



News Release

WORLD OCEAN COUNCIL ENGAGES OCEAN INDUSTRY AND STAKEHOLDERS IN SOUTH AFRICA

WOC CEO to Meet with Companies, Business Groups, and Government, Science and Environment Community Representatives

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The World Ocean Council (WOC) CEO, Paul Holthus, will be in South Africa in February to meet with ocean leadership companies, business organizations, as well as representatives of government ocean agencies and the science and environment communities at the following events:

- Integrated Ocean Management Forum, South African National Biodiversity Institute, Cape Town, 19 February.

This event is open to interested ocean stakeholders, but space is very limited. For more information, contact: David.Graf@giz.de

- Meetings with South African companies and chambers of business between Cape Town and Port Elizabeth, 21-23 February.

One goal of the discussions is to further explore and advance the development of a multi-sector ocean industry leadership alliance in South Africa and for the Western Indian Ocean.

Companies and organizations interested in meeting with the WOC are invited to contact Paul Holthus at Paul.Holthus@oceancouncil.org

- Ocean Business Think Tank, Nelson Mandela Bay Business Chamber, Port Elizabeth, 23 February.

The Think Tank will provide industry stakeholders, management and governance experts with an opportunity to interact relatively informally in a discussion about the role (actual and potential) of the maritime business sector in ocean management.

For more information and to RSVP, contact: Peter Myles tournet@iafrica.com

- Marine Coastal Management Conference, Cape Town, 24-25 February.

For more information, [click here](#).

The Integrated Ocean Management Forum offers business, government and civil society stakeholders from Southern Africa the opportunity to engage with the Sustainable Oceans Lab's 30 experts from various fields. Forum participants will be able to share and reflect on different experiences with Integrated Oceans Management, explore the role healthy marine and coastal ecosystems can play in Sustainable Development, and explore what it would take

to make the next step in Southern Africa towards an integrated oceans management across stakeholders and sectors.

The Sustainable Oceans Lab is a global Leadership and Innovation Lab, jointly convened by the German GIZ, Global Leadership Academy and Blue Solutions Initiative. It gathers 30 change agents from government, business and civil society from 17 countries to foster collaboration in addressing ocean sustainable development.

WOC Outreach this Month

3-4 February

SINGAPORE: **Conservation and Sustainable Use of Marine Biological Diversity of Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction: Preparing for the PrepCom**, National University of Singapore (NUS), Centre for International Law (CIL) - Participant

8-10 February

HONOLULU: **Human Dimensions of Large Marine Protected Areas**, Big Ocean - Panelist

16-19 February

CAPE TOWN: **Sustainable Oceans Lab**, GIZ - Participant

22-23 February

CAPE TOWN, PORT ELIZABETH: **WOC meetings with South Africa industry and other ocean stakeholders**

24-25 February

CAPE TOWN: **Marine Coastal Management Conference** - Speaker

29 February-1 March

LONDON: **Inmarsat Developer Conference** - Speaker

About the World Ocean Council (WOC)

The WOC is the only international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership and collaboration in "Corporate Ocean Responsibility". Companies and associations worldwide are distinguishing themselves as leaders in ocean sustainability, stewardship and science by joining the WOC. Members to date include 85+ leadership organizations from a wide range of ocean industries: oil and gas, shipping, seafood, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, marine mining, renewable energy, ocean technology, maritime law, marine environmental services and other areas. For the current list of WOC Members, [click here](#). The WOC News Release is received by 35,000+ ocean industry stakeholders around the world. The WOC is a registered not-for-profit organization in the US and the UK/Europe.

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