

Term of Reference

Webinar Regional Financial Accountability to Encourage Sustainable Waste Management in Urban Areas

As part of the Open Government Week 2025 events

Background

Waste management is a critical issue in urban governance in Indonesia. The growing volume of waste not only affects environmental conditions but also contributes to social, economic, and public health challenges. Addressing this complex problem requires an approach that goes beyond technical solutions it necessitates the reorganization of regional financial policies and management systems to become more accountable, transparent, and sustainability-oriented.

Accountability in regional public finance plays a vital role in ensuring that budgets are managed effectively and aligned with environmental and social interests. Strengthening this accountability encompasses the planning, implementation, and monitoring of regional expenditures that support sustainable waste management initiatives. Through open and participatory governance, regional financial resources can be strategically allocated to fund programs with direct and lasting impacts on environmental management.

An example of innovation can be found in the Dumai City Government through the Ecology-Based Village Budget Allocation (ALAKE) policy. This approach provides fiscal incentives to urban villages that demonstrate strong performance in environmental management, particularly in waste management. The policy aims to drive behavioral change, foster active community participation, and enhance transparency in budget utilization at the regional level

ALAKE serves as a testament to how budget accountability can be a strategic instrument for promoting improved environmental governance. Such practices should be encouraged, replicated, and further developed across various regions. In the spirit of open government, it is essential for both government and civil society to

work hand in hand to create innovations that are inclusive, sustainable, and impactful for communities.

In commemoration of Open Government Week 2025, Center for Regional Information and Studies (PATTIRO) organized this activity as a platform for sharing best practices, strengthening cross-sector dialogue, and fostering collaboration to promote accountability in regional public financial management that supports environmental sustainability.

Activity Objectives

1. To promote good practices in ecology-based regional financial management for waste management.
2. To identify opportunities for the replication and scaling of environmentally focused fiscal incentive policies in other cities and districts.
3. To encourage public participation in the planning and monitoring of sustainable waste management.
4. To strengthen the commitment of both government and civil society to the open government agenda in the environmental sector.

Theme

Budget Innovation for a Sustainable Environment: Co-create, Collaborate, and Contribute

Form of Activity

Type of Activity	: Webinar/Public Discussion (Online)
Date	: Monday, 26 May 2025
Time	: 13.30 – 15.00 WIB
Platform	: Zoom and Live Streaming (YouTube/Facebook)
Participants	: Representatives from local governments, Regional House of Representatives (DPRD), civil society organizations, academia, journalists, and the general public

Speakers

1. **H. Paisal, SKM, MARS** – Mayor of Dumai *Topic: “ALAKE Policies and Practices in Encouraging Sustainable Waste Management”*
2. **Dini Inayati** – Member of the Semarang City DPRD (Local House of Representatives), Environmental Commission, *Topic: “Opportunities for Replication of Ecology-Based Fiscal Incentives in Urban Areas”*
3. **Fitria Muslih** – Executive Director of Center for Regional Information and Studies (PATTIRO), *Topic: “Public Participation in Sustainable Waste Management Planning”*

Moderator/Presenter

Ramlan Nugraha – Program Manager, Center for Regional Information and Studies (PATTIRO)

Expected Results

1. Broader dissemination and understanding of the ALAKE policy as a good practice in environmentally oriented fiscal governance.
2. Emergence of new regional initiatives adopting ecology-based fiscal incentive approaches.
3. Strengthened collaboration between government institutions and civil society in sustainable waste management.
4. Collection of actionable insights and recommendations to enhance ecology-based policies at both national and regional levels.

For further information, please contact:

Fabya Luthfiana

Program Officer, Center for Regional Information and Studies (PATTIRO)

Phone/WhatsApp: +62 857 2236 3647

Email: fabya@pattiro.org