



News Release

DEFINING PRIORITIES FOR POLAR RESEARCH

WOC is Working to Ensure Industry Input to Determining European Research Aims for Polar Regions

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The EU-PolarNet alliance of leading polar research organizations is undertaking a consultation on twelve overarching European research priorities for Polar Regions. The World Ocean Council (WOC) is the private sector partner in the EU-PolarNet consortium.

To participate in the public consultation, [click here](#).

The online consultation on polar research priorities is open until 9 March 2016.

The EU-PolarNet is an initiative of the EU, which aims to make a better connection between polar science and society. It is working to develop the dialogue between policymakers, business, local communities, civil society and scientists in order to increase mutual understanding and to identify new ways of cooperation that will deliver economic and societal benefits.

An important objective of EU-PolarNet is to initiate, conduct and sustain an on-going dialogue and cooperation with all relevant stakeholders for the Polar Regions. EU-PolarNet wants to create and deliver a framework and implementation plan to facilitate mutually beneficial engagement and interaction between EU-PolarNet research programme participants and stakeholders.

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7-9 March

ROME: **Marine Protected Areas: An Urgent Imperative – A Dialogue between Policymakers and Scientists** - Participant

16-18 March

FAIRBANKS: **Arctic Observing Summit** - Plenary Speaker; Co-Organizer/Chair, Private sector theme sessions and workshop

22-24 March

ARUBA: **Private Sector Partnerships for Small Islands** - Plenary Speaker

28-30 March

NEW YORK: **U.N. Law of the Sea, Preparatory Committee Meeting** (28 March-8 April) - Industry Representative

“Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction”

31 March-1 April

THE HAGUE: **Global Governance Reform Initiative – Oceans Governance**, Hague Institute for Global Justice - Participant

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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