regional markets and supports balanced development
- BEC can complement this framework through business dialogue, with clear mandates and coordinated governance.

Shared Cooperation Priorities

- Transport and border connectivity
- Energy interconnection and ASEAN Power Grid
- Industrial investment and value chains
- Digital infrastructure, skills and AI

Business Input into Action

- Channel Borneo Economic Forum (BEF) outcomes through the BIMP-EAGA Business Council (BEBC) and relevant sectoral clusters
- Prioritize logistics, permits, digital documents and custom bottlenecks, with commercially viable follow-up



Indonesia's contribution:

- **ASEAN Chairmanship 2023** with themes "**ASEAN Matters: Epicentrum of Growth**" which positioned stronger economic integration and resilience as key elements of regional development;
- **ASEAN-Indo-Pacific Forum from 2023 – 2025** to advance the **ASEAN Outlook on the Indo-Pacific** through concrete connectivity and infrastructure cooperation involving governments, businesses, and development partners;
- **Strengthening Energy Connectivity** through **Joint Declaration of the 41st ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting on Sustainable Energy Security through Interconnectivity** which adopted in Bali 2023;
- **BIMP-EAGA** by initiating a review of the air connectivity MoU to align with **BIMP-EAGA Vision 2035** and hosting the **13th BIMP-EAGA Transport Cluster Meeting** in Jakarta, 1- 2 October 2026.



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