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ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

Annex – 12(4)

Decision Document on

Women Leaders' Forum (WLF)

The 12th CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-12)

**1 - 2 November 2016
Laguna Hotel, Waigani Drive
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**

**Adopted on 2 November 2016
by
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

I. Background

Since the CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum was launched and endorsed by the CTI-CSO in Special SOM (in May 2015), it has been the recipient of many encouraging supports from NCCs and especially from CTI Development Partners. They include, USAID-RDMA, USDOJ, CTC, and other partners such as ADB, TNC, WWF and CI.

In SOM-11, the CTI-CSO recognizes the importance of women's role in marine resources management and agreed to the following decisions:

1. Included/Incorporated gender measures into the CTI M&E Operations Manual. The indicators will be prepared by the WLF Secretariat in collaboration with the WLF focal points and submitted at the next CTI M&E Working Group Meeting;
2. Encouraged all CTI-CFF Technical Working Groups to engage and utilize the pool of women leaders in the CI-CFF Member States trained under WLF's various capacity building activities as resource persons or participants in their respective workshops;
3. Encouraged CTI-CFF member countries to link with ministries women empowerment in CTI-CFF WLF activities (this was earlier placed under planned activities); and
4. Acknowledged the support of USAID, US DOI, CTC, NOAA, ADB, WWF, TNC, CI, and GIZ in the conduct of WLF activities.

Since SOM-11, there have been several activities undertaken by the NCCs supported by the Development Partners. These include national level events such as the 2nd Roundtable on *'Rights-Based Management is empowering women in food security, sustainable community fisheries and climate adaptation programs in rural communities of PNG'* organized by the National PNG WLF with support from TNC. The 1st Capacity Building workshop for the Malaysian WLF was also organized with the support from WWF Malaysia. The workshop focuses on skills such as effective public-speaking & presentation skills and finance for non-finance people. Other national level program are innovative approaches to sustainable fisheries and fisheries management program co-funded by the Australian Government and WWF's corporate partner, John West Australia undertaken in Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands.

Internationally, WLF presented its profile in several prestigious international conferences such as at the International Symposium on Capacity Building for

Sustainable Oceans in Tokyo, Japan; International Coral Reef Symposium in Honolulu, Hawaii; and the World Conservation Congress in Hawaii.

Several planned and proposed activities post-SOM12 includes; (i) WLF Malaysia Work Plan Meeting in November 2016 (Kota Kinabalu, Sabah); (ii) proposed side-event during the 5th Regional Business Forum (including a Small Grant Award to selected leaders from each CT6 member countries); and (iii) proposed collaboration with East West Center on capacity building women leaders.

II. Decisions

Based on the presentation and the ensuing discussion in SOM-12, the CTI-CFF CSO hereby:

1. Acknowledged the CTI-CFF WLF activities in 2016;
2. Acknowledged the WLF proposed work plan for 2016/2017;
3. Identified National WLF Focal Points in CT6 member countries; and
4. Encouraged the CTI-CFF WLF to continue to connect at local, national, regional and international fora to leverage impact.

Attachment:

12.4. SOM-12 WLF Presentation