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Attached is the progress report of the Task Group Climate (TG-C), focusing on the TG-C work plan 2016 – 2018.

**Proposal: The meeting is invited to endorse the approach proposed by TG-C**

**TASK GROUP CLIMATE**

**Progress Report**

The TG-C 13 meeting was held 20-21 January 2016 under the chairmanship of Mr Willem Kattenberg (Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment, NL)

The meeting discussed the draft TG-C Work Plan 2016 – 2018 with a focus on the deliverables for the 2018 Wadden Sea Conference.

TG-C proposes the following main deliverables

1. Progress report on (the implementation of) the trilateral climate change adaptation strategy (CCAS);

The progress report describes the implementation of CCAS, including examples of successful climate change adaptation project, possible improvements, adaptation of the Strategy and recommendations for the next four- year period of trilateral cooperation.

1. Overview of (trilateral) knowledge of the Wadden Sea sandy system and its response to climate change.

For the implementation of deliverable 1, TG-C decided to install an internet-based open access information platform, linked to the CWSS website, through which information on best practices and policy/management for all elements of the Strategy will be collected and made available for retrieval by means of search keywords.

The main target group for the information platform will be professionals and students working on climate change, as well as interested stakeholders. In a later stage the addition of a popular part for a broader public will be considered, in connection with the 2018 Wadden Sea Conference.

The costs for the building of the platform will be covered through the participation in the recently approved Interreg Building with Nature (BwN) project in which the CWSS is partner.

With regard to the second deliverable, the meeting considered the option of continuing the trilateral sedimentation study in the framework of the BwN project. This may also include the organisation of a conference or workshop about the Wadden Sea sediment system and/or the production of popular material in conjunction with the 2018 Wadden Sea Conference.

TG-C is also involved in the production of material for the 2016 QSR.

TG-C will be responsible for the drafting of the Chapter “Coastal Risk Management” and will review the chapters “Geomorphology” and “Climate”.