

Joint Ministerial Statement
The 6th CTI-CFF Ministerial Meeting (MM-6)
3 November 2016, Port Moresby – Papua New Guinea

The 6th CTI-CFF Ministerial Meeting (MM-6) was held on 3 November 2016 in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The Meeting was chaired by the Hon. John Pundari, CMG, MP, Minister for Environment and Conservation & Climate Change and attended by Hon. Datuk Seri Panglima Madius Tangau, Minister of Science, Technology and Innovation of Malaysia; Hon. Samuel Manetoali, Minister of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology of Solomon Islands; Hon. Estanislau Aleixo da Silva, Minister of State, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs and Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries of Timor-Leste; H.E. Dr. Suseno Sukoyono, Minister's Advisor to the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia for Public and Inter-Agency Relations; and H.E. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr, Assistant Secretary for Field Operations of Department of Environment and Natural Resources of the Philippines;

Bearing in mind that the Coral Triangle Initiative Leaders' Declaration on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security signed on 15 May 2009 in Manado, Indonesia sets the the fundamental foundation to conserve and sustainably manage coastal and marine resources within the Coral Triangle region;

Recognizing that the coastal, marine and fisheries sectors have substantial resources to provide vital contribution to national socio-economic development, economic revitalization and reduction of poverty in the short, medium and long term;

Considering the marine environment is facing a number of man-made and natural threats such as coastal development, watershed-based pollution, marine-based pollution and damage, overfishing and destructive fishing, and climate change that leads to increasingly degraded reefs and marine resources;

Noting that marine and fisheries sectors have a huge potential as a driver of food security, environmental sustainability and economic opportunity which requires solid collaborative effort to consolidate marine biodiversity policies; and

Recalling the commitments of CTI-CFF to pursue the tangible implementation of Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) and to transform such goals along with its targets and regional actions into workable action-plans with mutual and coherent coordination at CTI-CFF national levels.

We, the Ministers and Heads of Delegations, hereby:

1. Appreciated ratification of the Agreement on Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat done by all the CTI-CFF Member States;
2. Appreciated signing of the Host Country Agreement (HCA) between the Government of Republic of Indonesia as the Host Country and the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat on 1 December 2015 in Manado, Indonesia, marked the Headquarters of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat is located in Manado;
3. Appreciated the transition process from the Interim Regional Secretariat to the permanent Regional Secretariat commenced when the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat was entered force on 24 November 2014 followed by the appointment of the Executive Director on 1 April 2015;
4. Appreciated the role of function of the Interim Regional Secretariat in setting up necessary administrative arrangements and prepare financial management systems to facilitate the smooth transition;
5. Acknowledged the commencement of the Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, Mr. Widi A. Pratikto, Ph.D. for the period of four (4) years, assumed the office on 1 April 2015, subject to annual performance evaluation;
6. Expressed our highest gratitude and appreciation to the Government and the people of Papua New Guinea for hosting the pre-meetings of 12th Senior Officials' Meeting (Pre-SOM), 12th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-12) and the 6th Ministerial Meeting (MM-6) in an excellent arrangement.
7. Adopted the Chairman's Summaries of 10th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-10), 11th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-11) and 12th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-12);
8. Appreciated the excellent leadership of Papua New Guinea and the Philippines as the Chair and Vice Chair of the CTI Council of Ministers (CTI-COM) and CTI Committee of Senior Officials (CTI-CSO) from 16 May 2014 to 3 November 2016;

9. Elected the Philippines and Solomon Islands as the Chair and Vice Chair of the CTI Council of Ministers (CTI-COM) CTI Committee of Senior Officials (CTI-CSO) for the period of two years, from 4 November 2016 to 4 November 2018 and/or such a time when the Ministerial Meeting will be held after 4 November 2018;
10. Appreciated the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Timor-Leste who had remitted their full annual contribution to the Regional Secretariat for the years of 2014, 2015 and 2016 and the Solomon Islands for partial contribution in the same period as well as to urge other CTI-CFF Member States which has not yet to remit their respective full annual contribution at the earliest;
11. Acknowledged that the budget 2017 shall be reviewed prior to CTI-COM endorsement by mid-January 2017;
12. Agreed to select and appoint the Deputy Executive Director for Program Services “equal standing”, namely Ms. Sharifah Nora S. Ibrahim from Malaysia;
13. Adopted the new text of paragraph of Rule 21 (3) on “New CTI-CFF Party” of Rules of Procedure, regarding the accession of a new member party reads as follow:

“A State shall become a CTI-CFF Party with full rights when all of the requirements of paragraph (2) have been met, and the Instrument of accession has been submitted to the Depository”
14. Endorsed Brunei Darussalam as a new member of CTI-CFF subject to a notice from Brunei Darussalam received to indicate its readiness to be part of CTI-CFF along with its submission of the Head of State’s adoption to the CTI Leaders’ Declaration on CTI-CFF; and the submission of the Instrument of Accession to the Agreement on the Establishment of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to the Depository;
15. Appreciated progress been made by the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) of each CTI-CFF Member State in implementing their respective National Plan of Action (NPOA) and encourage them to expedite tangible implementation in timely manner;

16. Acknowledged and appreciated the achievement and progress made by the Technical Working Groups, Governance Working Groups and Cross-Cutting Themes in pursuing the implementation of RPOA;
17. Tasked the CTI Committee of Senior Officials and Regional Secretariat to seek ways and means to strengthen the National Coordinating Committee (NCC) and Regional Secretariat as well as to empower Technical Working Groups and Cross-Cutting Themes with a view of having effective coordination and timely implementation of the RPOA;
18. Appreciated the ongoing support by the CTI-CFF Development Partners and welcome their further cooperation to mobilize resources and knowledge inputs;
19. Urged the Regional Secretariat to share existing MoUs with NCCs as well as to ensure NCCs involvement in respective cooperation arrangement to have better coordination and collective efforts. Any fund that should accrue to the Regional Secretariat from such existing cooperation agreement shall be reported in SOM-13;
20. Appreciated the established cooperation arrangements through Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the CTI-CFF and the following organizations/institutions: Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC), Coral Triangle Center (CTC), Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Program (SPREP), Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH as well as with Universities, i.e. Bogor Agricultural University, Institut Teknologi Sepuluh Nopember Surabaya, Hasanuddin University and Sam Ratulangi University from Indonesia;
21. Acknowledged the effort made by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to establish cooperation arrangements through initiating and signing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with upcoming potential signing of MoUs to extend cooperation arrangements with PEMSEA, Universiti Malaysia Terengganu from Malaysia, James Cook University from Australia, University of Queensland from Australia, Solomon Islands National University from Solomon Islands and other potential cooperation arrangements to be established and pursued by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in the near future;

22. Acknowledged the preparation of the CTI-CFF/USAID-DOI Regional Secretariat Work Plan for Strengthening Organizational and Administrative Capacity for Improved Fisheries Management in consultation to the NCCs and relevant Technical Working Groups;
23. Tasked the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to further explore new parties, and new partners as well as new cooperation arrangements among CTI-CFF and other international and regional fora and organizations;

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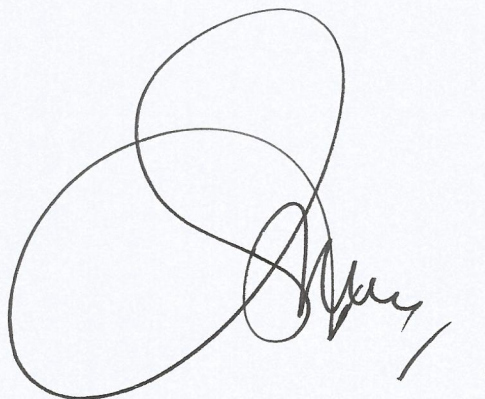
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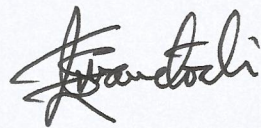
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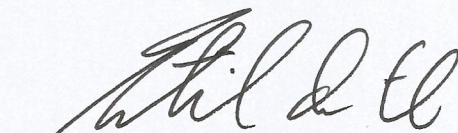
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