



## **Remarks**

**by Director General of Ocean Management as Chair of  
the Senior Officials Committee**

**Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries,  
and Food Security**

**at**

**The 20th Senior Officials Meeting**

**Coral Triangle Initiative on Coral Reefs, Fisheries,  
and Food Security**

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*Assalamualaikum warahmatullahi wa barakatuh*

*Good morning, Magandang umaga,*

*Gutpela moning, Bom dia,*

*Selamat pagi,*

- Distinguished Senior Officials

1. Indonesia Head of Delegation : Dr. Hendra Yusran Siry, S.Pi., M.Sc.
2. Malaysia Head of Delegation : Datuk Dr. Ching Thoo A/L Kim
3. Papua New Guinea Head of Delegation : Ms. Yvonne Tio
4. Papua New Guinea Ambassador for Indonesia Representative : Ms. Jenny Kareso Boski
5. The Phillipines Head of Delegation : Ms. Criselda Bago Castor
6. Solomon Island Head of Delegation : Mr. Karl Ogu Kuper
7. Solomon Island Ambassador for Indonesia : Your Excellency Gladys K. Isihanua
8. Timor-Leste Head of Delegation : H.E Acacio Guterres

- Executive Director of CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat and team;
- Development Partners of CTI-CFF;
- All distinguished delegates attending the Senior Officials' Meeting;
- Ladies and Gentlemen

1. I am Koswara...Director General of Ocean Management...of the Ministry of Marine Affairs and Fisheries of Indonesia. It is my great honour... to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome...to all CT6 delegates...and partners here in Bali...the Island of Paradise.

2. Indonesia is greatly honoured...to host this important meeting...which carries profound significance...for the future of our region ...and its marine resources.

3. Allow me...to convey our appreciation... to the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat...for its continued

commitment...consistency...and hard work...in coordinating various programs and initiatives...in alignment with the vision and mission of CTI-CFF...and the strategic direction...outlined in the Regional Plan of Action (RPOA) 2.0.

**Distinguished Delegates, Ladies and Gentlemen,**

4. As the hosting country of the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat...and one of the founding members of this important regional cooperation...Indonesia views that the twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) Senior Officials Meeting (SOM)...as a strategic and historic moment. This SOM provides a platform...to demonstrate to the global community...the strong leadership...and concrete contributions of Coral Triangle countries...in safeguarding marine biodiversity...and promoting sustainable development.
  
5. However, as we look to the future, we must acknowledge that the CTI-CFF requires significant revitalization and a focus on demonstrable and

tangible implementation. Our successful efforts and actions must be systematically synthesized and disseminated across both regional and global platforms to ensure our impact is recognized.

6. The CTI-CFF must respond proactively and decisively to the major global challenges of our time, including the rapid loss of marine biodiversity, increasing marine pollution, and the intensifying threat of climate change.
7. I believe the constraint of funding for regional activities can be strategically addressed by maximizing the impact of national actions.
8. These national activities must be compiled and synthesized into valuable regional findings and best practices, providing a foundation for shared learning and global reporting, to CBD, UNFCCC, and other fora.

9. Simple yet crucial steps can be undertaken by each Member Country. These include systematically improving the data and information on priority ecosystems and species targeted for CTI-CFF conservation.
  
10. By executing these efforts routinely and consistently, the CTI-CFF can continuously demonstrate its regional and national commitment to safeguarding the world's epicenter of coral reef biodiversity.
  
11. The SOM holds a central and strategic role. It serves as a forum for the CT6 countries to :...
  - a) review the progress...and achievements of CTI-CFF programs and activities...over the past year;
  - b) determine policy directions...and work priorities for the coming years;
  - c) strengthen coordination across member countries...and development Partners; ...and
  - d) ensure that...RPOA 2.0 is effectively implemented...at both regional and national levels.

12. The decisions and recommendations made in this SOM...will form the main foundation for ministerial-level deliberations.... ...In this regard... the importance of our discussions over these two days... cannot be overstated.

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13. Considering above views and ideas, allow me to underscore several strategic points...as guidance for our collective efforts moving forward.

14. First...the long-term success of CTI-CFFs programs...depends greatly on sustainable and predictable financing mechanisms. This includes contributions...from member countries...continued support...for our development partners...and the explorations ...of innovative financing schemes. Ensuring financial sustainability is essential...to deliver long-term impact...across the Coral Triangle.

15. Second...CT6 countries must continue strengthening...their commitment to the

development of a resilient...and inclusive blue economy...an approach that harmonizes economic growth...with preservation of marine ecosystems.

16. The blue economy...emphasizes the balance of ecology and economy ...responsible and science-based resources management...innovation in marine bioeconomy...added value for coastal communities...and reduced risk of degradation. This approach not only...enhances food and economic security...but also...contributes to global efforts in climate change mitigation...and adaptation.

17. Given its vast marine resources...and status as the epicentre of global marine biodiversity...the Coral Triangle region is uniquely positioned...to lead by example in advancing a sustainable blue economy.

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18. Indonesia also reaffirms its commitment...to supporting the effective implementation...of relevant global ocean governance frameworks...including

the Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) Agreement...and contributing to international efforts...to combat IUU fishing...marine pollution...and plastic waste.

19. As part of our continued commitment...on the sustainability of ocean...in this regard... I am pleased to inform you that...Indonesia will host...**the "Ocean Impact Summit"** on June eighth (8) to ninth (9) ...two thousand twenty six (2026).

20. This high-level summit will gather world leaders...experts...policymakers... private sector...and philanthropic actors...to strengthen partnerships...and focus on tangible...measurable...impact...in advancing the blue economy...particularly in the areas of...finance...investment...and business.

21. This Summit will serve...as a global platform...to reinforce our region's leadership and commitment...to safeguarding the world's oceans.

22. Having said that...Indonesia sincerely hopes...for the support and partnership of all CTI CFF member countries and development partners...in preparing and ensuring...the successful implementation... of the Ocean Impact Summit.

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23. I sincerely hope that...the outcomes of the discussions...and the consensus reached...at this twentieth (20<sup>th</sup>) Senior Officials' Meeting...will be effectively translated into concrete actions...at both national...and community levels.

24. Achieving this requires the collective leadership of every single person in this room, strong commitment, and the endurance to keep moving forward with visible, impactful actions at the community, national, and regional levels.

25. Let the spirit of unity...partnership...and shared responsibility...continue to guide our efforts...in preserving the Coral Triangle...ensuring food

security... ecological resilience...and prosperity for future generations.

26. With this remark...It is my distinct honor ...to officially open the 20<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting of CTI - CFF...May this meeting be productive...meaningful...and pave a constructive path forward...toward achieving our shared objectives.

27. Herewith...I would also like to convey my sincere apologies...as the Chair of the Committee of Senior Officials of Indonesia...since I will not be able to accompany you all... until the end of the session...due to the fact that I have to oversee another official duties...that require my presence...and cannot be postponed.

28. Therefore...I would like to formally delegate...the task and responsibility as CSO...to Mr. Hendra Yusran Siry, as the Focal Point of NCC CTI CFF

Indonesia to represent Indonesia throughout the remaining sessions.

29. I sincerely hope that...all SOM discussions... will continue to be productive...and lead to meaningful outcomes. Indeed, we truly hope that...your stay in Bali is both pleasant...and memorable.

Terima kasih. *Thank you. Maraming salamat.*  
*Tagio tumas. Obrigado.*