

# 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the ASCOBANS North Sea Group

20-21 January 2021

## Online Meeting Protocol



In order to facilitate the smooth and uninterrupted flow of the 9th Meeting of the ASCOBANS North Sea Group (NSG9), to be held on 20-21 January 2021 in an online conference format, the Secretariat has compiled the following set of guidelines for the meeting participants:

### 1 Before the Meeting



The meeting will be hosted using Microsoft Teams online platform. Joining via computer, no preliminary download is necessary as the participants can join through their internet browsers using the meeting link. However, [downloading the app](#) is recommended for access to more functionality.

Make sure you have a stable internet connection (preferably cable), well-functioning web camera and headset by testing them before the meeting.

 Choose a quiet environment for the call. Any background noises or other distractions may interfere with the meeting.

 Choose a location with good lighting and clear background.

 Presenters should have presentations ready and open on their computers in advance. The presenters will be able to share their screen with the meeting participants. Please also send the presentation to the Secretariat [ascobans.secretariat@ascobans.org](mailto:ascobans.secretariat@ascobans.org) well in advance of the meeting.

## 2 During the Meeting



Online session will be open 15 minutes before the scheduled start. The Secretariat will email all participants the link to the meeting.



Before entering the online meeting, participants should enter their name or change their display name (see [instructions here](#)). For country representatives, enter your name using the following format: **Country\_FirstName FamilyName** (example: UK\_Sam Valas). For organisations, use format **Organisation\_FirstName FamilyName**.



To ask for the floor, type your name in the chat window. The Chairperson will then give the floor following the speaker queue.



For better engagement, all participants are asked to turn their web cameras on. Using a headset is recommended for an improved audio experience.



To avoid background noises that may interfere with the call, always mute your microphone when not speaking.



Kindly be mindful of time during the meeting – covering all agenda items in the planned timeframe will require a joint effort from everyone 😊.



Subject to permission from the presenters, all presentations will be available on the [meeting website](#).



In case of technical issues during the online meeting, contact Bettina Reinartz [bettina.reinartz@un.org](mailto:bettina.reinartz@un.org), mobile +49 176 728 520 75