

ALIGNING CROSS CUTTING INITIATIVES TO THE CTI-CFF REGIONAL PLAN OF ACTION 2.0 MEETING

September 24-26, 2019, Sanur, Bali

CONCEPT NOTE

BACKGROUND

During the 14th CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting and 6th Ministering Meeting held in Manila in December 2018, the CTI-CFF member countries and partners have paved the way for the reshaping of the CTI-CFF Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) from 2020 onwards to revitalize the CTI-CFF and make it more robust in addressing its three key main overarching goals: coral reef protection, promoting sustainable fisheries, and addressing food security.

These decisions were made in response to the RPOA Review conducted in 2017-18 wherein several areas of opportunity were identified to ensure that the CTI-CFF will become more relevant and impactful to its stakeholders, specifically the coastal communities in the Coral Triangle region when its current RPOA finishes in 2020.

Amongst the key findings of the RPOA Review showed that there was significant progress in countries in achieving the first RPOA's goals as well integrating the welfare of relevant stakeholders through its cross cutting initiatives: Women Leaders Forum, Local Government Network, Coral Triangle Fishers' Forum, Regional Business Forum, and University Partnerships.

In the past 5 years, the CTI-CFF Women Leaders Forum was able to build the capacity of 200 women leaders across the Coral Triangle and empower them to have a stronger voice in marine and fisheries decision-making in their countries. The CTI-CFF Local Government Network was able to bring in local government leaders to align their local initiatives to the RPOA goals. The Regional Business Forum has become strong platform to engage businesses from the tourism, shipping and fishing sector to support the conservation and sustainability goals of the CTI-CFF. The Coral Triangle Fishers Forum has been able to engage fishing businesses to address the issues of illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing. The University Partnership is also on its way to galvanize academia to support CTI-CFF goals.

The RPOA Review recommended that the CTI-CFF needs to build on the accomplishments of the three cross cutting initiatives in the past years and to take strategic advantage of any new regional and global drivers that have emerged or are emerging and which might generate a positive influence and impact on the future achievement of the CTI-CFF.

Given the significance of the cross cutting initiatives in supporting the CTI-CFF's goals and bringing the benefits of a regional initiative to the ground as well as in linking it with global movements, there is a need to ensure that these cross-cutting themes and sectors are fully aligned and integrated to the RPOA 2.0 and in the CTI-CFF's activities from 2020 onwards.

DESCRIPTION

To support the CTI-CFF RPOA 2.0 development process, a two-day workshop and a 1-day write shop will be organized to generate inputs and insights from CTI-CFF stakeholders on how to integrate CTI-CFF's cross cutting initiatives into the RPOA 2.0 with a view to developing a roadmap for activities going forward.

The overall goals of the workshop are to give adequate consideration to the CTI-CFF cross cutting initiatives that engage three core constituencies and stakeholders, sustain and scale up initiatives, and provide specific opportunities for integration into CTI-CFF activities from 2020-2025.

The workshop will have the following objectives:

- a) Review the key successes/milestones of the CTI-CFF cross cutting initiatives (LGN, WLF, RBF on Sustainable Tourism) from 2009-2018
- b) brainstorming sessions on how each cross cutting initiative can contribute to CTI-CFF goals from 2020 onwards
- c) Develop a 5-year roadmap for the cross cutting initiatives (LGN, WLF, RBF on Sustainable Tourism) from 2020 onwards
- d) Explore the integration or alignment of the 5-year roadmap with CTI-CFF RPOA 2.0
- e) Discuss financial sustainability pathways to support the 5-year roadmap

The write shop will have the following outputs

- a.) A written strategy/roadmap for CTI-CFF Cross Cutting Initiatives that will inform the RPOA 2.0, which can also be presented in the next CTI-CFF Senior Officials Meeting, and used for proposal .

Participants

The workshop is expected to have a total of 20 participants composed of: 6 representatives from the CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committees, 4 participants from the Regional Secretariat and 10 participants from developing partners and cross-cutting initiative stakeholders.

Date and Location

September 24-26, 2019 (Tuesday-Thursday) at CTC Center for Marine Conservation in Bali, Indonesia.

Implementers

This activity will be implemented by the Coral Triangle Center and US DOI International Technical Assistance Program in collaboration with the CTI-CFF RS and CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committees.

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