

## NICMCR Extended Boardmeeting May 9, 2018, 14.00 – 16.30

UIN Sunan Kalijaga, Yogyakarta

### Present:

1. Fahrurrazi	CRCS UGM	14. Haryani Saptaningtyas	PERCIK
2. Zainal Bagir	CRCS UGM	15. Agung Waskitoadi	PERCIK
3. Elga Sarapung	Dian Interfidei	16. Ambar Istiyani	PERCIK
4. Otto Adi Yulianto	Dian Interfidei	17. Ketut Waspada	PKN-PGI
5. Mery Kolimon	GMIT/UKAW	18. Jeirry Sumampouw	PKN-PGI
6. Priyo Budi Asmoro	ICCO	19. Suhadi	UIN Sunan Kalijaga
7. Marthe Bire	JPIT	20. Sahiron	UIN Sunan Kalijaga
8. Liliya Wetangterah	JPIT	21. Achmad Uzair	UIN Sunan Kalijaga
9. Corrie van der Ven	KiA	22. Afifur Rochmans ( <u>note-taker</u> )	UIN Sunan Kalijaga
10. June Beckx	NICMCR	23. Robert Setio ( <u>chair</u> )	UKDW
11. Christina Hutubessy	OASE INTIM	24. Rachel Iwamony	UKIM
12. Asyer Tandapai	OASE INTIM	25. Nancy Souisa	UKIM
13. M. Shohibuddin	PCI NU Belanda/IPB	26. Verry Patty	VU Amsterdam
		27. Ruard Ganzevoort	VU-Amsterdam

### 1. Introduction NICMCR

The chairman opens the meeting and re-introduces the concept of NICMCR, elaborating on the unique character of the network. The concept of extended boardmeeting needs explanation and evaluation. We should reconsider the status of the boardmeeting. In the previous meeting in November 2017, it was decided that Participants are those institutes who are committed to NICMCR through signing of a Document of Commitment (DoC). Only Institutes can be Participants, individuals can be involved as advisors. Payment of a Participant fee is requested to support the administration, but not obligatory so far. By 2019, payment is compulsory to have a voice in the boardmeetings. At the moment, only 4 institutes are Participant in Indonesia and 5 institutes in the Netherlands, whereas institutes who are involved in NICMCR's activities so far, have been far more. Also now, 9 out of 14 Institutes gathered here, have not signed a DoC yet, although they already showed active involvement.

### 2. Evaluation and future plan Inclusive Religious education (IRE) and Costly Tolerance (CT)

The topics are interrelated and are discussed together.

The book on IRE, will be co-edited by Greg van der Bilt from CRCS. There are 13 papers, with 2 in Bhs. Ind. of which 8 will be published in the international journal 'Studies in Interreligious Dialogue'. The same papers and also the others, are allowed to be published as long as they are published nationally only (in Indonesia).

Book on CT: there is a possibility for a booklaunch/discussion to be held in The Netherlands, preliminary talks with the Indonesian Embassy have been started (Suhadi). Therefore, a publication of an English version has to be considered.

Book on IRE: Gerdien Bertram (VU, Amsterdam) has plans for publication through 'Verus', an umbrella organization of Christian and Catholic schools in the Netherlands.

Other questions/issues:

Can NICMCR also be involved in advocacy and policy-making? How critical can we be towards governments' education policy and the implementation and perception of the users, e.g. Kurikulum

2013? How is inclusive religious education implemented in religious institutes and their youth programs? (Christina)

Suggestions:

There should be a policy brief about inclusive religious education to accommodate questions and uncertainties (Zainal). Use infographics to make research and literature accessible to grassroots. Lobby the government to use these books at schools.

### 3. Ecological crisis as common concern

Ecology and religion are closely related. For instance the Citarum project: faith based advocacy can change the mindset of the people about domestic industrial waste. Advocacy, which is done not through demonstrations, but through negotiation (Haryani).

Another example is research about the struggle and involvement of churches with the ecological crisis, also aiming towards advocacy countering the powerful elite (Ketut).

The agrarian crisis which show the inequality of the allocation of natural resources (Shohibuddin).

Conflicts over land issues are often cause for trafficking in NTT (Mery).

Use of pesticides by Dutch farmers in the Netherlands, ritual slaughter which is not ecological etc. etc.

How does the ecological crisis challenge our religious standards, those are fundamental theological questions. Suggestion: link to SDG's (Ruard).

### 4. Gender

This is also seen as a very important and urgent issue which need our attention (Mery). The issue of gender and sexual orientation can be elaborated in Muslim and Christian communities.

### 5. Planning

NICMCR coming events are a.o.:

- 6<sup>th</sup> Interfaith Dialogue, date and country of venue still to be decided (2019)
- Booklaunch Inclusive Religious Education, Spring 2019, date country still to be decided
- Booklaunch Costly Tolerance in the Netherlands, date still to be decided

Time and place to set as early as possible, if possible clustering (back to back) with other planned events in Indonesia or the Netherlands, for early budgeting within the respective institutes:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Biennial meeting Islam Nusantara of PCI NU-Radboud in Nijmegen, the Netherlands (2019)
- Watermanagement project in July 2019, Indonesia
- PKN-PGI Partnership program April 2019 in Indonesia others

### 6. Youth Exchange

Youth Exchange for students and young researchers is very much needed (Corrie). Some examples are mentioned, like *kuliah kerja nyata*, which was done by UIN Surabaya in the Netherlands (Shohibuddin), or Bridging Gap program in the Netherlands (Corrie). The Interational Office of UIN Sunan Kalijaga als has some experieces and is asked to consider organizing a youth exchange within NICMCR (Suhadi).

## 7. Pokja's (working groups)

Because of the great concern of the meeting and to accommodate our common concern, the meeting decides to install working groups around the most urgent issues. A big gap is noticed between the academic discourse and the grassroots. One of the aims of the working groups should be the translations of academic reflections into practical knowledge and tools and involving community movements in the fields concerned. (Suhadi). 3 Pokja's are initiated with the following members:

- *Pokja* Inclusive Religious Education/Costly Tolerance: Suhadi, Zainal Bagir, Ruard Ganzevoort and Gerdien Bertram
- *Pokja* Ecology: Shohibuddin, Frans Wijzen, Jeirry Sumampouw, Zainal Bagir, Priyo Budi Asmoro, Haryani Saptaningtyas
- *Pokja* Gender: Mery Kolimon, IO UIN SuKa-candidate, Yus Broersma, Nelly van Doorn

## 8. Closing

The chairman closes the meeting and thanks everybody for their input. A special thanks goes to Sahiron Syamsuddin and staff of UIN Sunan Kalijaga for their excellent hospitality.