

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

TEAM Meeting 4 (TM4)

Assen, 23/24 June 2003

FINAL MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 1: Opening

The participants were welcomed by Folkert de Jong who opened the meeting at 09.30 hours on 23 June.

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: Minutes of the TM 3 meeting

Document: Draft minutes of the team meeting 3 on 24 April in Tønder

The draft minutes of the TEAM meeting 3 (TM3) were **adopted** without amendments.

AGENDA ITEM 4: Program of the joint workshop

Herman Verheij commented with regard to the trend report that it would not be necessary to discuss the contents in detail. In his opinion, the report is lacking in completeness and language which could not be sufficiently improved due to the short period of time. Nevertheless, the given information is sufficient to define the most important trends.

With regard to the first plenary session on the second day Mr. Verheij argued to keep the time for the presentations as short as possible and to use it for the scenario building process.

In contrary, Werner Schuhbauer wanted to discuss the trend report in detail because it doesn't cover all relevant aspects, in particular concerning the energy sector. Folkert de Jong stated that the available report is still a draft and that an update is possible and necessary. All TG members were asked to deliver the most relevant missing information to be added to the report.

Furthermore, he proposed that before the start of the sector sessions, a pre-selection of 5-6 trends should be undertaken in order to have common starting points for the impact scoring.

After some discussion the meeting **agreed** that a pre-selection should not be done but that the sectors should make their own selection of the most important trends. The agreement on 2 or 3 main trends would be a task of the plenary.

With regard to the question how to deal with possible differences in emphasis of the two most important trends, Ben Römgens explained that not only the two trends with the highest scores would be used to build scenarios. Also the numbers 3 to 6 in ranking would be integrated in the scenarios. Herman Verheij argued that using trends and building scenarios are just tools on the way to elaborate recommendations for the ministers how to deal with the future. To make this process clear to the participants, he proposed that at the start of the workshop an overview of the different steps of the different steps in the scenario building process be given.

The methodology of elaborating the impact and uncertainty of the generic trends was explained in more detail by Ben Römgens. He proposed the following four steps:

- 1) Intuitive selection of top 6 of trends with highest impact (scale 1-5; 1=lowest, 5=highest impact). Take different parameters into account, e.g. jobs & income, social cohesion, ecological health.
- 2) Assessing impacts of trends on sector (parameters, e.g. resources, competition, production process, employees)

- 3) Assessing relative uncertainty of the trends. (Uncertainty refers to the future development of the trend, also the extent, time frame. Scale 1-5; 1=low uncertainty, 5= high uncertainty).
- 4) Ranking of the 6 most important trends (Define trends with highest impact and uncertainty).

AGENDA ITEM 5: Role of chairs in the sector sessions

The meeting agreed to split into six sector groups, which would be:

- Industry/Harbor
- Energy
- Agriculture
- Fisheries
- Tourism
- Nature (is represented also in the Wadden Sea Forum as an interest group)

The representatives of the local and regional authorities could chose in which sector they would like to participate.

The chairs of the TGs would be the chairs of the assigned sectors (Herman Verheij from the TG Policy and Management would function as chair of the nature protection sector). John Frederiksen would take on the chair of the tourism sector and a new secretary for the sector agriculture would have to be found.

AGENDA ITEM 6: Follow-up activities

On the basis of the axes selected by the plenary meeting (economic growth, including globalisation and EU regulation), four different worlds will be described in the scenario reports, taking due account of technological innovation. Also the other trends will be used for building of the scenarios.

This will be done by CIBIT and the secretariat. Because of the holiday period the draft scenarios will be provided shortly before the team meeting in August, but a first list with the proposed main elements of the scenarios will be available for comments by mid July 2003.

The next Team meeting will take place on 27 August 2003 at the CWSS in Wilhelmshaven, starting at 11:00 hours.

AGENDA ITEM 7: Any other business

None

AGENDA ITEM 8: Closing

The Project leader thanked all participants for coming and their cooperation and closed the meeting the first day at 12:00 h. The Team meeting continued the second day after the joint workshop for about half an hour to discuss item 6.

Annex 1

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