



# **CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE**

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

## **Annex 18**

### **Decision Document on the 13<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF Senior Officials' Meeting**

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**The 12<sup>th</sup> 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

The 11<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-11) and the 12<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-12) have acknowledged and recommended to the 6<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Meeting (MM-6) that there will be a handover of the Chairmanship and Vice-Chairmanship from Papua New Guinea and the Philippines, to the Philippines and Solomon Islands at the occasion of MM-6.

This is also in accordance with Rule 11 (1) & (2), of the CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure:

- 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.*
- 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.*

This is in accordance with the provisions stipulated in the Rule 23 of CTI-CFF Rules of Procedure, which reads as follows:

*“The CTI COM and CTI CSO Meetings shall take place at the country of the Chair, unless the CTI COM or CTI CSO decide otherwise”*

In line with the abovementioned rules and It is by practice in international fora, the meetings at the level of Minister and Senior Officials to be hosted by the Chair of its organization, the 13<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting is expected to be hosted by the upcoming Chair of CTI-CFF for the period of 2016-2018, which is the Philippines. It is expected that the SOM-12 will be compliance with the meeting arrangements as proposed by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat during the SOM-12.

## **II. Decision**

Referring to the discussion and consideration among the SOM-12 on session on Tentative Date and Venue for the 13th CTI-CFF Senior Officials' Meeting, the Senior Officials hereby:

1. Recommended to Philippines, as the Chair of CTI-CFF for the period of 2016-2018, to host the 13th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM) in 2017; and
2. Recommended that the exact date and venue to be communicated later based on consultation between the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the Government of the Philippines for further confirmation.

### **Attachment:**

18.1 Presentation on the SOM-13