



CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES
AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex 9.1

Decision Document on

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Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG)

The 13th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-13)

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by
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

I. Background

Section IV on the Coordination Mechanisms and Implementation Partners of the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) laid out several short-term steps for the Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG) to implement. Some of the steps are: expand the CTI-CFF website; establish a CTI Information Management System into the website; coordinate and facilitate the formation of the permanent Regional Secretariat; and facilitate sub-regional, multi-lateral and bi-lateral process with Development Partners.

The main deliverable for the CMWG was the establishment of the permanent Regional Secretariat with accompanying policies and regulations drafted for implementation; i.e. the Agreement of the Establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. This has been achieved with the appointment of the first Executive Director of the Regional Secretariat on 1st April 2015.

Other milestones since April 2015 include the development of the CTI-CFF Communication Strategy; continuously add value to the CTI-CFF website and the establishment of an Information Management System (in the form of e-library); and the development of a CTI-CFF coffee table book.

Pending tasks for the CMWG includes:

1. Develop guidelines on the use of CTI-CFF RPOA goals/targets, Coral Triangle geography, and Coral Triangle brand in the process of securing funding for project and other fund-raising activities¹ (Decision 10; SOM-10)

Additionally, due to a recent change in the Indonesian Government portfolio of the current Chair of the Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG) – Mr. Anang Noegroho recommended to the National Coordination Committees (NCCs) that a new interim Chair be appointed while awaiting formal appointment process in SOM-13. The recommended Chair is from Malaysia; Ms. Mareena Mahpudz, the Under-Secretary of Finance from the Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation (MOSTI). A letter to this effect was sent on 21 July

¹ The guidelines may cover provisions such as approval and endorsement mechanisms, program alignment with RPOA and NPOA, resource allocation to the Regional Secretariat, monitoring and evaluation and overall management services under the auspices of CTI-CFF.

2017 to NCCs and to the Secretary General of MOSTI requesting the service of Ms. Mareena to chair the CMWG. An approval letter was sent from MOSTI to the Regional Secretariat on 7 September 2017 and this was distributed to all NCCs on 20th September 2017.

The Interim Chair of CMWG has been instrumental in assisting the Regional Secretariat with CMWG matters in the short months since assuming the Interim Chair position.

A quick recap of SOM-12 decision includes the following:

1. Endorsed the publication of the Establishment of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat which includes the Rules of Procedures; Staff Regulations; and Financial Regulations taking into consideration the approved amendments that have been endorsed by SOM-12 [**Decision 11.1.1**];
2. Acknowledged the publication of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) [**Decision 11.1.2**];
3. Acknowledged the progress of the drafting and design of the History of CTI-CFF and the CTI Leaders' Declaration to be completed prior to the next SOM [**Decision 11.1.3**];
4. Acknowledged and endorsed amendments to the CTI-CFF logo; Approved and endorsed the use of the CTI-CFF Communication Strategy (including Work Plan and Branding Guidelines) upon review by all NCC by 30 November 2016 [**11.1.4**]; and
5. Acknowledged the provision for the CTI Workspace and for Regional Secretariat to provide training and information of use for the Workspace [**Decision 11.1.5**].

II. Decision

Referring to the discussion and consideration among the members of SOM-13 in Session 9 (*Attachment 9.1.a*), the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Recapped the endorsement of the CTI-CFF Communication Strategy in SOM-12 and encouraged all parties to refer to it for all communication needs;
2. Acknowledged on the following matters:
 - a. Progress of updating the CTI-CFF website and encouraged relevant entities to provide the latest data and information to populate the website to be ready for official launch in 2018 during MM-7;
 - b. Progress of the CTI-CFF Coffee-table Book development and encouraged parties to provide information as required by December 2017; distribution of the draft outline to NCCs for feedback by January 2018 and to be ready for official launch in MM-7; and
 - c. Progress of the e-library development to be ready for official launch in MM-7.
3. Agreed to the following matters:

CMWG to assist the Regional Secretariat with the development of the draft *Guidelines / Recommendations on the Use of CTI-CFF for Project Development Pursuits and Other Related Fund-Raising Initiatives* (Guideline) as mandated in SOM-10 and to be ready for SOM-14;
4. Endorsed the CMWG 2018 Workplan; and
5. Agreed to revisit the need for CMWG chairmanship in the future when all pending tasks have been completed and undertake by the Regional Secretariat.

Attachment

9.1.a. SOM-13 CMWG presentation.