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# LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

AccountAbility Institute for Social and Ethical Accountability

ACUI Africa Clean Up Initiative

CBO Community-based Organisations
CSR Corporate Social Responsibility

CSRO Corporate Social Responsibility Officer

ENGO Environmental NGO

EPR Extended Producer Responsibility
ESG Environmental Social Governance
FBRA Food and Beverage Recycling Alliance
FCDA Fairclough's Critical Discourse Analysis
FEPA Federal Environmental Protection Agency
FTSE 100 Financial Times Stock Exchange 100

GHG Greenhouse gas

GRI Global Reporting Initiative

IBEX 35 Índice Bursátil Español 35 (Spanish Exchange Index)

IIRC International Integrated Reporting Council

JATAM Jaringan Anti Tambang (the Anti-Mining Advocacy

Network)

KPA Konsorsium Pembaruan Agraria (Consortium for Agrarian

Reform)

LAKIP Laporan Kinerja Instansi Pemerintah (Government Agencies'

Performance Accountability Report)

MNC Multinational Companies

NESREA National Environmental Standards and Regulations

Enforcement Agency

NGDO Nongovernmental development organisations

NGO Nongovernmental organisations

NPM New Public Management

PRO Producer Responsible Organisations

PWC Price Waterhouse Coopers

SAKIP Sistem Akuntabilitas Kinerja Instansi Pemerintah (Account-

ability System of Governmental Agencies' Performance)

SASB Sustainability Accounting Standards Board

SENGO Socioenvironmental Nongovernmental Organisations

SSA Sub-Saharan Africa

UNCTAD United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

UNGC United Nations Global Compact

WALHI Wahana Lingkungan Hidup Indonesia (Indonesian Forum

for Environment)

WCED World Commission on Environment and Development

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### **PREFACE**

Environmentalism is an increasing concern of the nongovernmental organisation (NGO) arising from the strategic partnership that they provide for their governmental counterparts. Environmental rights are broad in terms of philosophy, ideology and social movement, such that the cooperation between governmental and NGO is fast becoming a necessity. It is increasingly becoming a reality that the natural environment and its continuous health must be protected and improved upon. The natural environment, which includes living things other than humans, deserves to be considered and should shape the morality of political, economic and social policies.

Accordingly, countries across the world are dealing with the environmental, social and economic impacts of rapid population growth, development and natural resource constraints. Consequently, there is an ongoing partnering with strong NGOs and environmental NGOs (ENGOs), communities and other institutions in dealing with these issues more successfully (Al Mubarak & Alam, 2012). In addition, there has been a growing debate on the accountability of ENGOs. The motivation of many ENGOs is to influence public opinion on important issues, knowing that public opinion will have to be responded to by the government (Meyer & Lupo 2010). Despite this, ENGOs play an important role in society and make vital environmental and social interventions in society through research, policy development and institutional capacity. This also includes helping with an independent dialogue with civil society to help people live more sustainable lifestyles (Al Mubarak & Alam, 2012) in a bid to address the issues arising from globalisation and otiose regulations. As a result, these organisations are increasingly filling the space created by the state in an effective service delivery to the most vulnerable in society, where they have had to deal with the effects that environmental unsustainability has had on them.

Nevertheless, environmental issues are still at the top of the development NGO missions' discourse because they aim to maintain both social and economic sustainable communities, with environmental sustainability being essential for long-term economic and social viability (Unerman & O'Dwyer, 2010). For example, the issue of global warming has an effect on the most vulnerable in society, particularly in developing countries, despite these countries contributing less to the global greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming (Global Humanitarian Forum, 2009). This volume, therefore, aims to extend the research on environmentalism and the NGOs' roles in promoting environmental accountability.

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