



**Coral Triangle Initiative  
on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security  
(CTI-CFF)**

**ANNEX – 6  
DECISION DOCUMENT ON:  
TRANSITION TO A PERMANENT CTI-CFF  
REGIONAL SECRETARIAT**

**6<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING (SOM6)  
10-12 November 2010  
Manado, Indonesia**

**Adopted 11<sup>th</sup> November, 2010  
By the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,  
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

**Session #4:**  
**Transitional Period toward a Permanent CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat**

**Background**

The establishment of a Regional Secretariat to facilitate synchronize and service the ongoing the Coral Triangle Initiative of Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) implementation process has been declared in the Leaders' Declaration on May 2008. On the fifth Senior Official Meeting (SOM5) and subsequently followed by the second Ministerial Meeting (MM2) in Solomon Islands on November 2009, CT6 countries reached agreement which provide foundation to establish a permanent Regional Secretariat in Indonesia. The second Ministerial Meeting affirmed also the decision made in previous senior officials meeting (SOM4 in Malaysia, October 2009) which tasked the Coordination Mechanism Working Group (CMWG) to continue its work with an *Organizational Development Specialist* provided through assistance by the Government of Australia, to provide detailed on:

- OPTIONS for Regional Secretariat Structure
- OPTIONS for Transition to Permanent Secretariat
- Draft of the operational cost to run the Regional Secretariat

A report titled "Organisation Scenarios and Transition Plan for a Permanent Regional Secretariat for the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF)" was developed by a specialist, and subsequently being presented in CMWG meeting and the 6<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials Meeting (SOM6) in Manado on November 2010.

The consultant's report builds on the work done on the development of a strong legal basis for the CTI-CFF including the development of legal instruments establishing the CTI CFF including the Secretariat, Staff Rules and Financial Regulations and Rules of Procedure for its governing bodies. Guided by the previous deliberations of the SOM and MM and the General Terms of Reference for the Regional Secretariat developed at SOM 5, three possible staffing scenarios and related indicative budgets had been developed for consideration by delegates together with a proposed transition plan.

Delegates noted the need for SOM agreement in three key areas as being essential to the on-going transition process. These were the preferred size and functional priorities for the initial Regional Secretariat; the need to develop an associated indicative budget to assist financial decision making and transition planning and the need for a revised transition plan in the light of decisions taken at the meeting (SOM6). The goal of achieving a transition leading to an effectively functioning permanent Regional Secretariat by December 2011 was also noted.

**Decision.**

The session was chaired by Indonesia. Based on this preliminary work (Attachment 6-1) and the discussion conducted in the session #4 SOM6, the Meeting took the following decisions:

1. AGREED to work inter-sessionally to advance the Regional Secretariat transition process by tasking the Coordination Mechanisms Working Group to prepare recommendations for SOM 7 and the subsequent Ministerial Meeting on the following:
  - a) A preferred size and functional structure for the initial permanent Regional Secretariat and the associated estimated cost implications
  - b) A Transition Plan with clearly defined actions and milestones aimed to establish the initial permanent Regional Secretariat as soon as reasonably possible, preferably commencing from January 2012.

It was understood this work would involve in-country consultation with CT6 members and support would be sought from Partners, including the continuation of the support provided to date for this work by the Government of Australia.

2. AGREED to task the interim Regional Secretariat to arrange and coordinate assistance from the Government of Australia and other partners in supporting the Coordination Mechanism Working Group.