

**WADDEN SEA FORUM
PREPARATORY MEETING OF CHAIRPERSONS AND SECRETARIES**

TEAM Meeting 6 (TM6)

Oldenburg, 30 October 2003

FINAL MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening and adoption of the Agenda

The participants were welcomed by Folkert de Jong who opened the meeting at 10:00 hours on 30 October 2003.

A list of the participants with full addresses is in **Annex 2**.

The draft agenda was **adopted** without amendments. The agenda is given in **Annex 1**.

AGENDA ITEM 2: Minutes of the TM-5 meeting

Document: Final draft minutes of the team meeting 5 on 27 August in Oldenburg

The final draft minutes of the TEAM meeting 5 (TM5) were **adopted** without changes. The adopted minutes will be placed on the web site for downloading.

AGENDA ITEM 3: Announcements

None.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Preparation of WSF-3 meeting

Document: Draft agenda

Folkert de Jong informed the meeting that Mr. Nijpels will only be present the second day, and that Mr. Jens Andresen will chair the first day.

The meeting went through the WSF-3 agenda:

Agenda item 1 - Opening:

Mr Ahrens informed the meeting that Dr. Fricke, president of the Oldenburgischen Industrie- und Handelskammer, will welcome the participants with an opening statement.

Agenda item 3 - Announcements:

A statement by the WEG (Wirtschaftsverband Erdöl- und Erdgasgewinnung e.V.) with regard to oil and gas production in the Wadden Sea will be introduced by Mr. Schubauer.

Agenda item 4 - Topical issues:

Await the discussion.

Agenda item 5 - Reports from the TGs:

Mr. de Jong will shortly inform the meeting about the joint workshop in Assen. The TG-chairs are asked to inform the meeting about the outcome of the TG-3 meetings in about 10 minutes each.

Agenda item 6 - Scenario development "Amending generic scenarios and preparing specific scenarios":

The **meeting agreed** that the WSF-3 will be asked to note the generic scenarios, including the proposed comments, as a basis for continuing the work of the TGs.

Regarding the comments to the generic scenarios the **meeting agreed** that energy will be included as a generic trend. Furthermore, climate change - not the phenomenon as such, but the political consequences on the threat of climate change - will be added to the specific scenarios for all worlds if necessary. The generic scenarios will be finalized for the TG-4 meetings.

Sector specific scenarios can only be discussed at TG-4 as drafts because of the high workload of the secretariat, and they will be finalized with inclusions of the TG-4 comments for the TG-5 meetings. The draft sector specific scenarios should be available at all TG-4 meetings as reference documents.

Regarding the integration phase, the WSF has to decide on the procedure after WSF-4. It was **agreed by the meeting** that the WSF executive board, in consultation with the TG chairs, would compile a proposal for WSF-4 for the process after WSF-4.

Agenda item 7 - Studies:

There will be two more presentations, one by Mr. Hofstede regarding coastal protection and sea level rise, and the second one by a representative from Prognos regarding the integrative assessment of the socio-economic developments in all countries.

The perspective study by Prognos is expected by the end of November this year.

Agenda item 8 - Sustainability "Preparing sustainability discussion":

Mr. de Jong informed the meeting on the study "Sustainable Development Strategy for the Wadden Sea Region", of which first results will be presented at WSF-3 by COWI. Two aspects should be discussed in the future, first aims as the substantial aspects (we will start with aims and indicators at WSF-3) and secondly the procedural aspects, such as the responsibilities (starting in WSF-4).

After a discussion, the **meeting agreed** to follow the proposed approach for the discussion of sustainable development, to split up the WSF meeting into four groups (DK, SH, Nds, NL), moderated by the secretariat. Each group will be requested to come up with proposals for region specific parameters of the three sustainability dimensions. The second day the sub-groups are asked to develop aims for each of the selected parameters. The WSF will give general guidance via this exercise to the TGs.

Agenda item 9 - Communication Strategy:

The communication strategy given in the document WSF3-9.1 is the result of the response of the distributed questionnaire. The **meeting welcomed** the proposal from the communication strategy to intensify the communication with the sectors, via meetings with the sectors to inform about the WSF work and decisions and provide the chairs with relevant articles, which should/can be translated in the native languages.

Regarding the communication with the broad public the purpose of the regional and final conferences were discussed. Regional conferences in the native language with regional press should be organized in June 2004 with the aims to inform a broader public and to get feedback on the integrated view of the different sectors. The comments should be taken into consideration in the finalization of the WSF-report. A joint final conference can be an event for VIPs with a wide broad invitation of representatives, however, the meeting was in favour of skipping such a final conference and to organize a more extended WSF-meeting instead of that.

On the proposal of Mr. Verheij it was stated that a popularised version of the scenarios should not be communicated with the broad public (page 3 and 7 of Doc WSF 3-9.1), because of possible confusion it might cause. However, a popular version of the strategies was regarded as useful.

Agenda item 10 - Press release:

The draft press release, which will be compiled during the meeting has to be agreed by the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5: Preparation TG-4 meetings

This agenda items was already discussed under Agenda item 4.

Due to other commitments it was not possible to fix a date for a Team meeting for the joint preparation of the next TG-meetings before the TG-4 meetings. It was agreed to discuss the preparation of the meeting via each chair and secretary.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Any other business

It was agreed to have a short meeting after the WSF-3 meeting during lunch.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Closing

The project leader thanked all participants for coming and their cooperation and closed the meeting at 12:00 h.

Annex 1

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AGENDA

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Agenda item 2: Adoption of the minutes of Team-5 meeting

Agenda item 3: Announcements

Agenda item 4: Preparing of WSF-3 meeting

Agenda item 5: Preparing of TG-4 meetings

Agenda item 6: Any other business

Agenda item 7: Closing