



**CORAL TRIANGLE
INITIATIVE**
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES
AND FOOD SECURITY

TERMS OF REFERENCE

CTI-CFF WOMEN LEADERS FORUM AMBASSADOR

The CTI-CFF Women Leaders Forum (WLF) Ambassador will demonstrate an active commitment to promote the rights of women and girls, to build their networks and capacity, and to ensure recognition of the important role they are playing in furthering the CTI's goals.

The ambassador is chosen based on specific criteria – being a well-placed and respected individual in their field, with the ability and networks to engage with and influence key national, regional and/or international stakeholders and channel resources towards the WLF.

A. Scope of Work

Women are still underrepresented in leadership positions. In the majority of the 67 countries with data from 2009 to 2015, fewer than a third of senior- and middle-management positions were held by women. Women's leadership in the political sphere is also limited; women's participation in single or lower houses of national parliaments reached 23.4 per cent in 2017. Therefore, in line with the United Nation's Sustainable Development Goal 5 – Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls, CTI-CFF hopes to contribute to the achievement of the set targets¹:

- | | |
|------------|---|
| Target 5.5 | Ensure women's full and effective participation and equal opportunities for leadership at all levels of decision-making in political, economic and public life. |
| Target 5.A | Undertake reforms to give women equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to ownership and control over land and other forms of property, financial services, inheritance and natural resources, in accordance with national laws |
| Target 5.B | Enhance the use of enabling technology, in particular information and communications technology, to promote the empowerment of women |
| Target 5.C | Adopt and strengthen sound policies and enforceable legislation for the promotion of gender equality and the empowerment of all women and girls at all levels |

The ambassador's role is primarily to reach out and stimulate productive discourse around the CTI-CFF WLF's work and engage current and new supporters of the WLF's work. Through targeted engagement, the ambassador will help to build momentum for the development of the CTI-CFF Gender Policy; ongoing implementation of activities in line with the mission of the WLF, and the prioritization of gender discussion in all levels of the CTI-CFF's decision-making processes (see item D for CTI-CFF WLF 2018 Workplan).

¹ Source: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg5>

The ambassador will:

1. Advocate women's rights, including rights to education, equality and participation and encourage social change and policies to ensure CTI-CFF goals are met and in compliance with the Convention on the Elimination of All Form of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) which all CT6 Member Parties have ratified;
2. Utilize her network and professional relationships for social mobilization, advocacy and social policy to ensure women's issues are prioritized;
3. Engage with influential stakeholders to help promote the objectives of the CTI-CFF WLF and build consensus around the importance for women in marine resources management and climate change;
4. Promote and participate in information and campaigns to bring about social and cultural change; including government, civil society, academia, the private sector and the media; and
5. Be available at least twice a year, to participate in key events in support of CTI-CFF WLF programs.

B. Time commitment

The ambassadorial role is voluntary. The suggested duration of the commitment is twelve months commencing 1st January to 31st December; renewable upon further discussion prior to expiration of the term. It is expected that the role of ambassador is performed within the normal course of business. However, the ambassador is free to undertake additional responsibilities at her own discretion.

C. CTI-CFF support

To enable the ambassador to fulfill her roles effectively, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat will provide communication support that will include:

- information pack (e.g. WLF brochures)
- periodic updates through email exchanges and WLF calls
- the Regional Secretariat and partners will assist in individual requests for further support as needed.

D. CTI-CFF WLF Workplan

The Chair is responsible to ensure decisions in Senior Officials' Meetings (SOMs) are met and are in line with the CTI-CFF goals and objectives.

The recent 13th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-13) have approved the WLF's 2018 Workplan and the Chair is responsible to oversee the implementation of the activities with the support from the Steering Committee and the Regional Secretariat:

1. Develop TORs for WLF Ambassador and Chair;
2. Update and upgrade WLF member directory;
3. Attend and participate in at least one relevant training / workshop / conference;
4. By January 2018, start negotiating with partners to initiate development of CTI-CFF Gender Policy & gender indicators². Results will be reported in SOM-14;
5. Participate in the consultative process of RPOA review; results will be reported in SOM-14; and
6. Participate / organize side event at the 5th Regional Business Forum in Malaysia (2018).

[source: Chairman Summary; SOM-13]

² Gender equality and women empowerment indicators in all phases of programming, budgeting, and reporting.