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Subject: Invitation to the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Integration in Fisheries Training in Bangkok, Thailand, on 26-27 September 2023

Women's Leadership Forum (WLF): Focal Points of Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands & Timor-Leste

Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security
(Distribution list can be found in "Attachment 1")

Dear Distinguished Representatives,

Let me first express my sincerest appreciation and gratitude to all of you for the continued support and cooperation extended to the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.

May I kindly refer you to my earlier correspondence on 22 August 2023, concerning the upcoming Women's Leadership Forum (WLF) programme in Bangkok, Thailand. With the support from the USAID Sustainable Fish Asia Technical Support Activity (SuFiA-TS) and in collaboration with the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, there will be a Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Integration in Fisheries Training and Meeting for CTI-CFF WLF members and partners, 26-28 September 2023. The training is designed based on the training module and manual on Gender Integration in Small Scale Fisheries in Southeast Asia developed under the USAID Sustainable Fish Asia Local Capacity Development (SUFIA-LCD) activity in 2022. SuFiA-TS shall also be supporting the GESI Integration Training with the aim to finalize both the CTI-CFF GESI Policy Implementation Guidelines and the Covid-19 impacts on women in fisheries in the Coral Triangle: A Cooperative Action Plan on working together towards gender equality and building back better. For this event, the SuFiA-TS is supporting one WLF participant from the Coral Triangle member countries to attend.

With this letter we kindly inform you that the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat has corresponded with the WLF Chair, Ms. Alda Sousa Lemos da Rosa, and sought her approval on the WLF budget which was allocated for an In-Situ Meeting, to be efficiently utilized in building the capacity of Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste in relation to GESI in the fisheries management sector. We believe that this is a great opportunity for the three Coral Triangle member countries to capitalize on the training module and manual on Gender Integration in Small Scale Fisheries in Southeast Asia, subsequently effectively leading to building their resource capacity.

On behalf of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, it is with great pleasure that I extend this invitation to the Women's Leadership Forum (WLF) focal points members and their representatives. We are pleased to invite the WLF focal points to select one additional participant from your country to participate in the **Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Integration in Fisheries Training in Bangkok, Thailand, from September 26-27, 2023**. We are excited to inform you that the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat with the WLF budget will provide support for the additional in-person participation (local transport, return-airfare, lodging, and per diem) of the selected representative from your member country. The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat believes that the expertise and insights of the WLF focal

points can greatly contribute to the success of this GESI Integration in Fisheries Training, by selecting a focal point or representative to attend this important capacity-building event.

We kindly request that you provide the name of the selected participant and their contact information at the earliest before **COB 7th September 2023**. Additionally, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat is happy to assist with the visa or travel arrangements required to ensure smooth traveling. For such purposes, we again enclose herewith the invitation to the GESI inclusion training agenda for your perusal (attachment 2). Also find attached the draft documents on the GESI Policy Implementation Guidelines and the Action Plan on Addressing COVID impacts, for your kind review please note down your comments to discuss further during the event (attachments 3 and 4).

For more information and liaison on other technical matters please contact Mr. Corzzierrah Posala at corzzierrah.posala@cticff.org

For more information on the registration and travel logistics please contact Mr. Michael Tampongangoy at michael.tampongangoy@cticff.org

We thank you for your attention, and we anticipate the fruitful participation of your selected representative.

Sincerely,



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1. Alternative WLF Focal Points for PNG, SB and TL.
2. WLF Chair and Co-Chair

Attachments:

1. Distribution List of WLF Focal Points for PNG, SB and TL.
2. Provisional Agenda of GESI Training
3. GESI Policy Implementation Guidelines
4. Action Plan on Addressing COVID Impacts

Attachment 1
Distribution List
Women Leaders' Forum (WLF)
Focal Points of Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, and Timor Leste
Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security

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