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## High-profile offshore wind expert Manfred Dittmer joins WFO

- As of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Manfred Dittmer joins WFO as Executive Vice President
- Orsted's former Head of Political Affairs and Stakeholder Management is uniquely qualified to support WFO's mission of promoting offshore wind energy worldwide
- Manfred Dittmer joins Prof. Dr. Martin Skiba (Chairman) and Gunnar Herzig (Managing Director) in leading the WFO organisation

The WORLD FORUM OFFSHORE WIND (WFO) is delighted to announce that as of February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019 Manfred Dittmer will join WFO's management team as Executive Vice President. In his role, Manfred will employ his political affairs knowledge and network as well as his experience in setting up and managing the growth of international organizations.

Manfred's professional background as former Head of Political Affairs and Stakeholder Management at the offshore wind industry's market leader Orsted (formerly DONG) makes him uniquely qualified to support WFO's mission to promote offshore wind energy worldwide. During his more than six years at Orsted Manfred was heavily engaged in the establishment and growth of their German offshore wind organization, supporting portfolio acquisitions as well as the construction and operation of a fleet of offshore wind farms.

**Prof. Dr. Martin Skiba**, Chairman, WFO:

"I have known Manfred personally for many years and I am convinced that his outstanding qualities with regards to networking, stakeholder management and communication are going to be of enormous value to WFO and its members. Manfred's expertise and his international network not only within the offshore wind industry, but also into politics and public administration are going to be extremely helpful to grow the WFO organization."

**Gunnar Herzig**, Managing Director, WFO:

"Together with our initial members we have laid a strong foundation for WFO last year. Now, I am excited to grow the WFO organization by closely working together with Manfred."

One of Manfred's first official appearances representing WFO will be as key note speaker at the "Ocean Economy and Future Technology Conference" in Muscat, Oman on February 11 - 12.

**Manfred Dittmer**, Executive Vice President, WFO:

“Supporting the offshore wind industry’s international expansion with its enormous growth potential at this stage is an inspiring mission. WFO’s clear focus on offshore wind enables a close engagement with all relevant industry and public stakeholders in order to foster a global network to the benefit of our members and the offshore wind industry.”

**About WFO:**

WORLD FORUM OFFSHORE WIND - WFO - is a newly-founded non-profit association and the world’s first organization exclusively dedicated to fostering the global growth of offshore wind energy. WFO is registered as a non-profit organization (e.V.) in Germany, with offices in Hamburg and Singapore. WFO’s unique profile as a non-profit organization will facilitate access to governmental and international forums in order to open new markets and to advocate for global offshore wind growth.

WFO’s first flagship event - the **1<sup>st</sup> Global Offshore Wind Summit** will be held on March 5-6, 2019 in Taipei, Taiwan (<https://wfo-global.org/taipei/>) - currently the world’s most dynamic region for offshore wind. WFO will bring together key offshore wind decision makers from Asia, North America and Europe to discuss the industry’s way forward and to send a joint message from the global offshore wind community to governments around the world: **It’s time for the global rollout!**

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