

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

**TEAM Meeting 3 (TM3)**

Tønder, 24 April 2003

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening**

*Document: Annotated draft agenda of Team Meeting, TM3*

The participants were welcomed by Folkert de Jong who opened the meeting at 09.00 hours on 24 April.

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

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

**AGENDA ITEM 2: Announcements**

No announcements were made.

**AGENDA ITEM 3: Report from the TGs**

The meeting briefly discussed the presentations by the chairs to the WSF. The reports from the TGs should inform the WSF about the progress of the work and to get the Terms of Reference of the Thematic Groups endorsed.

Furthermore, the meeting discussed information and communication strategies within and among the TGs. The chairs asked the secretariat to provide them continuously with facts as a basis for reporting to the sectors. These facts should be more than the minutes of the meetings only and, if possible be kept as simple as possible.

The idea behind the request is, that everybody has the same information, provided in the form of articles, as a more popular version.

It was agreed that it would be up to the discretion of the secretariat to consult the TG chairpersons about draft texts.

**AGENDA ITEM 4: Results of sustainability discussion**

The meeting discussed the procedure of how to present the results of the sustainability discussion of the TGs to the WSF meeting. It was agreed to limit the presentations to 10 minutes each.

Besides the organizational matters of the different presentations, the meeting also discussed the contents of the sustainability report.

All thematic groups agreed that they would strive for a sustainable development of the Wadden Sea Region, but the instruments for its implementation would still have to be discussed. As the project is almost at the very beginning, a harmonization of valuable management instruments has not taken place yet. There are still different ways of looking at sound instruments. The contrasting opinions became clear with the example of zoning. While for the Policy and Management group zoning was considered a valuable instrument, Mr. Holstein stressed that this was not the case for his organisation.

The meeting agreed to some common elements of the sustainability discussion and asked the secretariat to give an introduction with these common statements to the sustainability report of the five TGs. A common element within the sustainability discussion was the "3-p" term – profit, planet, people. This term could also be described by a balance between economic and social development and environmental protection. As a result, the following statement should be introduced to the WSF meeting:

1. Sustainable development acknowledges the principle that economic development, social development and environmental protection are inherently interdependent in the long run.
2. In the course of the Wadden Sea Forum project specific sustainability strategies, based upon the above general definition, will be developed for the Wadden Sea region.

3. As a first step in this process, sustainability strategies for the sectors will be developed.

Also the Brundtland definition was seen as a starting point and should be specified in the different sectors. The sustainable elements of sector developments will be elaborated step by step throughout the project, and a common conclusion will be distilled at a later stage.

The meeting also briefly touched the definition of the coastal zone area and referred to the agenda item 4c of the WSF meeting. The geographical scope as outlined in the document could be seen as a working basis. The delimitation will differ between the sectors depending on the working subjects. Global aspects like climate change, national strategies or local ones like Agenda 21 will influence the scope of work on sustainable development.

Topical issues of WSF agenda item 8b:

- Off-shore wind parks  
It was agreed that the paper had to be modified. The meeting of the IRWC, taking place at the same time, was going to update the paper in order to present it at the WSF meeting.
- Shipping Safety  
No comments were made on this paper. The chair of TG IH stated that that issue would be of no relevance for the time being.
- Shrimp fisheries  
It was agreed that a proposal has to be added when presenting the paper to the WSF II meeting.
- CAP reform  
The paper should have been handled as an overall information and was going to be introduced by the chair of TG Agriculture.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 5: Joint workshop on 23 – 24 June 2003**

Folkert de Jong informed the meeting that the fact sheets of the generic trends will be finalized at the beginning of May and the trend reports by end of May. The reports will be sent to all TG members to provide the same basis of discussion. A pre-discussion with the chairs is scheduled for the morning of 23 June, prior to the TG meeting.

A **proposal for the structure and course** of the workshop will be **elaborated by the secretariat** in cooperation with CIBIT. **This proposal will be sent to all chairs with the request for comments.** Furthermore, some **proposals for scenario** skeletons, together with the fact sheets, will be distributed to the chairs as soon as possible. For time reasons, information exchange regarding the program and contents of the workshop will be undertaken by telephone and e-mail discussion.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 6: Any other business**

##### **1. Role of observers**

Due to the relatively high number of participating observers in the last meetings it was stated that the observers should not influence the work of the TGs but they are always welcome to contribute to the discussion. It is in the responsibility of the chairs to rule their involvement.

##### **2. Composition of TGs and WSF**

Mr. Diederick Rotermund is nominated as the fourth representative of the Industry and Harbor sector.

Mr. van Geesbergen will replace Mr. Nooitgedagt in the fisheries sector of the WSF.

Mr. Werner Schuhbauer will be recommended as WSF member for the Energy sector of Schleswig-Holstein/Hamburg.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 7: Closing**

The Project leader thanked all participants for coming and their cooperation and closed the meeting at 11:30 hours.

**Annex 1**

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**Annex 2**

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