



JOINT MINISTERIAL STATEMENT OF THE 8th Ministerial Meeting of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)

The 8th CTI-CFF Ministerial Meeting (MM-8) was held virtually on 29 November 2022 amidst the global crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Meeting was chaired by the Chair of the Council of Ministers, **H.E. Honorable Nestor Giro** of the Solomon Islands and co-chaired by the Vice-Chair of the Council of Ministers, **H.E. Honorable Pedro dos Reis** of Timor-Leste.

And attended by COM and COM Representatives of the Government of Indonesia, **H.E. Victor Gustaaf Manoppo**, Director General for Marine Spatial Management, Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries; the Government of Malaysia, **H.E. Mme. Noor Afifah Abdul Razak**, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Environment and Water; the Government of Papua New Guinea, **H.E. Mme Yvonne Tio**, Executive Manager, Conservation Environment Protection Authority; and the Government of the Philippines, **H.E. Atty. Jonas R. Leones**, Undersecretary, Policy, Planning and International Affairs, Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Noting that 2022 marks the 13th Anniversary of the multilateral partnership of the six member countries (CT6)– Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste, the Ministers recalled that since the Coral Triangle Initiative Leaders' Declaration on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security on 15 May 2009, our shared commitment to promote the conservation and sustainable management of coastal and marine resources within the Coral Triangle region never wavered and have achieved remarkable progress over the last 13 years and further strengthened our relationship;

Recognizing that COVID-19 pandemic has severely delayed, cancelled or postponed significant regional and national activities of the CT6 Member Countries yet virtual meetings, fora and conferences helped to advance important agenda and address problems relating to ocean conservation and climate change;

Reaffirming the commitment and support of the governments of the CT6 Member Countries to the Initiative despite the challenges posed by the pandemic and further acknowledging the continuing need for a collective, coordinated and multilateral action to address the challenges on ocean governance and threats to marine conservation;

Bearing in mind that the socialization and implementation of the Regional Plan of Action 2.0 (RPOA 2.0) shall enhance the impact of the CTI-CFF work at the national and regional setting and contribute significantly to the implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14 (SDG14) – life underwater; related SDGs, CBD Aichi Target 11 post 2020, global recovery after the Pandemic COVID-19 and emerging issues in the Coral Triangle area, and our global oceans.

Agreeing to continuously work together towards institutional and human capacity building, fostering collaborative partnerships with international and regional institutions, and exploring sustainable finance mechanism to support ongoing and long-term goals of the CTI-CFF towards the sustainable management of our ocean resources and supporting the livelihoods for the people of the Coral Triangle region.

We, the Ministers and the COM Representatives, hereby:

1. Adopt the Chair's Summaries of the 15th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-15) of 2020; Special Senior Official Meeting (SSOM) of 2021; the 16th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-16) of 2021; and the 17th Senior Officials' Meeting (SOM-17) of 2022;
2. Appreciate the contribution and leadership of the Government of Solomon Islands as the Chair of the Council of Ministers (COM) and the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO), and the Government of Timor-Leste as Vice Chair for the period of 2019 to 2022;
3. Elect the Government of Timor-Leste and Government of Indonesia as the Chair and Vice Chair, respectively, of the Council of Ministers (COM) and Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) for years 2023 to 2024;
4. Appreciate the Government of Indonesia for hosting the Regional Secretariat (RS) of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Securities in Manado, North Sulawesi Indonesia, since its establishment in April 2015;
5. Acknowledge the progress of the final draft Host Country Agreement as extensively reviewed by the five-CTI member countries whereas Indonesia as the host country, has also been involved as an observer in the review process and tasked the Regional Secretariat to reinvigorate consultations with the Government of Indonesia to finalize the new Host Country Agreement;
6. Endorse the Regional Plan of Action 2.0 (RPOA 2.0) and to be launched at CTI Leaders' Summit and acknowledge the contribution made by the representatives of the CT6 Member Countries and CTI Partners in the RPOA 2.0 formulation;
7. Appreciate the annual countries' financial contributions, and note the outstanding contribution of some member countries;
8. Accept the 2019, 2020, and 2021 Audit Reports;
9. Acknowledge the investment of the CTI-CFF RS Restricted Fund;

10. Approve and adopt the amendments in CTI-CFF Financial Regulations and Staff Regulations;
11. Approve and adopt the CTI-CFF Financial Policies and Procedures Manual and Staff Policies and Procedures Manual;
12. Appreciate the contribution and leadership of Dr Hendra Yusran Siry as Interim Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat from October 2018 to November 2019;
13. Appreciate the contribution of Dr Sharifah Nora Ibrahim as Deputy Executive Director for Program Services of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat from November 2017 to November 2021;
14. Confirm the appointments of Dr. Mohd Kushairi Mohd Rajuddin as the Executive Director and Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu as the Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services of the Regional Secretariat for the period of November 2019 to November 2023;
15. Approve and adopt the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Budget for 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023;
16. Approve the 2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Organizational Structure;
17. Agree to delegate the responsibility and power to the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) to appoint the new Deputy Executive Director for Program Services (DED-PS) by January 2023 pursuant to Staff Regulation 7.2;
18. Agree to delegate the responsibility and power to the Committee of Senior Officials (CSO) to appoint the new Executive Director and Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services (DED-CS) pursuant to Staff Regulation 7.2;
19. Acknowledge the progress on setting up of the CTI-CFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund;
20. Recognize the SOACAP Project with the completion of the MOU between US DOI and CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in October 2019;
21. Appreciate the commitment and continuing support of CTI Partners, acknowledge the ongoing implementation of projects supported by them and note that the approved revised project preparation flowchart shall be followed in all proposal development processes;
22. Endorse the Joint Ministerial Statement of the 8th Ministerial Meeting.

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