



**Coral Triangle Initiative  
on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security  
(CTI-CFF)**

**ANNEX 15:  
Decision Document on:  
Chairmanship of CTI Council of Ministers**

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Successful implementation of the CTI Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) – with its wide-ranging and ambitious scope – will require a set of well-structured and highly effective coordination mechanisms across multiple levels of organization. In addition, the CTI-CFF will require a large and diverse group of partners from within and outside the region including local governments, local communities, NGOs, universities, major funding institutions, multilateral organizations, other national governments, private sector companies, and others. In accord with its main principles, CTI-CFF will utilize existing institutions wherever feasible and establish linkages to other related events or activities, in order to achieve efficiency and integration. For that reason, during the 4<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting (SOM4) in October in Kota Kinabalu, Malaysia, the CT6 discussed, agreed and adopted general descriptions of coordination mechanisms at the regional and sub-regional levels, including term of references for each CTI organization or body.

One such institution is the CTI Council of Ministers (CTICOM). CTI Council of Ministers (CTICOM) creates and aligns policies and guide implementation of the CTI Regional Plan of Action. A Council of Ministers will be established, composed of one or two lead ministers from each of the Coral Triangle governments. The chairmanship of CTICOM will rotate on a predetermined schedule every two years, as a means of sharing leadership responsibilities. The Council will meet every two years or when deemed necessary.

The general terms of reference for the CTICOM are to:

1. *Maintain the vision of CTI.* Maintain the vision of CTI as a transformative regional initiative.
2. *Provide policy direction to SOM.* Provide policy direction to the SOM to maintain the vision of CTI.
3. *Invite partner country Ministers.* Invite partner country Ministers to observe the CTI COM meetings and to support the implementation of the CTI Regional Plan of Action.
4. *Promote CTI regional priorities.* As appropriate, promote CTI regional priorities in each country and in other international and regional forums.
5. *Monitor and evaluate progress.* Monitor and evaluate progress towards achieving the goals and targets of the Regional Plan of Action. The CTICOM will review periodic reports on the State of the Coral Triangle and acknowledge achievements of the respective CTI National Plans of Action.
6. *Schedule and plan Summits.* Approve recommendations from the SOM on the timing and substantive aspects of Coral Triangle Summits.

At the 5<sup>th</sup> Senior Official Meeting (SOM5) in Honiara, Solomon Islands, CT6 recommended that the rotation of chairperson for CTICOM be based on 2 years rotation mechanism and alphabetical order (5<sup>th</sup> SOM Chairman's Summary, decision #2). Afterward, at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Meeting (MM2) in Gizo, Solomon Islands, on 19 November 2009, the CT6 agreed to establish a CTI Council of Ministers and endorsed Indonesia as the Chairman and Solomon Islands as Deputy Chair for the period of two years from November 2009 until November 2011 (Joint Ministerial Statement, decision #4, MM2).

At the 7<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting (SOM7), the Meeting agreed to recommend Malaysia to Chair the CTICOM and Papua New Guinea as Vice Chair of the CTICOM, both for the period of two years, from November 2011 until November 2013.

The meeting agreed to adopt the Philippines proposal to install the outgoing Vice Chair as the incoming Chair of CTICOM for the subsequent chairmanship period and recommend a new Vice Chair from the country next in line based on alphabetical order.