

ANNOUNCING AND TAKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE WOMEN'S INTERGENERATIONAL LEADERSHIP LEARNING FORUM

*For Collective Change in the Area of Coastal and Marine Conservation
in the Coral Triangle*

A ONE-YEAR LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FOR COASTAL AND MARINE RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PRACTITIONERS Starting November 13-17, 2017

CONTEXT

The Coral Triangle spans six million square kilometers of land and sea in six countries – Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste - and provides a home not only to the highest concentration of reef and reef fish species in the world, but also to approximately 130 million people who live in its coastal areas and directly depend on its marine resources for their food and livelihoods.

The Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) of the Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries and Food Security (CTI-CFF) recognizes that a people-centered approach is a key element in sustaining the world's epicenter of marine biodiversity – the Coral Triangle region.

Under the auspices of the USAID, US Department of the Interior (US DOI) and the Coral Triangle Center (CTC), in collaboration with the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committees and other CTI-CFF Development Partners, the **CTI-CFF Women Leaders Forum** has implemented two regional activities and six national activities (one in each Coral Triangle country) since it was established in May 2014. The activities included a.) a learning exchange for women leaders in the United States, b.) a small grant award for grassroots women leaders, c.) a training on marine protected area management for specifically for women leaders, d.) an awareness and outreach program for students, e.) a roundtable for women entrepreneurs engaged in sustainable marine tourism businesses e.) a forum on women leaders engaged in environment law enforcement, f.) a workshop and capacity assessment for community women leaders in marine resource management and g.) formation of regional and national networks of dedicated women leaders promoting marine resource conservation across the Coral Triangle.

WOMEN'S INTERGENERATIONAL LEADERSHIP LEARNING FORUM

The CTI-CFF WLF's Women's Intergenerational Leadership Learning Forum, which is being implemented by the Coral Triangle Center (CTC) and the US Department of the Interior-International Technical Assistance Program (USDOI-ITAP) with funding support from USAID RDMA, in collaboration with the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and the CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committees, aims to create a knowledge sharing platform between the senior marine conservation women leaders in the six Coral Triangle countries who will serve as mentors to a younger generation of early career women who show both potential and interest in developing leadership qualities.

The intent of the program is to build a cadre of next generation young women leaders from the Coral Triangle countries who are empowered to lead marine conservation programs in support of the CTI-CFF goals, and beyond. The program will include one regional interactive, participatory learning forum, a small grants program for a young professional led marine conservation project which will be implemented by a mentee and supervised by a mentor, and a final regional sharing workshop at the end of the program. Together, the two generations of marine conservation practitioners will work on the project, and ideally set the groundwork for the young professionals to establish themselves as the next generation of marine conservationists.

This program will be implemented over 12 months and is expected to cover one pair of mentor-mentee for each of the CT countries or a total of six (6) senior women mentors and six (6) women mentees. The mentor-mentees will be selected through this open call/submission of applications and will be selected from a pool of women leaders committed to the marine conservation and sustainability goals under the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action.

Each participant in the Collaborative Leadership Learning Forum will have the opportunity to work directly with a mentor on their collaborative leadership development track, as well as a working side-by-side with a coach on their *Conservation Challenge* projects.

WOMEN'S INTERGENERATIONAL LEADERSHIP LEARNING FORUM APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Application: There will be a competitive application process, with total enrollment limited to a maximum of 12 individuals (6 senior professionals and 6 young professionals). Due to the limited number of participants, acceptance to the *Leadership Learning Forum* is by application. In addition to the application, each participant (and their supervisor) is required to commit to the entirety of the *Forum* as it is structured as a progression of activities. **Please note that fluency in the English language is required** due to the format of the Learning Forum which is interactive and participatory by design, and it is expected that the participants will replicate this model in their home countries.

2. Declaration on Leadership: Each applicant will be required to draft and submit, prior to their acceptance to the *Forum*, a statement which addresses the following introspection on leadership (incorporated into application form):

- Personal statement on the meaning of leadership
- Interest in and anticipated outcome from the Leadership Learning Forum
- Example of personal experience of leadership (role models for leadership)
- Global example of leadership and the qualities that exemplify and define leadership (scaled-up models of leadership)
- An example of a collaborative leadership model that has affected change in addressing coastal or marine conservation challenges (real or idealized)

3. Institutional Affiliation: In order to be eligible for participation in the Leadership Learning Forum, each applicant will have to demonstrate they are currently employed by a relevant organization – meaning government, NGO, or community-based organization. The applicant must also show evidence that the institution fully supports their participation in the program, is willing to identify relevant conservation challenges to be addressed during the Forum, and shows high interest in coastal and marine innovations applied in their priority area(s) of interest and/or authority.

4. Curriculum Vitae: In order to prove the past and on-going work with marine protected areas or marine/coastal management and conservation; applicants must send their Curriculum Vitae in English (max 3 pages).

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR AN APPLICATION SUBMISSION, PLEASE CONTACT:

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APPLICATION DEADLINE: OCTOBER 09, 2017