



News Release

## **SAVE THE DATE! WOC SUSTAINABLE OCEAN SUMMIT: ROTTERDAM, 30 NOV-2 DEC 2016**

### **Global Ocean Business Community to Meet on Corporate Ocean Responsibility and Ocean Sustainable Development**

17 February 2016

**The World Ocean Council (WOC) is proud to announce that the 4th Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) will be held from 30 November - 2 December, 2016 in Rotterdam.**

The SOS is the only international, multi-sectoral, business event dedicated to sustainable development, science and stewardship of the seas, and is now an annual event.

**The SOS 2016 theme is “*Ocean 2030: Sustainable Development Goals and the Ocean Business Community*”.**

This unique ocean industry gathering will address the 2015-2030 U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and what they mean for the ocean business community. The Rotterdam event will spotlight the targets and indicators being developed with and for the Ocean Business Community via the WOC during 2016.

The program and topics for SOS 2016 are being developed with input from the business community. Speakers, session organizers and sponsorship opportunities will be announced in the near future.

The SOS is uniquely designed to bring together leadership companies from the diverse Ocean Business Community: shipping, oil and gas, fisheries, aquaculture, seabed mining, tourism, renewable energy, ports, dredging, mining, submarine cables, marine science, engineering and technology, the maritime legal, financial and insurance communities, and others - as well as ocean stakeholders from the government, inter-governmental, academic and environment communities.

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#### **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

16-18 February

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

19 February

CAPE TOWN: **Integrated Ocean Management Forum**, South African National  
Biodiversity Institute - 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

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### **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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