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France-Indonesia space cooperation CNES receives delegation from BMKG, the Indonesian meteorological, climatological and geophysical agency

Thursday 15 February in Paris, CNES President Jean-Yves Le Gall received a delegation from BMKG, the Indonesian meteorological, climatological and geophysical agency, led by its Head, Dwikorita Karnawati. Two days earlier, the delegation visited the Toulouse Space Centre and the clean room where the Taranis lightning-hunter satellite is being integrated. At CNES's Head Office today, Jean-Yves Le Gall and Dwikorita Karnawati discussed Earth observation and climate actions.

Early in 2017, CNES and LAPAN, the Indonesian National Institute of Aeronautics and Space, signed a five-year framework agreement in Jakarta covering space cooperation between the two nations.

Indonesia and its 13,000 islands are especially vulnerable to the effects of climate change, as rising sea level and acidification of the oceans pose an ever-increasing threat. In response to this challenge, Indonesia's planning ministry has launched the Strengthening Climate and Weather Service Capacity Phase II programme, designed to put in place a comprehensive weather and climate information system, establish a network of early-warning systems and improve dissemination of information.

In this context, Jean-Yves Le Gall underlined CNES's commitment to tackling climate change and the decision at the One Planet Summit last December to establish a Space Climate Observatory (SCO). BMKG's involvement with LAPAN's Earth-observation programmes was discussed in the light of a possible three-way partnership on this initiative. Jean-Yves Le Gall also recalled France's excellence in Earth-observation and environmental monitoring solutions, notably through its world-leading subsidiary CLS.

After today's meeting, Jean-Yves Le Gall commented: "The framework agreement signed last year gave new momentum to the cooperation between our two nations. Tackling climate change is one of our core focuses, and after our discussions today with Dwikorita Karnawati our two agencies can envision working together in this area. CNES is world-renowned for its programmes serving our planet, and the need to mitigate human-induced impacts on its climate is now more pressing than ever before."

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