



**Wadden Sea Forum
Steering Committee
8th Meeting
Hamburg, 22 January 2010**

Final Draft Minutes

1. Opening

Document: SC-8 Draft Agenda

The host of the meeting, Mr. Schuhbauer, welcomed the participants at RWE Dea AG. The meeting was opened by the chair Mr. Klimant at 11:00 hours. He apologized Ms. Schokker, Mr. Rothkopf and Mr. Hinrichs, who were not able to join the meeting. Mr. Klimant welcomed Mr. Friis-Hauge, the proposed SC vice chair and WSF chair, to be elected by the plenary in November 2010. A list of participants is in **Annex 1**.

The agenda was adopted without amendments and is in **Annex 2**.

2. Minutes SC-7

Document: SC-7 Final Draft Minutes

The final draft minutes of the SC-7 meeting, Hamburg, 27 October 2009 were **adopted**.

3. Announcements

The chairman reported about a meeting with the Senior Officials in December. The German national government still would have reservations in continuing the financial support for the WS due to administrative regulations. At that meeting, the Dutch and Danish representatives supported a continuation according to the MOU.

Jens Andresen introduced Preben Friis-Hauge as the proposed WSF chair from November 2010 on. Mr. Friis-Hauge is member of the City Council, Varde municipality as well as member of the Regional Council, Region of South Denmark and he was a former member of the Wadden Sea Advisory Board. He had experiences with the trilateral tasks and administrative structure and was introduced as an excellent candidate as the successor of the present chair.

Manfred Vollmer briefly informed the meeting about the program of the Trilateral Governmental Conference, TGC-11, on 17-19 March on Sylt. The real ministers conference would be on 18 March in the morning and in the afternoon of the same day a first Trilateral Board meeting would take place, in which the WSF would have two seats as observers.

The announced excursion would take place in the morning of 19 March.

4. Financial Statements 2008 - 2009

Document: SC-8-4.1 Financial Statements (hand out)

The secretary informed the meeting about the WSF budget and financial statements of 2008 – 2010 based on the document. The financial statement of 2008 was audited already by a tax accountant, whereas the statement 2009 will take some more months to be audited. The financial statement for 2010 would be an estimate on the expenditures of the previous years. The meeting welcomed the information and **adopted** the balance sheet.

Furthermore, the secretary introduced a budget for the period 2011 – 2013, which would be higher, mainly according to salary adjustments. The meeting **agreed** on the budget proposal and decided to discuss the distribution of the future budget among the contributors with them after the TGC-11.

5. Draft WSF Report

Document: SC-8-5.1 Draft report

The secretariat has elaborated a draft WSF report and forwarded it to the Steering Committee by email on 15 December. Received comments were integrated in the available final draft. The meeting went through the report in detail and **agreed** on the proposals made. It was requested to amend the report by an executive summary in order to highlight the achievements in a small chapter. The report will be language checked by a native speaker in the coming week and layout and printing will be done in February. A pre-version will be forwarded to the SO-meeting in February, together with three letters of the regions, which express their further support of the WSF in the framework of the MOU.

6. Ministerial Council Declaration

Document: SC-8-6.1 Ministerial Council Declaration for TGC-11 (word-version)

Ministerial Council Declaration for TGC-11 (pdf-version)

The meeting took note of the document and agreed to focus only on paragraphs, which concerned the WSF. As paragraph 15, which addresses the goose management, was already discussed and supported by the Goose Management Group, the Steering Committee discussed the paragraphs 40 and 41 of the MD and finally **agreed** on a revised text to be forwarded for the SO meeting in February. The agreed text reads:

Wadden Sea Forum

(40) Welcome the activities and recommendations by the Wadden Sea Forum on sustainable development and participatory processes, in particular with regard to

- The development of a sustainability indicator tool for the Region
- The further development of ICZM and maritime spatial planning

- Discussion of future energy generation developments with a view on a sustainable Wadden Sea Region
- Shipping safety and clean shipping
- Trilateral goose management
- The contribution for the inscription of the Dutch-German Wadden Sea on the World Heritage List as well as its promotion

(41) Continue and support the cooperation with WSF as an independent stakeholder organisation in the framework of the concluded Memorandum of Understanding with a focus on the elaboration of joint projects regarding integrated management and the protection of the Wadden Sea and **welcome** the “forum-aspect” of the WSF, i.e. the mutual exchange of information, ideas and visions and **acknowledge** the function to act as, whenever possible and requested by all stakeholders concerned, as a platform for developing conflict solutions.

7. Election of a WSF Vice-Chair

The chairman referred to the decision of the WSF-15 meeting in Aurich to nominate a vice chair at one of the coming SC meetings. Denmark nominated Mr. Friis-Hauge, who was introduced at the beginning of the meeting, to become a Vice chair of the Wadden Sea Forum. The meeting agreed to the proposal and **confirmed** his new position.

12. Any other business

No other business discussed.

13. Next meeting

The meeting agreed to hold the next Steering Committee meeting on 29 April 2010 (from noon on) in Hamburg.

14. Closing

The chairman thanked all participants for their contributions and closed the meeting at 15:00.

Annex 2

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