

# 15<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting

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**CORAL TRIANGLE  
INITIATIVE**  
ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES  
AND FOOD SECURITY



## **SESSION 12.3: UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP & SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY GROUP**

Regional Secretariat

# Outline

1. University Partnership (UP) & Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) Proposed Way Forward
2. SOM15 Decisions



# Proposed University Partnership Way Forward

# CTI-CFF UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

At no cost basis to RS and CTI

REPORT

## THE 1<sup>ST</sup> MEETING OF CTI-CFF UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

*"Building Tangible Program Actions for Capacity Building and Research Collaboration"*

Manado, INDONESIA, 28 February – 1 March 2017



A Partnership in Capacity Building, Research Collaboration and Outreach



- Suggest to accept the result of the **1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of CTI-CFF University Partnership “Building Tangible Program Actions for Capacity Building and Research”**; 28 Feb to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017
- Seek acceptance of Prof Grevo Gerung of Sam Ratulangi University of Indonesia as the coordinator of the University Partnership for 2017 – 2020

# CTI-CFF UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP

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- The CTI-CFF University Partnership shall be on No Cost basis to RS or CTI.
- It can be modelled after several models such as the African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) established in 2015 (<http://arua.org.za/about>); and the Asia Pacific Rim University (APRU) (<https://apru.org>)
- Idea to bring together a number of peer institutions that are willing to work together by **pooling their own limited resources**, with a view to generating a critical mass that could more effectively support their limited, but growing numbers of researchers. Underlying this was the conviction that it could thereby leverage this effectively for **additional resources from outside**.

## DETERMINE PROGRAMMATIC IMPLEMENTATION & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES - work with NOAA SeaGrant

**The University Partnership can explore funding from Partners (Govt. or independent) to be modelled after the US SeaGrant program**



Sea Grant is **a national network** consisting of National Sea Grant Office (NSGO), 33 university-based Sea Grant programs, the National Sea Grant Advisory Board (NSGAB), the National Sea Grant Law Center, the National Sea Grant Library and hundreds of participating research institutions.

The network draws on the expertise of **more than 3,000 scientists, engineers, public outreach experts, educators and students** to help citizens better understand, conserve and utilize America's coastal resources. It enables NOAA and the nation to tap into the best science, technology and expertise to balance human use and environmental and socioeconomic issues in coastal communities.

Source: <https://seagrants.noaa.gov/About>

## DETERMINE PROGRAMMATIC IMPLEMENTATION & FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

work with internationally recognized universities / agencies

- When requested by CT6, TWGs, and CCIs, UP will collaborate to develop proposals; in project implementation, monitoring and evaluation (e.g. proposed SSME GEF project by Prof. Mumby);
- UP can also consider to apply for a Partner status (similar to LGN)
- University Partnership may be invited to be part of the Scientific Advisory Committee/Board (depends on which options of the institutional structure of RPOA 2.0 approved by CT6)

# Proposed Scientific Advisory Group Way Forward

## ESTABLISH ABST/SSC/SAB/SAG

Suggest the Scientific Advisory Group (SAG) re-named either as:

- 1. CTI-CFF Advisory Body on Science and Technology** (akin to *ABAPAST: Advisory Body on ASEAN Plan of Action on Science and Technology*); or
- 2. Scientific Steering Committee (SSC);** or
- 3. Scientific Advisory Board (SAB)**

...which can then give specific guidance to CTI on various issues upon invitation, and can partially invite external experts such as IUCN, UNESCO, GBRMPA, and SPREP.

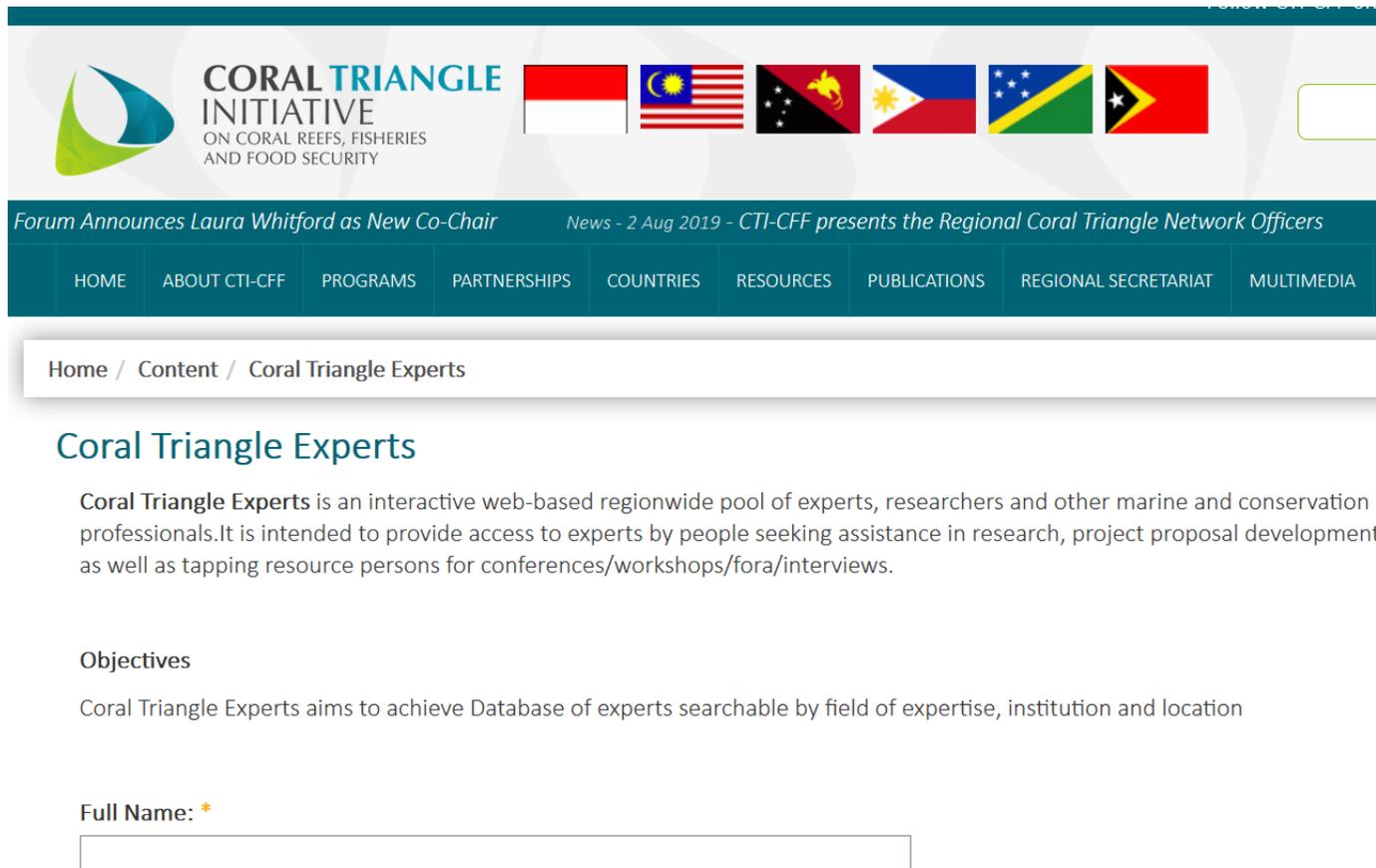
## ESTABLISH ABST/SSC/SAB/SAG

A new TOR for **ABST/SSC/SAB/SAG** need to be developed with several rules and contains strategic direction of the. **Options** for its set up includes:

- i. ABST/SSC/SAB/SAG as a **pool of experts** that provide strategic direction on the scientific aspects of the CTI CFF; and/or
- ii. ABST/SSC/SAB/SAG as **ad-hoc group(s)** and involved in project or issue basis. When a project or issue requires specific ABST/SSC/SAB/SAG to be set up, then it can be set up.
  - ABST/SSC/SAB/SAG on specific project or issue basis and is disbanded after the project or issue is resolved e.g. has time limit. It can be part of the Enabling Group/Steering Committee Group for specific project/issues.

# SET UP LIST OF EXPERTS DATABASE

## Based on IOC OceanExpert model



The screenshot shows the Coral Triangle Initiative website. The header features the logo and text: "CORAL TRIANGLE INITIATIVE ON CORAL REEFS, FISHERIES AND FOOD SECURITY". Below the header are flags for Indonesia, Malaysia, Timor-Leste, Philippines, Vanuatu, and Tonga. A news banner reads: "Forum Announces Laura Whitford as New Co-Chair News - 2 Aug 2019 - CTI-CFF presents the Regional Coral Triangle Network Officers". The navigation menu includes: HOME, ABOUT CTI-CFF, PROGRAMS, PARTNERSHIPS, COUNTRIES, RESOURCES, PUBLICATIONS, REGIONAL SECRETARIAT, and MULTIMEDIA. The breadcrumb trail is: Home / Content / Coral Triangle Experts. The main heading is "Coral Triangle Experts". The text describes it as an interactive web-based pool of experts, researchers and other marine and conservation professionals. It is intended to provide access to experts by people seeking assistance in research, project proposal development as well as tapping resource persons for conferences/workshops/fora/interviews. The "Objectives" section states: "Coral Triangle Experts aims to achieve Database of experts searchable by field of expertise, institution and location". A form field for "Full Name: \*" is visible.

The Regional Secretariat developed an online registration page “**Coral Triangle Experts**” for UP members (as all other experts) to register online.

See Draft Online Registration:  
**[coraltriangleinitiative.org/content/coral-triangle-experts](https://coraltriangleinitiative.org/content/coral-triangle-experts)**



## Coral Triangle Experts

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Coral Triangle Experts aims to achieve Database of experts searchable by field of expertise, institution and location

Full Name: \*

### Upcoming Events

**05 July 2020**

The 14th International Coral Reef Symposium

**13 December 2019**

ICRF 2019- The 2nd International Coral Reef Forum

**02 December 2019**

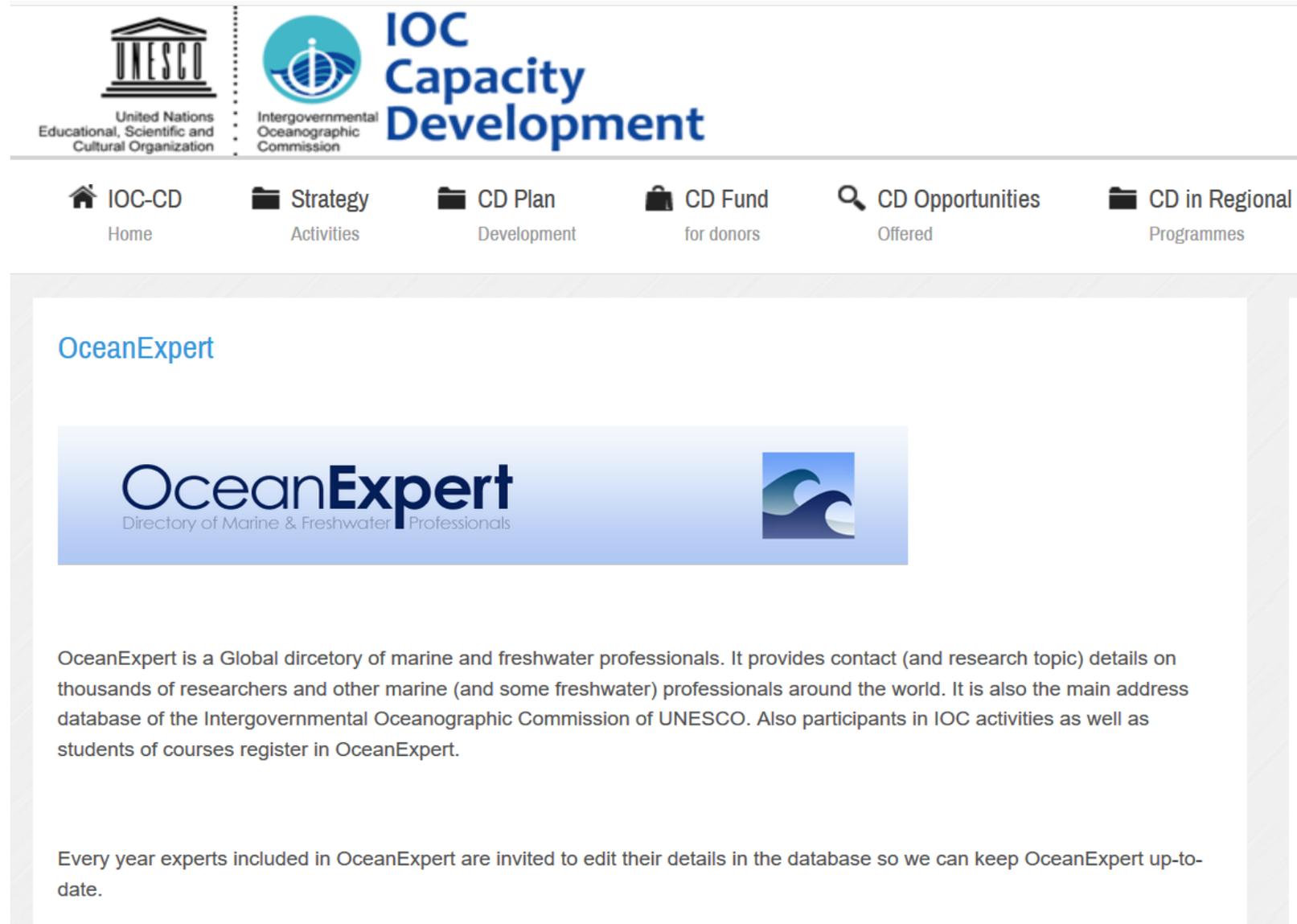
34th Annual ICRI General Meeting

[See All Events](#)

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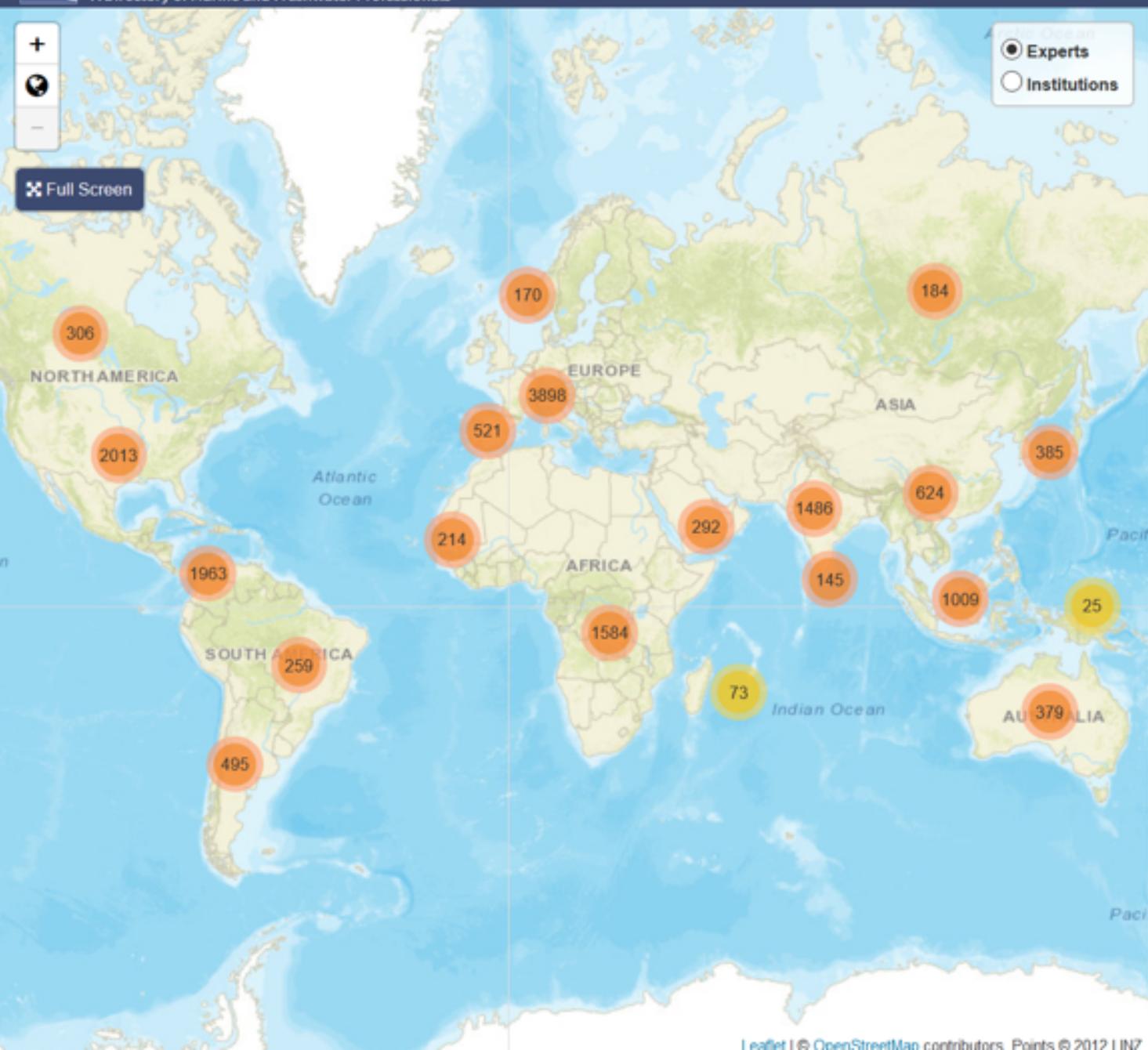
University Partnership members (as all other experts) can register online on the “**Coral Triangle Experts**” (a la UNESCO OceansExperts)



The screenshot displays the top navigation bar of the IOC Capacity Development website. It features the UNESCO logo (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization) and the IOC Capacity Development logo (Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission). Below the logos is a navigation menu with icons and text for: IOC-CD Home, Strategy Activities, CD Plan Development, CD Fund for donors, CD Opportunities Offered, and CD in Regional Programmes.

The main content area is titled "OceanExpert" and features a large blue banner with the "OceanExpert" logo and the tagline "Directory of Marine & Freshwater Professionals" next to a wave icon. Below the banner, a paragraph describes the database: "OceanExpert is a Global directory of marine and freshwater professionals. It provides contact (and research topic) details on thousands of researchers and other marine (and some freshwater) professionals around the world. It is also the main address database of the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission of UNESCO. Also participants in IOC activities as well as students of courses register in OceanExpert."

At the bottom of the page, a paragraph states: "Every year experts included in OceanExpert are invited to edit their details in the database so we can keep OceanExpert up-to-date."



## Search

[More Options](#)

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## Browse

### Experts By:

- Last Name
- Country
- Subject of research
- Sea region of research

### Institutions By:

- Institution name
- Country
- Sea region of research
- Type of Organization

# SOM-15 Decisions for UP & SAG

1. Acknowledged the updates and noted the challenges of University Partnership and Scientific Advisory Group (SAG);
2. Took note of the result of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of CTI-CFF University Partnership “Building Tangible Program Actions for Capacity Building and Research” from 28 Feb to 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 on no cost basis to Regional Secretariat or CTI-CFF;
3. Acknowledged the voluntary work and services of Prof Grevo Gerung of Sam Ratulangi University in Indonesia as the CTI-CFF University Partnership Coordinator, as elected by the University Partnership members in 2017 for the term of 2017 – 2020;
4. Noted the progress of the development of draft online list of experts (<http://coraltriangleinitiative.org/content/coral-triangle-experts>) by the Regional Secretariat;

# SOM-15 Decisions for UP & SAG

5. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to establish the platform or mechanism for engagement of the experts based on national and regional needs for the endorsement of NCCs;
6. Tasked the Regional Secretariat to explore the reactivation of the University Partnership to be on no cost basis by adopting model such as of the Asia Pacific Research University (APRU) and African Research Universities Alliance (ARUA) that pools their own universities limited resources to leverage for external additional resources to support Goals of the CTI CFF; and
7. Tasked the University Partnership and Regional Secretariat to explore potential partnership with the US SeaGrant program with input from USAID RDMA.



Thank you | Terima kasih | Maraming salamat  
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# Progress since SOM-14

<b>SOM-14 DECISIONS</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
<p>1. Acknowledge and appreciate University Partnership's effort and contribution in the transboundary workshops for SSME and BSSE, as supported by the Australian Government</p>	
<p>2. Task RS to recall SOM-10 to develop a list of experts in the field of coral reefs, fisheries and food security and allied fields of discipline pertaining to the RPOA goals or expertise within Coral Triangle area, subject to CT Atlas funding approval;</p>	<p>Developed an online Registration as a new webpage or subdomain of <a href="http://www.coraltriangleinitiative.org">www.coraltriangleinitiative.org</a> which can then be embedded in CT Atlas.</p>

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<b>SOM-14 DECISIONS</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
<p>3. Task Regional Secretariat to coordinate with NCCs in establishing SAG before the 2nd Leaders' Summit;</p>	<p>RS already communicated with NCC. On-going process. The strategic direction of the SAG for ToR developments is needed.</p> <p>Options for SAG :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• SAG is pool of experts that provide strategic direction on the scientific aspects of the CTI CFF; or</li><li>• SAG is ad-hoc group and involved in project or issue basis. When a project or issue requires specific SAG to be set up, then this SAG can be set up. SAG is on specific project or issue basis, and is disbanded after the project or issue is resolved e.g. has time limit. SAG can be part of the Enabling Group/Steering Committee Group for specific project/issues.</li></ul>

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<b>SOM-14 DECISIONS</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
4. Task Regional Secretariat to develop guidelines for any transboundary project conducted under the auspices of the CTI includes provision for appropriate collaborative research by countries concerned in support of project objectives;	The Regional Secretariat wrote to UP members and coordinator for guidance. No response yet.
5. Task the Regional Secretariat to provide to NCCs the status of implementation status of each MOU signed under the University Partnership;	List of status based on expiry dates of existing MOUs already compiled and presented at previous SOM13. No additional MoUs with universities since SOM14.

# Progress since SOM-14

<b>SOM-14 DECISIONS</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
6. Task the Regional Secretariat to furnish the NCCs with draft MOUs in the pipeline for assessments and evaluation to ensure that the content of the MoU is in line with RPOA and NPOA goals;	Nothing in pipeline

# Progress since SOM-14

<b>SOM-14 DECISIONS</b>	<b>PROGRESS</b>
<p>7. Task the Regional Secretariat to provide status of the University Partnership in terms of how it operates within the CTI-CFF structure and mechanism.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The University Partnership (UP) has a Coordinator for 2017 – 2020, Prof Grevo Gerung of Sam Ratulangi University of Indonesia. The Coordinator was elected at the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of CTI-CFF University Partnership “Building Tangible Program Actions for Capacity Building and Research”. The Coordinator is based on professional among the member of the UP.</li><li>• The result from its first meeting in 2017 – UP has its Program Development on Capacity Building, Research and Outreach for 2017 - 2018.</li><li>• After the first meeting, there were several challenges in the implementation of UP Program Development due to changing management of the RS and unclear follow up communication after the meeting.</li></ul>