SPECIAL ADVOCATE TRAVELING TO INDONESIA TO DISCUSS
FINANCIAL INCLUSION
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As Indonesia takes increasingly strong steps to build financial inclusion, the UN Secretary-General's Special
Advocate for Inclusive Finance for Development (UNSGSA)—H.M. Queen Máxima of the Netherlands—will visit to
the country from Tuesday 30 August to Thursday 1 September 2016 to discuss how best to make progress on
this important goal.

In order to expand financial inclusion quickly, the Indonesian government has developed a national strategy that
will be launched shortly, promoting financial services such as savings, payments, loans, and insurance. These
services can help low-income households stabilize their lives and improve their prospects for the future. Because
the country consists of 6,000 inhabited islands, access to banking facilities is particularly difficult. But
technology—including mobile money and branchless banking—is increasingly recognized as an important solution.

On the first day of her visit, 30 August, the Special Advocate will address the Indonesia Fintech Conference in
Jakarta. This meeting on technological innovation in financial services will be hosted by the country's banking
regulator, the Financial Services Authority (OJK). She will deliver the closing speech (read here), highlighting the
need to implement the national strategy effectively and exploring how technology can help achieve the country's
financial inclusion goals. She will also meet with international partners like the World Bank Group, the
International Monetary Fund, and the UN's Indonesia office to discuss how inclusive finance is progressing in the
country.

On 31 August, Queen Máxima will visit several small shopkeepers who also operate as banking agents, offering
deposits, withdrawals, savings, and insurance, and will visit a school project, run by OJK and Bank Negara
Indonesia, aimed at educating young people about the importance of savings and budgeting. Later in the day
she will attend round-table discussions with representatives of the Ministry of Finance, Bank Indonesia (the
central bank), financial organisations, telecom companies, and microfinance institutions on their role in improving
financial inclusion.

During her visit the Special Advocate is scheduled to meet President Joko Widodo, following up conversations
begun during the President's visit to the Netherlands on 22 April. She will also meet Bank Indonesia Governor
Agus Martowardjo, Minister of Finance Sri Mulyani Indrawati, Minister of Foreign Affairs Retno Marsudi, and
Minister of Economic Affairs Darmin Nasution.

The Special Advocate previously visited Indonesia in April 2012.

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The Special Advocate met with Pres. Widodo to discuss financial inclusion.