

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

**TEAM Meeting 7 (TM7)**

**Esbjerg, 14 April 2004**

**FINAL MINUTES**

**AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening and adoption of the Agenda**

The participants were welcomed by Folkert de Jong who opened the meeting at 18:00 hours on 14 April 2004.

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-6 meeting**

*Document: Final draft minutes of the team meeting 6 on 30 October 2003 in Oldenburg*

The final draft minutes of the TEAM meeting 6 (TM6) were **adopted** without changes. The adopted minutes will be placed on the web site for downloading.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Evaluation TG Work**

*Documents: WSF-4-5-1 and WSF-4-5-2; WSF-4-7-1*

The meeting was invited to discuss the outcome of the TG work and to brainstorm about the future work. Mr. Holstein pointed to need for integration of the TGs work and further elaboration of the strategies for the Wadden Sea region. Mr. Ahrens added that also more work of the sectors had to be done in order to specify the recommendations.

Mr. Verheij recommended an integration group to solve potential conflicts between the different sectors. Each sector had elaborated specific strategies, which might influence other sectors. He aimed at the elaboration of one report, which was agreeable by all TGs.

Mr. Holstein mentioned that there were several issues, which concerned all TGs, e.g. regulations. He further proposed to focus on some main recommendations in the final report and to make a priority list.

Mr. Schuhbauer stated that more work within the TGs was necessary to make the recommendations and projects more detailed. He supported the proposal regarding a priority list of recommendations.

With regard to the discussion, Mr. de Jong concluded that there were two main topics for the further work, i.e. integration of the TG proposals and prioritising and specifying the recommendations.

Mr. Verheij introduced a proposal how to manage the integration (see **Annex 4**).

Mr. Keurentjes referred to the proposal and asked for the possibility to have more than one additional TG member participating in the group. Mr. Holstein requested that the integration group should consist of specialists, familiar with the sector business.

Mr. de Jong made clear that the group was supposed to be a technical working group. Any (political) conflicts would have to be solved by the plenary WSF meeting. He proposed to further discuss the brainstorm results and the procedure with the chairman in a meeting the following day.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Preparation WSF presentation TG chairs**

The meeting briefly discussed the procedure of presenting the results to the WSF meeting. Most participants had a preference for presenting the result without additional technical facilities (Power Point). There was agreement that the TG chairs would only be responsible for the presentation and would participate in the discussion. The WSF chair would lead the discussion.

**AGENDA ITEM 5: Any other business**

Mr. Keurentjes asked whether the results of the Dutch Meijer Commission, dealing with fisheries and gas exploitation would be addressed in the WSF meeting. Mr. de Jong informed that the project leader of the Commission had been invited to give a presentation to the Forum. Mr. Holstein made clear that he was not in favour of such a presentation because, in his view, the proposals made by the Commission were unbalanced. There was agreement that the presentation should have an information character only.

**AGENDA ITEM 6: Closing**

The project leader thanked all participants for their cooperation and closed the meeting at 19:30 h.

**Annex 1**

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**AGENDA**

**Agenda item 1: Opening and adoption of agenda**

**Agenda item 2: Adoption of the minutes of Team-6 meeting**

**Agenda item 3: Evaluation TG work**

**Agenda item 4: Preparation WSF presentation TG chairs**

**Agenda item 5: Any other business**

**Agenda item 6: Closing**

**Annex 3**

**DRAFT**

**PROPOSAL FOR THE ORGANISATION OF ACTIVITIES OF THE WADDEN SEA FORUM**

**BETWEEN WSF-4 AND WSF-6**

**Submitted by the WSF-TEAM**

**Esbjerg, April 15th, 2004**

The TGs have now finished their work and the WSF needs to take a decision about the way in which the reports of the TGs can be used in formulating a final WSF-document.

The WSF-Team has, at its meeting on April 14th, discussed the work to be done before the WSF can adopt its final report in November.

Given the dates for the next two WSF-meetings, the WSF-Team proposes the following:

1. At WSF-4, a so-called 'Integration Group' (IG) should be established. This IG should be tasked with preparing a draft final document for the WSF, based on the TG reports and such additional information as may become available in the next few months. The first draft should be ready by the end of June at the latest.
2. The first draft, as prepared by the IG, should be discussed with the public at large in a series of regional conferences, to be held in early September.
3. The first draft, together with the feedback received at the regional conferences, should be discussed at WSF-5, September 16-17.
4. After WSF-5 and based on the discussion at that meeting, the IG should prepare a second draft final document, to be discussed and adopted at WSF-6, November 4-5.

The WSF-Team proposes that the IG be composed of the chairmen of the TGs and one member of each of the TGs. The WSF-Team further recommends that the IG should be chaired by the Chair of the WSF and be supported by at least two officials of the CWSS, including the Secretary.