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# CHAIR'S SUMMARY

## CTI-CFF Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) Virtual Meeting Discussion

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## A. INTRODUCTION

1. The Meeting of the CTI-CFF Financial Resources Working Group (FRWG) was held via the digital platform ZOOM on 12th October 2021.

2. The meeting was chaired by Mr.T.B.H. Witjaksono Adji, Director for Asia Pacific and African Intra-Regional and Inter Regional Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia and Chair of FRWG.

3. The objectives of the meeting were as follows:
   I. To inform of the following:
      a. Update on FRWG Members
      b. RS updates on FRWG Chair Summary on 29 April and FRWG Meeting on 3 November 2020
      c. Special SOM on Approved FRWG 2021 budget
      d. Update on Draft RPOA 2.0, including draft Financial Strategy
      e. Update on CTI-CFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund
   II. To present proposed budget for FRWG in 2022 for SOM-16
   III. To update on Partners' activities with CTI-CFF

## B. FRWG CHAIR'S SUMMARY:

### SESSION 1: OPENING CEREMONY

1.1. Acknowledged the Welcome Remarks by the CTI-CFF Regional Secretariat Deputy Executive Director for Corporate Services Mr. Gustaaf Lumiu as referred in Annex 1;

1.2 Acknowledged the Opening Remarks by the Chair of the FRWG, Mr T.B.H. Witjaksono Adji, Director for Asia Pacific and African Intra-Regional and Inter Regional Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Indonesia as referred in Annex 2;

1.3 Acknowledged the participation from the representatives of Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and the Philippines as well as the representatives of CTI-CFF Partners as referred in Annex 3 and noted that Malaysia, Solomon Islands and Timor-Leste were not able to attend the meeting due to equally important meeting at the national level; and

1.4 Agreed to adopt the provisional Agenda of the FRWG Meeting with the note of an additional item to be discussed under Special SOM such as update on Trust Fund, update on CT6 inputs to 3 Position Papers of Partners and Dialogue of CT6 and Partners and not to discuss the proposed 2022 FRWG Budget (Annex 4).

## SESSION 2: UPDATES ON FRWG MEMBERS

2.1 Acknowledged the new country representatives to FRWG namely, Mr T.B.H. Witjaksono Adji, Director for Asia Pacific and African Intra-Regional and Inter Regional Cooperation of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from Indonesia as Chair of FRWG and Mr. Wisnu Sindhutrisno from the Ministry for Foreign Affairs replacing Dr Hendra Yusran Siry as Indonesia contact point for FRWG; Mr Timothy Mais, Assistant Secretary for the Renewable Resources Branch, Sectoral Policy Division of the Department of Treasury from Papua New Guinea, and Mr Angelito Fontanilla, Director of Finance and Management Service of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources from the Philippines.

## SESSION 3: UPDATES ON ACTIONS TAKEN BY RS IN RELATION TO DECISIONS FROM FRWG MEETINGS ON 29 APRIL 2020 AND 9 NOVEMBER 2020

3.1. Acknowledged the update from the Regional Secretariat regarding the actions in relation to decisions from FRWG meetings on 29 April 2020 and 9 November 2020 as referred in Annex 5, slide3-5; and

3.2. Acknowledged the updates from the Regional Secretariat regarding Special SOM on 27-28 May 2021 particularly on matters relating to FRWG.

## SESSION 4: UPDATE ON THE DRAFT RPOA 2.0

4.1 Acknowledged the update on the draft RPOA 2.0 presented by the Regional Secretariat as referred in Annex 5, slide 6;

4.2 Acknowledged the innovative approaches the Regional Secretariat had taken to expedite the completion of the important documents such as the draft RPOA 2.0; and

4.3 Encouraged the FRWG to support the process in finalizing the draft Financial Strategy since it is an important support system of the RPOA 2.0 and noted that the completed draft Financial Strategy will be presented at SOM-16.

## SESSION 5: UPDATE ON CTI-CFF REGIONAL CONSERVATION TRUST FUND

5.1. Acknowledged the updates on the CTI-CFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund and appreciated the technical support provided by the Wildlife Conservation Society and Conservation Finance Alliance as referred in Annex 5, slide 7;

5.2. Encouraged the CT6 Member Countries' participation in the Trust Fund Workshop on 1-2 December 2021 and tasked the Regional Secretariat to share the workshop materials prior to the workshop; and

5.3 Tasked the Regional Secretariat to prepare a Roadmap for the CTI-CFF Regional Conservation Trust Fund to see the progress and expected completion of the Trust Fund.

## SESSION 6: PARTNERS' UPDATE

6.1 Acknowledged and appreciated the updates from CTI Partners namely Asian Development Bank, USAID-SUFIA-RTI and SEAFDEC regarding their projects with CTI-CFF and requested to share the related documents for circulation to CT6 Member Countries.

## SESSION 7: CLOSING SESSION

7.1. Appreciated the excellent chairing of the meeting by the new FRWG Chair, Mr T.B.H. Witjaksono Adji and acknowledged the participation of FRWG members and CTI Partners at the meeting; and

7.2 Appreciated the efforts of the Regional Secretariat for coordinating and preparing the necessary materials needed at the meeting.