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**SOM19**  
SPECIAL MEETING

# The 19<sup>th</sup> SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING

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## WOMEN LEADERS FORUM

Ms. Nelly Kere

Chair of Women Leaders Forum CCI

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Focal Points



# Focal Points of WLF

Member Country	Focal Points
Indonesia	Mr. Andy Artha Donny Oktopura, Head of Planning Bureau, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries Alternate: Mr. Ade Wiguna Nur Yasin, Junior Planner/Planning and Budgeting Sub-coordinator, Planning Bureau Secretariat General MMAF
Malaysia	Dr. Aazani Mujahid, Senior Lecturer, University of Malaysia Sarawak (UNIMAS)
Papua New Guinea	Ms. Yvonne Tio, Executive Manageress, Marine Environment Division, Conservation and Environment Protection Authority. Alternate: <b>TBD</b>
Philippines	Mr. Marcial C. Amaro, Jr., Assistant Secretary for Biodiversity, In concurrent capacity as OIC Director Biodiversity Management Bureau, Department of Environment and Natural Resources. Alternate Focal: Isidro M. Velayo, Jr, Department of Agriculture-Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources (DA-BFAR)
<b>Solomon Islands (Chair)</b>	Ms. Nelly Kere, Programme Management and Coordination Unit, Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology Alternates: Ms. Rieka Kwalai, Principal Fisheries Officer, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources Supported by : Ms Ronelle Panda, Deputy Director Policy and Planning Division, Ministry of Fisheries and Marine Resources
Timor-Leste	Ms. Juniearca Maria da Costa , Technical Staff of National Directorate for Study and Fisheries and Aquaculture Resources Alternate: Ms. Alda Sousa Lemos, Chief Gabinetes for General Directorate of Fisheries, Aquaculture and Aquatic Resources Management

# Action Taken for SOM-18 Decisions

## SOM 18 Decisions

Decisions	Status
1. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by the Women Leaders' Forum (WLF).	Done
2. Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Integration in Fisheries Training and CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum (WLF) Meeting, organized by USAID SuFiA TS and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in Bangkok on 26-28 September 2023.	Done
3. Acknowledged and appreciated the conduct of the Youth Ambassadors Program, organized by USAID SuFiA TS and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.	Done
4. Acknowledged and endorsed the contribution of WLF members and USAID SuFiA TS in the finalization of the draft CTI-CFF Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Policy Implementation Guidelines.	Done
5. Acknowledged and endorsed the contribution of WLF members and USAID SuFiA TS in the finalization of the draft 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.	Done
6. Appreciated the excellent contributions of Ms. Alda Sousa Lemos da Rosa as Chair from Timor Leste and Ms. Rili Djohani as Co-Chair from CTC in the year 2022 - 2023.	Done
7. Approved the Recommendation of the WLF to hand over the Chair from Timor-Leste to Solomon Islands, and the retain of the Co-Chair by CTC in the year of 2024-2025, based on the provision stipulated in the rules and procedures of the CTI-CFF CCI WLF.	Done
8. Approved the WLF 2024 Workplan.	Done



# Update on Workplan and Budget by the Chair of WLF for 2024

# Workplan and Budget for 2024

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Budget
WLF Physical Meeting back-to-back with a related workshop/training	Q3 – Q4	Bangkok, 9-12 September 2024. Supported by: - USAID SuFiA-TS - USAID SCT
Target Output B2.2.1 By 2023, GESI regional guidelines on private sector partnerships and collaborations, and innovative financial resources are developed and/or improved.	Q1 – Q3	Looking for potential partner support
Output B2.1.1.c By 2023, Practical tools are developed to collect gender and social groups segregated data.	Q1 – Q3	M&E created two tools and still looking for potential partner support on gender analysis in 2025
Output B2.1.1.d By 2023, increase understanding and awareness related to GESI in the CTI-CFF through Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA).	Q2 – Q4	Ongoing activity from 2023. Open for partner support



## Workplan and Budget for 2024 (Cont.)

Planned Activities	Time Frame	Budget
<p>RPOA 2.0 Target B2: Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI). Appointing a GESI specialist to provide oversight to related target outcomes and target output indicators in 2024 – 2030 work planning across RS and CT6.</p>	<p>Q1 – Q3</p>	<p>Regional Secretariat to explore and open to options on a medium to long-term basis.</p>
<p>CTI Youth Ambassadors Program (YAP): Develop a strategy for the continued YAP implementation in 2025</p>	<p>Q3 – Q4</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> Batch of YAP conducted in 2024 organized by USAID SuFiA-TS and the Regional Secretariat</p>

The background of the slide is an underwater photograph of a coral reef. In the foreground, there is a large, flat, brownish-orange coral structure. To the left, there are various other coral species, including some with pink and white hues. In the background, a scuba diver is visible, swimming towards the right. The water is clear and blue.

# Workplan and Proposed Budget by the Chair of WLF for 2025

# WLF Workplan and Budget 2025 <sup>1</sup>

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget (estimation) USD		Objective	RPOA 2.0 – Objective B		
			TARGET B2					
			RS	Partner		Outcome	Output	Indicators
1	Recruitment of Gender Specialist to give support to the implementation of the GESI Policy and GESI related activities under the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat program.	Q1 2025	-	Seeking additional partner support	To enhance support to the implementation of the CTI-CFF institutional framework and gender specific impact indicators in the regional impact framework and M&E for the RPOA 2.0	Target Outcome B2.1	Target Output B2.2.1	T. Output B2.1
2	Identify and pursue private sector partnerships and collaboration to establish innovative financial resources, through GESI regional guidelines.	Q1-Q2 2025	-	Seeking 50,000 Partner Support  WCS through CTCF	To enhance the support towards GESI regional guidelines on private sector engagement.	Target B2.1	Outcome B2.1.1	T. Output Indicator B2.2.1
3	Support the establishment of the Gender Equality Hub and assist consultation within the CT6 member countries.	Q2-3	-	SuFiA-TS, CTC and Pacific Forum Secretariat and seeking additional support from others, including	Enhance the implementation of GESI-related programs, and projects within the region, and to also assist the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in the implementation of activities under the WLF program.	Target Outcome B2.1	Outcome B2.1.1	

1. We can provide mentorship in the meantime? Also there are many opportunities for grants etc can we help them write a proposal?
2. Might need to link with UN Women and Caterina Meloni of Connecting Founders. Caterina's org works with businesses to advocate for GESI.
3. We have a budget for next year re: training on women businesses on entrepreneurship (\$15K) that can be an activity of the GE Hub. But yes we need some kind of structure and a follow-up of the outcomes of the GESI REX re: GE Hub. Another event is the training webinar series as part of GE Hub and we can bring in CTI WLF to be co-organizer

Arlene Satapornvanit, 12/1/2024

## WLF Workplan and Budget 2025 (Cont.)

No	Activities	Time Frame	Budget (estimation) USD		Objective	RPOA 2.0 – Objective B		
			RS	Partner		TARGET B2		
						Outcome	Output	Indicators
4	Organize the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Regional Exchange including a relevant Capacity Building Program & a CEPA Workshop and further assist integration of GESI socialization. Back-to-back with the Annual Women Leaders Forum Meeting	Q2 2025	30,000 (RS)	Seeking Host Country support  Seeking additional partner support of 35,000	To support the GESI-related training and capacity-building programs that would further support the GESI implementation in the CT6 region, contributing to national initiatives.  To coordinate the progress of implementation on the WLF-related activities under the RPOA 2.0. and update the monitoring component.	Regional Activity B2.1		Outcome Indicators B2.1.1a B2.1.1b B2.1.1c B2.1.1d
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>			<b>30,000</b>	<b>85,000</b>				

A vibrant underwater photograph of a coral reef. In the foreground, a large, pinkish-red, cup-shaped sponge is prominent. The reef is covered in various colorful corals and sponges. Several fish are visible, including a bright orange fish and a yellow and white striped fish. The water is clear and blue.

# Draft Recommendations for SOM-19

## **SOM-19 Recommendation for WLF**

1. Acknowledged and appreciated the presentation by the Women Leaders' Forum (WLF) (Annex 7.1);
2. Acknowledged and appreciated the support of USAID SuFiA TS in organizing the Gender Equality and Social Inclusion (GESI) Regional Exchange (REX) alongside the CTI WLF meeting held on September 9–10 and 12, 2024, in Bangkok, Thailand;
3. Acknowledged the implementation of the CTI-CFF GESI Policy led by the WLF through capacity-building sessions provided during the SSS-BSS Regional Exchange, CCA Regional Exchanges, the Communications Training and Youth Ambassador Program with the support of USAID SuFiA TS;
4. Acknowledged and appreciated the discussion regarding the Gender Equality (GE) Hub and the development of the GE Hub Roadmap led by SuFiA TS;
5. Acknowledged and accepted the CTI-CFF Policy Guidelines on Gendered Climate Vulnerability and Risk Management of Priority Seascapes in Fisheries across the Coral Triangle Region developed through the CTI-CFF/Coral Reef Alliance Climate Adaptation and Resilience Fellowship, led by SuFiA TS (Annex 7.2);
6. Acknowledged and appreciated the 2nd Cohort of Youth Ambassadors Program, organized by USAID SuFiA TS and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in Bangkok, Thailand on 11–13 September 2024;
7. Acknowledged and appreciated the draft Youth Ambassadors Program Roadmap 2025–2030 led by USAID SuFiA TS;

## **SOM-19 Recommendation for WLF (Cont.)**

8. Acknowledged and appreciated the 2024 M&E Report for Women Leaders' Forum (WLF) and the need to develop the reporting system and assessment mechanism (Annex 7.3);
9. Acknowledged and appreciated the planned WLF-GE Hub recommended 2025 activities that could be integrated with planned capacity building events at REX and other activities as supported by SuFiA TS and in collaboration with other partners and programs;
10. Acknowledged and appreciated the potential collaboration between the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat through the WLF and The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in 2025, under the proposed Canadian Government Project Proposal;
11. Acknowledged and appreciated CTC for the engagement of the WLF with the Pacific Forum and the two regional exchanges and capacity building activities on the intersection of GESI, maritime environmental crimes, climate change and disaster response;
12. Acknowledged the implementation of the CTI-CFF Capacity Building Roadmap to support the WLF and strengthen capacity building for women leaders in the Coral Triangle Region;
13. Approved the WLF 2025 Workplan and Budget;



An underwater photograph of a coral reef. The scene is dominated by a large, flat, brownish-orange coral structure in the center. Below it, there's a large, white, textured coral formation. The background is a deep blue, with many small fish swimming around. The overall lighting is dim, typical of an underwater environment.

# Thank You

Women Leaders Forum CCI Report – Ms. Nelly Kere

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The logo for SOM19, featuring the letters 'SOM19' in a bold, sans-serif font. The 'O' is stylized with a green and blue wave-like shape inside it. The logo is enclosed in a thin black rectangular border.

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