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WELCOMING DR. FRANK KEITH GRIFFIN AS THE NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CTI-CFF REGIONAL SECRETARIAT

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Manado, North Sulawesi (13/03) – The Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) proudly announces the appointment and commencement of Dr. Frank Keith Griffin as the new Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. Dr. Griffin, hailing from Papua New Guinea brings a wealth of experience and a commitment to the sustainable management and use of the Coral Triangle's vital marine resources.

Dr. Griffin, a distinguished professional who most recently served as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Papua New Guinea, is set to lead the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat for a tenure of four years. His extensive knowledge of the unique challenges facing the Coral Triangle region and his passion for fostering collaboration will undoubtedly contribute to the continued success and progress of the CTI-CFF initiative.

"We are thrilled to welcome on board Dr. Frank Griffin as the new Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. His leadership will be instrumental in advancing our mission to promote the sustainable management and use of marine resources, protect biodiversity, and enhance food security in the Coral Triangle region," said Christovel RS. Rotinsulu, Acting Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.

Dr. Griffin's illustrious career is characterized by a profound dedication to environmental management and protection, including marine conservation and the sustainable management of fisheries. Boasting an impressive track record of leadership at the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP), Dr. Griffin has consistently excelled in fostering and managing collaborations and alliances.

"I am honored and excited to take on the role of Executive Director of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat. The Coral Triangle is a globally significant region, and I am dedicated to working collaboratively with member countries, stakeholders, and partners to address the challenges and opportunities in sustaining the marine ecosystems and communities within the Coral Triangle," said Dr. Griffin.



In addition to welcoming Dr. Griffin, the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Hanung Cahyono as the Deputy Executive Director of Corporate Services, and Dr. Yang Mee Eng as the CEO of the Coral Triangle Conservation Fund (CTCF). Mr. Cahyono, who joins the Secretariat from Indonesia, brings a wealth of experience from his previous roles within the Indonesian government, including the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries and the National Secretary. Dr. Mee Eng also brings her expertise in marketing and financing, garnered from her three-year leadership role at the ASEAN Foundation and over a decade of experience in the creative industry sector.

The CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat is confident that all the new leaders, Dr. Griffin, Mr. Cahyono and Dr. Mee Eng, will bring fresh perspectives and innovative approaches to further enhance the organization's effectiveness in achieving its goals, and as it continues its crucial work in promoting conservation and sustainable development across the Coral Triangle.

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Notes to Editors

About Coral Triangle

The Coral Triangle is the world's center of marine life, encompassing around 6 million sq km of ocean across six countries in Asia-Pacific - Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste. It is home to 76% of the world's known coral species, 37% of the world's coral reef fish species, and commercially valuable species such as tuna, whales, dolphins, rays, sharks, including 6 of the world's 7 known species of marine turtles.

About CTI-CFF

The CTI-CFF is a multilateral partnership established in 2009 of six countries working together to sustain biodiversity conservation and food security through the sustainable management of marine resources taking into consideration climate change impacts. The six CTI-CFF Member Countries (Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Timor-Leste and Solomon Islands) focus on the conservation of coral reefs and their associated ecosystems within the Coral Triangle region.



The Regional Plan of Actions (RPOA) 2.0 is available on the website:

www.coraltriangleinitiative.org

About Coral Triangle Conservation Fund

The Coral Triangle Conservation Fund is a legally independent Conservation Trust Fund to support the Coral Triangle countries in their 30 x 30 ambitions (Target 3 of the Global Biodiversity Framework) and components of the Coral Triangle Initiatives for Coral Reefs, Fisheries, and Food Security (CTI-CFF) 's Regional Plan of Action 2.0. The Fund will operate as a grant-making entity to mobilize resources to ensure priority Marine Protected and Conserved Areas (MPCAs) in the Coral Triangle are effective and sustainable while benefiting nature and communities. Its strategy is based on the 'Protect-Restore-Transform' conservation management framework and will focus on multi-year projects benefiting the CT6 region through transboundary projects, or national or local projects with regional impact. Priority will be given to coastal, marine, and/or terrestrial projects with measurable impact to current or planned marine protected and conserved areas. See this video for more information <https://youtu.be/9fYJ7tWivfI>.

Profile photos for download:

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