



**Wadden Sea Forum
Steering Committee
Meeting 2022-2
Online-Conference on 19 April 2022**

Final Draft Minutes

1. Opening

The chair, Mr Preben Friis-Hauge, opened the SC meeting and welcomed the participants. The SC meeting started on 19 April 2022 at 14:30 hours. A list of participants is in ***Annex 1***. The SC meeting adopted the agenda with the one change: agenda item 3 was skipped. The agenda is in ***Annex 2***.

2. Adoption of the minutes SC-2022-1

Document: SC-2022-1 Final Draft Minutes

The SC meeting adopted the final draft minutes of SC-2022-1, online meeting, 2 March 2022, which are also available at the WSF website www.waddensea-forum.org.

~~3. Announcements~~

4. WSF-41 Agenda

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The SC meeting acknowledged and agreed upon the draft agenda of the WSF-41. Mrs Klinge emphasised that the WSF plenary should discuss about current challenges and topics arising by several crisis such as the war in Ukraine, climate change and the necessity for an energy transition. The meeting welcomed the input and agreed that the WSF secretariat with the support of New Energy Coalition starts to think about organising a respective information event dealing with energy either in Wilhelmshaven or in Brunsbüttel.

5. Active role of WSF

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The SC meeting welcomed the report on the active role of the WSF with regard to stakeholder involvement in the TWSC. The SC meeting discussed about the way of publishing this report. The SC meeting agreed to provide this report prior to any official publication via WSF channels to the members of the Wadden Sea Board (WSB). As the content of this report will be discussed at the WSF-41, it was decided to publish a final draft version after the discussion at WSF-41.

6. Discussion of drafted Ministerial Conference Declaration and relationship with TWSC

Document: SC-2022-2 6 Input WSF MCD

The WSF was invited at the WSB35 meeting to have a discussion with Drafting Group for the Ministerial Conference Declaration (DG MCD). Prior to this meeting, took place at 24 March 2022, the WSF secretariat prepared a proposal for input by the WSF. The chair, Preben Friis-Hauge, and the vice-chair, Pieter van Kuppenveld, attended this meeting. In total, they were satisfied with the discussion and the outcome the meeting. At beginning of April, the DG MCD provided a revised version of the Ministerial Conference Declaration, named Wilhelmshaven Declaration. The SC meeting agreed to introduce and to discuss the current version of the declaration at the WSF-41 comprehensively.

7. Next meeting

The SC meeting agreed on the following date for the next meeting:

- Tuesday, **28 June 2022** from 10:00 to 14:00 in Heide.

8. Any other business

No other business discussed.

9. Closing

The chair thanked all participants for their contributions, the comprehensive discussions and closed the meeting at 16:00 on 19 April 2022.