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ABSTRACT

This research describes the mobilization process carried out by Indonesian Diaspora Network in order to raise diaspora discourse in Indonesia and described factors involved in the development of the movement. The massive mobilization effort attempted by IDN was motivated by Indonesian diaspora’s lack of empowerment before the first Congress of Indonesian Diaspora. That circumstance happened because of the government’s weak recognition of diaspora, given there were no umbrella organizations prior to IDN emergence. This research analyzes the topic by employing the social movement of diasporic organizations coined by Martin Sokefeld as the conceptual framework focused on the factors of IDN’s emergence and its mobilization process with the type of research is descriptive analysis and utilizes qualitative approach. This research finds that the mobilization attempts addressed by IDN are proven progressive given the positive response reflected by Indonesian government through several cooperation projects and there could be more contributions IDN could deliver to Indonesia in the future by synergizing with the government.