ICDD is one of IDB’s first inclusive and holistic grassroots programs. ICDD treats communities as assets and partners rather than recipients of aid. The experience in Indonesia under the National Community Empowerment Program (currently known as the National Slum Upgrading Program) has resulted in a robust, replicable ‘best-practice’ conceptual framework that so far has been replicated in Sierra Leone and Gambia. The program has also inspired the IDB-Islamic Solidarity Fund for Development (ISFD) Sustainable Villages Program.

This seminar, held jointly with the World Bank, will discuss best practices and lessons learned from the perspectives of IDB and the World Bank, the two major donors of this program. Other participants include key government stakeholders in Indonesia’s Ministry of Public Works and Housing and the National Development Planning Agency, as well as community representatives.