



# **CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE**

ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY

## **Annex – 12(2)**

### **Decision Document on**

### **Business Advisory Council (BAC)**

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**The 12<sup>th</sup> CTI-CFF SENIOR OFFICIALS' MEETING (SOM-12)**

**1 - 2 November 2016  
Laguna Hotel, Waigani Drive  
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea**

**Adopted on 2 November 2016  
by  
the Governments of Indonesia, Malaysia, Papua New Guinea,  
the Philippines, Solomon Islands, and Timor-Leste**

## I. Background

In the SOM-11, similar considerations during SOM-10 were reiterated; whereby the Regional Secretariat was tasked to move forwards towards the establishment of the Business Advisory Council (BAC). However, challenges include the vague concept of the BAC where the purpose, targets, mechanisms, structure, funding resources are yet to be articulated. Other challenges include the lacklustre response from CT6 member countries in providing the nominations for private sector representatives to participate in the BAC.

Additionally, the Regional Secretariat participated in the World Ocean Council Conference on November 10, 2015 in Singapore to explore the potential benefits of and options for ongoing collaboration among industry, government, and civil society on future development in the Coral Triangle. During the Summit, it was agreed that a pilot project with relevant oceans industries have the potential to grow into **SE Asia / CT Regional WOC Working Group** and ultimately to creating a **Regional Ocean Industry Leadership**.

SOM-11 endorsed the following decisions:

1. Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat in cooperation with CTI-CFF member countries to pursue vigorously the establishment of the Business Advisory Council;
2. Noted the challenges encountered in establishing the Business Advisory Council and task the Regional Secretariat to clarify the purpose of the Council; and
3. Tasked the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat to study successful models of business councils i.e. ASEAN Business Advisory Council and adapt it to the CTI-CFF context.

Post SOM-11, the Regional Secretariat had a meeting with the ASEAN Business Advisory Council (ABAC) in Jakarta to study and assess its structure; mechanism; and membership, if it is suitable with CTI-CFF.

Additionally, in the next upcoming WOC Sustainable Ocean Summit in Rotterdam (from Nov. 30 to Dec. 2, 2016), the Coral Triangle Center (CTC) shall present a paper on the support of a regional Industry Leadership working group for the CT. Using Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) studies, three local case studies were identified where overlap between industry and marine hotspots is significant including the Banda Sea, Raja Ampat Islands and the Ombai Strait. Poorly planned local activities increase risk to both industry assets and ecosystems. Localized MSP can inform stakeholders and provide guidance towards practical outcomes more transparent, equitable and responsible

maritime future. It is anticipated that the formation of the **SE Asia Regional WOC Working Group** will help ensure sustainable development and national marine conservation commitments can be achieved.

## **II. Decision**

Upon completion of the presentation and the ensued discussions in SOM-12, the CTI-CSO hereby:

1. Noted the challenges encountered towards the further development of the Business Advisory Council (BAC);
2. Agreed to task Regional Secretariat to continue its cooperation with CTI-CFF member countries and relevant business cooperation / associations to further the development towards the establishment of the Business Advisory Council (BAC);
3. Endorsed the continuance for further assessments on successful business council models to be adapted within the CTI-CFF context to be discussed in the next RBF-5;
4. Encouraged CT6 member countries to actively contribute to the process towards the establishment of CTI-CFF Business Advisory Council; and
5. Endorsed the efforts to set up a regional Ocean Industry Leadership for the Coral Triangle region at the World Ocean Council (WOC).

### **Attachment:**

12.2 Business Advisory Council (BAC) SOM-12 presentation