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**Subject:** Invitation to the Kick-off Meeting for USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle project on **April 29-30, 2024, in Manado, Indonesia**

**CTI-CFF National Coordinating Committees (NCCs)**  
**Chairs of CTI-CFF Technical Working Groups (TGWs)- Seascap, EAFM, MPA, CCA and Threatened Species**  
**Chairs of CTI-CFF Governance Working Groups (GGWs)- MEWG, FRWG and IRC**  
**Chair of CTI-CFF Women Leaders' Forum (WLF)**  
(Distribution List can be found on "Attachment 1")

Dear Distinguished Colleague,

On behalf of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, I extend warm greetings and gratitude for the continued support and collaboration you have graciously provided.

It is with great pleasure to advise that the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat has been awarded the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle project grant by the USAID Regional Development Mission for Asia (RDMA). This 5-year grant aims to support sustainable management practices in the Coral Triangle region, focusing on strengthening governance, building capacity, enhancing community engagement, and securing blue financing for conservation efforts.

In light of these auspicious developments, we cordially invite you to the Kick-off Meeting for the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle project, scheduled to take place in **Manado, Indonesia, from April 29 to 30, 2024**. This event is organized by the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle and the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat.

The two days Kick-off Meeting will serve as a pivotal event to formally launch the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle project and initiate collaborative efforts among key stakeholders. The meeting aims to:

- Introduce the USAID Sustainable Coral Triangle project to the CT6 member countries and stakeholders.
- Provide an overview of the project objectives, activities, and expected outcomes.
- Foster dialogue and engagement among government officials, CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat, implementing partners, USAID bilateral Missions and Offices, and other relevant stakeholders e.g., SEAFDEC, RPOA-IUU, etc.
- Outline the framework for monitoring and evaluation to track project progress effectively.

We kindly direct your attention to the Concept Note enclosed in "Attachment 2". Please also be advised that the organizers are committed to providing support for relevant expenses incurred by CT6 Member Country as indicated "Attachment 3".

To confirm your availability and express your interest in accepting this esteemed invitation, we kindly request you to complete the attached registration form by **April 2, 2024**. Please refer to the registration form enclosed in "Attachment 4".

For any inquiries regarding registration logistics and content please reach out to [regional.secretariat@cticff.org](mailto:regional.secretariat@cticff.org) cc [anjum.islam@cticff-sct.org](mailto:anjum.islam@cticff-sct.org) and [stephanie.mapaliey@cticff-sct.org](mailto:stephanie.mapaliey@cticff-sct.org).

We extend our sincere appreciation and eagerly anticipate your participation in this momentous event.

Yours sincerely,



**Dr. Frank Keith Griffin**  
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1. Alternative NCCs Focal Points from the CT6 member countries
2. Co-Chairs of the TWGs, GWGs (MEWG) and CCIs (WLF)
3. USAID RDMA and other USAID Representatives
4. Other CTI-CFF Strategic Partners and Collaborators

Attachments:

1. Distribution List
2. Concept Note
3. Invitation list for CT6 member countries
4. Registration Form

Attachment 1  
Distribution List

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