



The International Business Alliance  
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

News Release

## **WOC TO LAUNCH “YOUNG OCEAN PROFESSIONALS” NETWORK AT SUSTAINABLE OCEAN SUMMIT 2016**

**World Ocean Council Working to Foster Future Industry Leadership and Collaboration in Corporate Ocean Responsibility**

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**The World Ocean Council is developing a global, multi-sectoral network of Young Professionals to advance sustainable development in the next generation of ocean industry leaders.**

**The Young Ocean Professionals initiative has arisen from the strong interest among up and coming managers in WOC member companies to meet their peers from different sectors and exchange information and ideas on industry responsibilities and practices in sustainability.**

The network will connect Young Professionals (and students interested in ocean business careers) from around the world and across the sectors to:

- Improve their knowledge of ocean ecosystems and biodiversity, the state of the ocean and ocean economic activity, and the concerns of other ocean stakeholders
- Better understand the challenges, issues, opportunities and solutions for advancing responsible ocean business activities within and across the sectors
- Help ensure that their work and their company are a part of securing a healthy ocean and sustainable ocean economy
- Develop and participate in mentoring, exchange and other professional development opportunities

**WOC will launch the Young Ocean Professionals network at the WOC Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) 2016.** A core team of Young Professionals from WOC member companies is working to develop the working version of the value, scope, terms, conditions and proposed areas of activity for the network.

**An SOS 2016 session will be dedicated to the Young Ocean Professionals network.** This session will gather senior and junior level managers around ocean sustainable development issues and challenges and consider and agree on how to best move forward with the network.

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**SOS 2016 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN !**

**Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) 2016: 30 Nov-2 Dec, Rotterdam**

***“Ocean 2030: Sustainable Development Goals and the Ocean Business Community”***

Ensure you have a place at this unique gathering of global ocean business leaders.

Go to [www.sustainableoceansummit.org](http://www.sustainableoceansummit.org) to Register for the SOS 2016, Submit an Abstract (until 9 September), become an SOS 2016 Sponsor, Endorser or Media Partner and See who attends the SOS.

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### Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

29 August-9 September

NEW YORK: **U.N. Law of the Sea, BBNJ Preparatory Committee Meeting**, U.N. Headquarters (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”

1-10 September

HONOLULU: **IUCN World Conservation Congress**, High Seas Governance Session, 4 September (Panelist)

6 September

HAMBURG: **Global Maritime Environmental Congress (GMEC), SMM 2016** (Session Panelist)

15-16 September

WASHINGTON D.C.: **Our Ocean, One Future Conference**, U.S. State Department (Private Sector Participant)

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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 leadership organizations from a wide range of ocean industries: oil and gas, shipping, cruise tourism, 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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