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Agenda item: 5.1

Subject: PROWAD LINK FORUM autumn 2020

Date: 02.03.2020

Submitted by: CWSS PROWAD LINK

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**Background**

The project “PROWAD LINK: Protect and prosper – Benefits through linking sustainable growth with nature protection” is addressing stakeholder networks by an annual PROWAD LINK Forum. The aim is to engage further stakeholders in the project which have not yet directly approached and to inform a broader network about progress and results of the project.

The first Forum was organized in February 2019 to launch the project. The second one will be carried out in the 2nd half of 2020 to present first results in establishing a transnational knowledge partnership. The third on will be held at the end of the project end of 2021 to disseminate the results.

**PROWAD LINK Forum 2020**

After the signing of the partnership MoU in June 2019 and the adoption of the Partnership Hub concept by the WSB in November 2019, further potential strategic partners can be addressed to engage in the further development of Partnership Hub.

The second PROWAD LINK Forum in autumn 2020 will be dedicated to public-private multi-stakeholder partnerships and their contribution to link nature protection and sustainable economic development.

The participants will get information about potentials and benefits of a Wadden Sea World Heritage partnership and discuss how to overcome challenges in transnational multi-sector collaboration. As an outcome, the Forum shall provide recommendations for concrete transnational collaboration project using synergies and potential of partner networks.

Target audience will be the xtended PROWAD LINK network, regional partner programmes and SME networks, decision-makers (regional, national), international partnerships and other networks.

**Proposal:** The meeting is invited to support the PROWAD LINK Forum 2020 as co-organizer and to contribute to the programme.