

**Wadden Sea Board**

**WSB 22**

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**Hamburg, Germany**

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**Agenda Item: 7.1**

**Subject: 13th Trilateral Governmental Wadden Sea Conference and**

**Council Meeting – Preliminary Conference Programme**

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**Submitted by: Chair**

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The first outline of the Conference Programme is attached.

The Wadden Sea Board was already informed at its 21st meeting that in addition to this official conference programme, side events and other activities (like the Waddencongres, Havenconferentie, TedX-festival en filmfestival) will be organised. The attached Conference Program gives a comprehensive overview.

The official invitation by the Dutch minister of Agriculture, Nature and Food Quality, Carola Schouten, has been sent to the ministers of Denmark, Germany and the Länder the 25th of January.

From now on, the invitations to the members of the delegations, the observers, international guests etc. will be sent out as soon as possible, including the information regarding registration formalities.

**Proposal:**

* The meeting is invited to note the information of the Programme and give their comments.
* The WSB, the Wadden Sea Forum and the NGO-advisors are invited to submit the list of their delegations, including the contactdetails, before 15 February 2018 to b.baerends@minez.nl.
* The meeting is invited to provide suggestions for invitees of the TGC-13 to the Dutch delegation.

**13th Trilateral Governmental Wadden Sea Conference and**

**Council Meeting**

**Leeuwarden, The Netherlands 17-18 May 2018**

Preliminary Conference Programme

(WSB 22 – 2 Feb 2018)

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| TIME | PROGRAM |
|  |  |
| Thursday 17 May  10-17  09:30-16:15  11-17  15-17  17-22:30  17-22:30 | Trilateral Wadden Sea Harbour Conference in Harlingen  *(delegations will have the possibility to attend)*  Waddencongres (*in Dutch*), organised by Waddenfonds/Waddenacademy /Waddenprovinces en RCW (lectures/workshops/project exhibitions etc. in the Harmonie, Leewarden  Public Waddenmarket, in and around the Harmonie *(free access)*  Kite-surf event, Harlingen *(access by registration)*  TedX festival in Leeuwarden (*access by registration)*  Waddenfilm festival in Leeuwarden (*access by registration)* |
| 16:00-19:00  13:00-17.00 | Opening of the Conference Desk – registration  Mounting exhibitions (inside Harmonie) |
| 12:00-13:00 | Lunch WSB |
| 13:00-15.30 | WSB (HLG) (*tentative, location probably Middelseehuys))* |
| Until 17:00 | Arrival of Ministers |
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| 17:00-17:30 | Reception ministers/delegations in Leeuwarden (*province*) |
| 17:45-18:30 | Meeting ministers with their national delegations  In the Harmonie. |
| 18:30-22:00 | Dinner in the Harmonie  Preview WAD-movie/Dark sky event/40yrs TWSC (*presentation and toast by* *CWSS*) |
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| Friday 18 May |  |
| 08:00-16:00 | Opening of the Confernce desk - registration |
| 08:00-08:45 | Guided tour for the ministers by mayor of Leeuwarden from hotel to the Harmonie |
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| 09:00-11:00 | Conference at the Harmonie |
|  | * Opening mayor/LCH2018 |
|  | * Short Statements by the 3 ministers |
|  | * Presentation youth conference results |
|  | * Presentation Wadden Sea Harbour Conference (17 May) |
|  | * Speech UNESCO representative (?) |
|  | * Flyway-event (*WSFI-collaboration*) |
|  | * Presentation results of start-ups mission at islands |
|  | * Overview results Waddencongres 17 May |
|  | * Signing ceremony – SWIMWAY (?) and Book presentation Fish Migration |
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| 11:00-11:30 | Coffee break; visit of ministers to exhibitions/wadden market in and around the Harmonie.  Including signing ceremony Education Strategy at the market/IWSS |
| 11;30-12:30 | Ministerial Council meeting at the Harmonie  Including statements advisors of WSF and NGO’s.  *(closed session: delegations; WSB members; special (international) observers)* |
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| 12:30-13:00 | Lunch at the Harmonie |
| 13:00-13:45 | Signing of the Leeuwarden Declaration and   * Presenting Wadden Sea World Heritage Foundation (?)   Closing of the Conference  Press conference |
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| 14:00 | Departure of ministers |
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| 14:30-15:00 | Informal WSB chaired by new German chair |
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| Afterwards and also next day(s) | Continuous program of LCH 2018 ( Leeuwarden Cultural Capital),  See website |
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