



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



Chair's Report

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16th Senior Officials' Meeting

Mandate

Rule 4 : The function of the CTI Committee of Senior Officials (CTI CSO) will be to make such decisions and give such directions to the Executive Director as will ensure, especially in the interval between Ministerial Meetings, that the business of the CTI-CFF is carried out efficiently and in accordance with the decisions of the CTI COM. This may include the provision of recommendations to the Executive Director on the implementation of decisions of Ministerial Meetings through the Secretariat or through special Technical Working Groups or other bodies established under Rule 8

Rule 11,

Para 1. The Chair of the CSO shall rotate in time and by CTI-CFF Party, parallel to the CTI COM. The Vice Chair will be parallel with Rule 10 (2). They shall take office upon their appointment for the same term as the CTI COM Chair.

Para 2. The rotation of the Chair of the CTI CSO referred to in paragraph (1) above **shall be based on the names of the CTI-CFF Parties in alphabetical order**. As such, the CTI-CFF Party whose name next follows alphabetically from the CTI-CFF Party of the current Chair will nominate a candidate for election as Chair, at the meeting immediately prior to the conclusion of the term of office of the current Chair. The initial Chair of the CTI CSO will be nominated by the CTI-CFF Party of the initial Chair of the CTI COM.

Joint Ministerial Statement – 7th Ministerial Meeting in Manila, Philippines (14 December 2018)

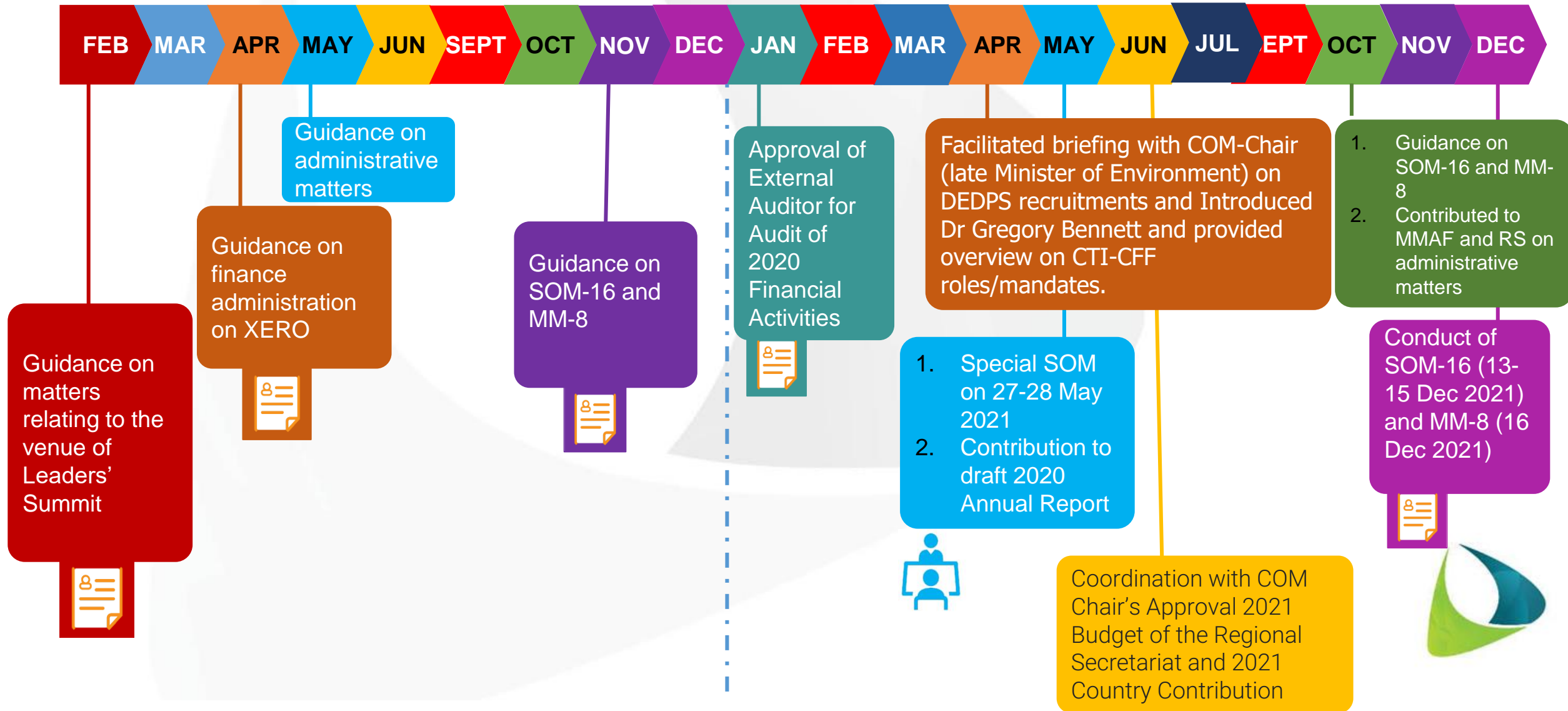
Elect the Government of Solomon Islands and Government of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste as the Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the Council of Ministers (COM) and Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) for two (2) years from 2019 to 2020;



Chair's Activities

2020

2021



In 2020, the Chair provided guidance on the following:

- RS in securing CT6 Member Countries' preferred venue for the Leaders Summit, if it will be pursued (Jan 2020) and ensuring consensus in the decision
- Ensuring RS' operation of XERO following its temporary closure (April 2020) due to updating of some financial terminologies in XERO
- Ensuring continuous financial operations of RS to find replacement for staff who resigned earlier than their contract agreement (May 2020)
- Postponing SOM-16 and MM-8 in 2020 in consideration of the concerns raised by some Working Groups and RS; re-scheduling the two high-level meetings to 2nd Quarter of 2021 as concurred by CT6 Member Countries (November 2020)



In 2021, the Chair carried out the following:

- Approved Paul Hadiwinta, Hidayat, Arsono, Ade Fatma & Rekan (PKF) as external auditor to conduct Audit of 2020 Financial Statements of RS
- Facilitated briefing with COM-Chair (late Minister of Environment) on DEDPS recruitments and Introduced Dr Gregory Bennett and provided overview on CTI-CFF roles/mandates.
- (April 2021)
- Chaired the Special SOM on 27-28 May 2021 to be able to attend to urgent RS concerns such as approval of 2021 budget; status of Host Country Agreement, RPOA 2.0 among others; and contributed to draft 2020 Annual Report (May 2021)
- Coordinated with COM Chair the approval of 2021 budget of RS and 2021 Country Contribution (June 2021)
- Provided guidance on the scheduling of SOM-16 and MM-8 and ensuring consensus from CT6 Member Countries; and contributed to MMAF and RS on administrative matters (October 2021)
- Chairing of SOM-16 (December 2021)

Note: The two-year term of Solomon Islands as COM and CSO Chairs which were to end in 2020 through a formal handover of chairship to Timor-Leste in a Ministerial Meeting, in accordance with the Rules of Procedures. However, with the postponement of SOM-16 and MM-8, Solomon Islands continued its role as COM and CSO Chair until the MM-8 is officially conducted.



Reflections:

- Concerns on delay of finalizing HCA and RPOA 2.0
- Need clarity on issues for Chair CSO and issues for Regional Secretariat to address.
- Regional Secretariat must be **EMPOWERED** and **INDEPENDENT** to implement programs and activities.
- Regional Secretariat cannot be funded only by country contributions – need to explore other funding modalities to support RPOA 2.0 implementation.



Thank you!

