

**Wadden Sea Board**

**WSB 9**

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**Agenda Item:** 7.1

**Subject:** Programme Tønder Conference

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**Submitted by:** Denmark

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Attached is an information document on the programme of the Tønder Conference

**Proposal**

The meeting is proposed to discuss the document

**Program Wadden Sea Conference**

The meeting will be informed about the draft program for the Tønder Conference and be invited to comment and make suggestions

At the WSB 8 the draft program was presented and the outline of the program was endorsed.

WSB 8 **agreed** that if ministers should take part in panel discussion they should be given a clear role which should be reflected in the program.

The proposed title for the panel was *Opportunities in the Wadden Sea*. It is proposed that the panel should be changed to *Trilateral Wadden Sea Cooperation – a new way forward* and the topics addressed by the panel is the possibility for a united World Heritage Wadden Sea later in 2014 and a reflection of the documents to be signed in the afternoon, the new declaration, the Strategy for Sustainable Tourism and the WSFI vision and action plan. The topics for the panel focus on OUV and protection, international outlook and regional development. The panel will start with a short status of the collaboration and continue with the ministers reflections of the prospect in the future cooperation. This will give the ministers a clear agenda and a forward looking approach to the cooperation.

The meeting is proposed to

1. discuss the proposed outline of the panel also in the light of the proposed site event from the WSFI and the separate signing of the stakeholders of the Strategy for Sustainable Tourism in the afternoon program
2. appoint a program-ad-hoc group to instructed to assist Denmark in finalizing the draft program during the next month and to review the list of invitees for the conference