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WFO Welcomes Stefan Hoffmann as New Chair of the Offshore Dispute Resolution Committee

The **World Forum Offshore Wind (WFO)** is excited to announce a new chapter for its Offshore Dispute Resolution Committee (ODRC). Under the leadership of Stefan Hoffmann from Watson Farley & Williams, the ODRC will continue to innovate and refine dispute resolution mechanisms specifically designed for the offshore wind sector.

Stefan takes over from Tobias Voigt, who successfully established the committee and laid a strong foundation for its future. “I am delighted to have the opportunity to advance the work of the Offshore Dispute Resolution Committee,” Stefan says. “I would like to thank Tobias for his outstanding contributions over the last three years. Starting completely from scratch with just an idea in mind, he developed the committee into an established body within WFO. One highlight has to be the Expert Rules offered by WFO, which are a result of his commitment, passion, and efforts. Tobias laid a very strong foundation that I can build on.”

Stefan emphasizes the importance of collaboration within the sector, stating, “I would like to meet and bring all stakeholders in the offshore wind sector together to share their experiences, expectations, and needs in relation to dispute resolution. Building on this, the Offshore Dispute Resolution Committee could offer tailored guidance, develop practical tools, and provide recommendations for preventing and handling conflicts. My goal is to evolve the committee into a collaborative thought leadership forum for dispute prevention and resolution in the offshore wind industry, welcoming all WFO members to participate. I am excited to contribute my experience to this essential effort.”



Tobias Voigt expresses confidence in Hoffmann's leadership: "I am grateful to Stefan for accepting the responsibility to continue leading the ODRC into a new chapter of development following its establishment phase, during which I had the honor of contributing to its foundation and initial growth. I am confident that the WFO membership relies on the solutions the ODRC provides, and I am certain that Stefan will bring fresh momentum in this direction."

He also expresses gratitude: "I would like to express my gratitude to the WFO leadership and ODRC members for the opportunity to serve in my role over the past three years. This included excellent collaboration with my co-chair, Christian Knütel, and the entire WFO team, especially Martin Skiba and Gunnar Herzig. I also extend my thanks to our subcommittee chairs and to my former colleague, Meriem Rezgui, for her contributions toward establishing the committee and the expert rules. I wish Stefan all the best in his new role and have offered my support to contribute to the continued development of the ODRC in the future."

The ODRC is one of WFO's three main committees, alongside the Floating Offshore Wind Committee and the Offshore Wind to Hydrogen Committee. Each committee focuses on a specific aspect of the offshore wind industry, with a shared mission to identify critical questions and provide insightful answers. Their objectives include promoting the highest industry standards, engaging with diverse stakeholders beyond the industry, and addressing challenges with optimal solutions. These committees host regular online meetings, allowing WFO members from around the world to stay informed and contribute to discussions on the latest advancements in the field.

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