

# 5<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF Climate Change Adaptation Technical Working Group Meeting

Hotel Kimberly  
Manila, Philippines  
October 13, 2017

## Minutes of the Meeting

### Attendees:

Zaharuddin Mohd Maideen	-	Presiding Chair, Malaysia
Noel Antonio Gaerlan	-	Co-Chair, Philippines
Sri Atmini	-	Indonesia
Rita Tisiana Kuswardani	-	Indonesia
Nuraeni Tahir Ali	-	Indonesia
Lakshmy Naidu	-	Malaysia
Ahmad Aldrie Amir	-	Malaysia
Ejria Binti Saleh	-	Malaysia
Vagi Rei Leke	-	Papua New Guinea
Iki Peter	-	Papua New Guinea
Milala Albert	-	Papua New Guinea
Julia Camille Las	-	Philippines
Carina Manlapaz	-	Philippines
Carizon Espenesin	-	Philippines
Trevor Maeda	-	Solomon Islands
Nancy Diamana	-	Solomon Islands
Stephen Mosese	-	Solomon Islands
Astrid Lim	-	CTI Regional Secretariat

### Observers:

Rahmat Irfansyah	-	Indonesia
Barnard Purba	-	Indonesia
Frida Sidik	-	Indonesia
Professor Mazlan Abd Ghaffar	-	Malaysia
Aazani Mujahid	-	Malaysia
ABD Muntalib Juli	-	Malaysia
Graham Sem	-	Papua New Guinea
Nelly Kere	-	Solomon Islands
David Tufi	-	Solomon Islands

### Secretariat:

Rouenne Camille De Castro	-	Documenter
Alita Sanggalang	-	Event Secretariat

## Agenda:

1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Approval of the provisional agenda
4. Review and adopt the minutes and issues arising from the 4<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF CCA TWG meeting
5. Country report on the progress of implementation on the CCA roadmap developed in 2013
6. Adoption of the objectives, functions and scope of the regional COE on CCA
7. Review and approve the work plan for blue carbon (2018-2020)
8. Discuss ways forward to update the CT Atlas data on CCA per country
9. Discussion on coral bleaching
10. Issues and challenges
11. Development of the outline for the CCA TWG report to SOM
12. Proposed decision points to be endorsed to SOM13
13. Other Matters
14. Closing/ Meeting Adjourned

## Highlights of the Meeting:

- 1) **Call to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 2:14 PM. The CCA TWG Chair, Captain Zaharuddin Mohd Maideen opened the meeting and thanked the countries for their presence and participation in the fifth CCA TWG meeting
- 2) **Roll Call.** A quick roll call was made. All member countries were represented except for Timor Leste.
- 3) **Approval of the Provisional Agenda.** The Chair presented the CCA TWG meeting agenda and requested everyone to review and provide comments, if any.

**Decision:** The Meeting adopted the proposed 5<sup>th</sup> CCA TWG meeting agenda without any edits.

- 4) **Review and Adopt the Minutes and Issues Arising from the 4<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF CCA TWG Meeting.** The Chair requested each member to review the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF CCA TWG Meeting which was printed and distributed.

**Decision:** The meeting adopted the minutes of the 4<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF CCA TWG Meeting without any edits.

- 5) **Country Report on the Progress of Implementation on the CCA Roadmap Developed in 2014.** The Chair requested each member country to present their progress report. The CTI Regional Secretariat clarified that only Part A of the report template shall be presented. Each member country, except for PNG, presented their report (Annex A) but concerns were raised as to the template given. The Chair acknowledged the members' confusion

on what must be reported in Part A. CTI Regional Secretariat clarified that Part A is for the reporting of national activities that are in support of the regional goals and targets.

**Decision.** The meeting agreed on improving regional capacity by meeting more than once a year. It was also agreed that the CTI Regional Secretariat will come up with a better template for the report on regional activities.

- 6) **Adoption of the Objectives, Functions and Scope of the Regional COE on CCA.** The Chair requested the Secretariat to present the draft Terms of Reference which was the result of previous sessions. The Chair asked the members to review and comment on the draft.

**Decision:** The meeting adopted the following:

- a) Terms of Reference for the Regional COE on CCA (Annex B) adopted with some edits.
  - b) The Terms of Reference will be presented to SOM.
  - c) Malaysia volunteered to be the interim regional COE location and shall be discussed further during the pre-SOM. Meanwhile, countries are requested to consult their NCCCs regarding the proposal of Malaysia to be the interim regional COE on CCA by referring to the PPT presentation of Professor Mazlan which can be found in the thumb-drive that was distributed after the CCA meeting.
- 7) **Review and Approve the Work Plan for Blue Carbon (2018-2020).** The Chair requested the Secretariat to present the Work Plan for Blue Carbon (2018-2020), which was put together during the workshop, for review and approval. It was also suggested to revisit the RPoA Goal 4 to specifically include BC and climate change mitigation.

**Decision:** The meeting adopted the Work Plan for Blue Carbon (2018-2020) with only a few edits on the wordings (Annex C).

- 8) **Discuss Ways Forward to Update the CT Atlas Data on CCA per Country.** The CTI Regional Secretariat requested the member to update their data in the CT Atlas. The members raised issues on the use of the CT Atlas.

**Decision:** The meeting tasked the CTI Regional Secretariat to conduct a capacity building on the use of the CT Atlas next year.

- 9) **Discussion on Coral Bleaching.** The Chair requested Indonesia to explain the agenda further, since they were the ones who suggested it. Members from Indonesia asked if there were any action from the CCA WG aimed at identifying impacts on coral bleaching. The Chair stated that the issue may be under different working group such as the Threatened Species WG.

**Decision:** There was no issue to be discussed.

10) **Issues and Challenges.** The Chair opened the floor for discussions on issues and challenges encountered by all members. The Chair and the members acknowledged Timor Leste's absence as a challenge especially when important decisions are to be made. The CTI Regional Secretariat considers call meetings a continuing challenge especially that technology and internet connection is sometimes not good. Further, conflict of schedules hinders the focal points from attending the call meetings. Malaysia, Papua New Guinea and Solomon Islands consider in-country funding as a challenge in carrying out CCA-related activities thus having to depend on funding from development partners. Lastly, Malaysia raised concerns on the status of USAID as a major funder for CTI activities, given its current political climate.

**Decision:** The meeting adopted the following:

- a) In future call meetings, a representative must be designated in case of the focal point's absence.
- b) CTI Regional Secretariat to be more active in seeking funding options for the member countries.

11) **Development of the Outline for the CCA TWG Report to SOM.** The CTI Regional Secretariat presented the suggested outline for the CCA TWG Report to SOM for comments from the members.

**Decision:** The meeting adopted the following:

- a) Outline for the CCA TWG Report to SOM. (Annex D)
- b) Updated list of CCA TWG Focal Points:

Indonesia	Sri Tantri Arundhati - MOEF Nuraeni Tahir and Hendra Yusran Siry - MMAF
Malaysia	Captain Zaharrudin Modh Maideen – MOSTI Dr. Ejria Saleh – UMS and Dr. Aldrie Amir – UKM
Papua New Guinea	Kay Kumaras Kalim - CEPA Iki Peter, Jonah Auka, Albert Milala – CCDA
Philippines	To be determined
Solomon Islands	Agnetha Vave-Karamui - MECDM Nancy Diamana and Nelly Kere
Timor Leste	To be determined

- c) Members to submit the updates on CCA goals and indicators on or before October 27, 2017.
- d) Include in the Proposed Work Plan for 2018 the activities in the Work Plan for Blue Carbon (Annex C).
- e) Include in the Proposed Work Plan for 2018 the CT Atlas capacity building.
- f) Additional activities to be discussed during the Pre-SOM.

12) **Proposed Decision Points to be Endorsed to SOM13.** The Chair opened the floor for proposed decision points to be endorsed to SOM13. Indonesia suggested the

establishment of a regional COE on CCA and sustainable financing options, which was seconded by Papua New Guinea, Malaysia and Solomon Islands. The CTI Regional Secretariat asked the members whether or not the communique will be presented to the SOM, to which the Chair suggested to be taken up during the Pre-SOM. The Communique was suggested to be brought up as a 2018 Communique as it requires the endorsement from all CT6 countries, COM. Hence, the discussion during Pre-SOM is for an approved version for the perusal of CT6 COM.

**Decisions:** The meeting adopted the following:

- a) Although no definite decision points to be endorsed to SOM 13 were identified, the meeting agreed to raise the following during the Pre-SOM:
  - (i) Establishment of a Regional COE on CCA
  - (ii) Communique
- b) Members to provide their comments on the draft communique on or before October 27, 2017.

13) **Other Matters.** The Chair asked the members for any other matters for discussion.

- Malaysia suggested for each member country to come up with a compendium of documents related to climate change, to which the Chair proposed it to be developed as one of the agenda for next year's REX.
- Malaysia invited everyone to the upcoming 5<sup>th</sup> International Marine Conservation Congress in Kuching, Malaysia wherein BC in CTI can be included as one of the sessions.
- Papua New Guinea proposed for the CTI Regional Secretariat to request funding from the Australian Government for the updating of the CT Atlas.
- Indonesia reminded the CTI Regional Secretariat to distribute materials for the SOM as early as possible so that they can prepare already.
- Lastly, the CTI Regional Secretariat asked the members for comments on the Australian Government factsheet outline, to which the countries preferred providing comments once the draft is already done. As for PNG, they suggested if BC data on the Pacific countries can be used if possible, instead of using only the data from the PEMSEA report.

14) **Closing/Meeting adjourned**

- Without any other further matters, the Chair reminded everyone to adhere to the set deadlines. The Chair and Vice Chair thanked everyone for their participation.
- The meeting was adjourned at 5:11 pm.

## **Annex A**

**Country Reports** (to be compiled in a separate document)

**Indonesia**

**Malaysia**

**Papua New Guinea**

**Philippines**

**Solomon Islands**

## **Annex B**

### **Terms of Reference for the Regional COE on CCA**

- a) Objectives:
  - i) Aligned with RPoA:
    - (1) improve understanding of future climate change impacts and related issue
    - (2) support comprehensive application of effective adaptation measures to mitigate impacts
  - ii) To synchronize research directions and activities, priorities, evidence-based and cross-cutting knowledge for the CT Region
  - iii) To facilitate country-specific capacity building/development for the CT6 member countries:
    - (1) Provision of training services
    - (2) Outreach programs for the coastal communities through communication, education and public awareness
  - iv) To support and provide guidance on policy development, decision-making process, action planning and investment programming of CT6 Member countries regarding CCA by providing, such as but not limited to, assessment information/data, analytical tools, technical expertise and case studies, with respect to national interests
  - v) To integrate national COE into regional COE
- b) Functions:
  - i) Facilitate funding through access to climate funds and other sources of funding, and provision of technical assistance for funding proposals
  - ii) Provide capacity building and technical support/assistance
  - iii) Serve as a hub for technical and scientific experts on CCA
  - iv) Develop mechanisms for validation of data and information
  - v) Monitoring and evaluation, and development of standards for such

- vi) Identify CT6 member countries' strengths and weaknesses
  - vii) Generate new knowledge and enhance its utilization in addressing CCA
- c) Scope:
- i) Climate change adaptation and climate change mitigation as a co-benefit
  - ii) Aligning the objectives of COE to international frameworks such as the Sustainable Development Goals, Convention on Biological Biodiversity, Aichi Targets, etc.
  - iii) Hybrid arrangement (both regional and national)



## Annex C

### Work Plan for Blue Carbon (2018-2020)

Activity	Country Lead	Timeline	Host
Capacity building on BC	Indonesia	2018 Q2	Indonesia
Science and research on CCA-related BC	Philippines	2019 Q4	Philippines
Profiling on CCA-related BC	By country	2019	-
Regional workshop on BC profiling Back-to-back: Communication training for scientists	Malaysia	2020 Q1	Malaysia
Publication of CEPA materials			
Workshop on mainstreaming BC to policies (to be developed after BC profiling)	Papua New Guinea	2020 Q2	Papua New Guinea
Communication, Education and Public Awareness (CEPA) Back-to-back: Cross-country visits	Solomon Islands	2018 Q1&2	Solomon Islands
Grant-writing proposal workshop	Malaysia	2018 Q1	Malaysia

## **Annex D**

### **Outline for the CCA WG report to SOM**

- Cover page
- CCA TWG Focal Points and Partners
- Report of CCA TWG Activities to date
- Review of SOM12 Decisions on CCA WG
- Updates on CCA Goals and Indicators
- Updates on the 2017 Work Plan
- Challenges and lessons learned
- Proposed Work Plan for 2018
- Recommendations
- Special presentation on COE CCA for SOM Endorsement