

PREFACE

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In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful

First of all I would like to congratulate the organizers of the First International Conference on Multiple-governance in Islam, Environmental Development and Conservation on the successful completion of the conference and publication of this proceeding. This conference was jointly organised by Water Research Alliance of UTM, Universitas Brawijaya (Malang), Universitas Islam Negeri (Malang) and Universitas Muhammadiyah (Malang).

This topic is extremely crucial since Muslims now made up about 20% of the world population and is expected to reach 25% in year 2030. Muslims countries are also rich in natural resources and still have huge potential to develop. Merely depending on technological and economical approaches or tools in solving the current environmental issues is deemed to fail without strong emphasis on human aspects. On the other hand, development strategy that recognizes local culture and values is more likely to gain better acceptance by the community.

This conference is an attempt to integrate science and the Islamic principles into a workable concept to complement the existing management tools. As rightly spell out in the conference's theme "*Nikmat Air dan Nikmat Alam dari-Nya - from Theory to Practice-*", in Islam the purpose of managing nature and the environment is beyond the worldly goal but to glorify God and achieve *al-Falah* (true success) in the hereafter. Muslims believed that every human being is responsible to his deed and will be judged by the Almighty in the day of judgement. Thus they must be kind to other created beings and wise enough in using the resources. If this fundamental concept is understood and put into practice, Islam could offer a much stronger alternative in dealing with various environmental issues.

With strong commitment and determination, I'm confident that UTM and Indonesian teams will be able to develop a concrete framework for translating theory into practice.

Thanks

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