



News Release

WOC AND LEADING BUSINESS ORGANIZATIONS COLLABORATE ON INDUSTRY INVOLVEMENT IN 2017 U.N. OCEAN CONFERENCE

World Ocean Council, International Chamber of Commerce and U.N. Global Compact to Co-Convene “The Ocean Business Community: Essential Partner in Ocean Sustainable Development”, 14 February 2017, 1:15 - 2:30 PM at U.N. HQ

13 February 2017

The World Ocean Council (WOC), International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and U.N. Global Compact (UNGC) are working together to ensure private sector input to the U.N. “Ocean Conference” (U.N. HQ, New York, 5-9 June, 2017).

A preparatory meeting for the Ocean Conference will take place on 15-16 February 2017 at the U.N. Headquarters in New York City. The meeting will bring together stakeholders to consider the themes for the June Conference partnership dialogues and elements for a "Call for Action". The WOC, ICC and UNGC are working to engage the business community in the Ocean Conference process and inform other ocean stakeholders about the importance of ocean industry involvement in ocean sustainable development.

The WOC, in collaboration of the ICC and UNGC, will convene a side event on [“The Ocean Business Community as an Essential Partner in Ocean Sustainable Development”- Tuesday 14 February \(1:15 PM - 2:30 PM\)](#) in Conference room 11 of the U.N. HQ. This side event will bring together business and other stakeholders in an interactive discussion on the role of the private sector in advancing leadership and collaboration in ocean sustainable development.

The 2017 U.N. Ocean Conference in June is focused on the theme of “Our Oceans, Our Future: Partnering for the Implementation of Sustainable Development Goal 14”. SDG 14 addresses the need to conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources.

Companies and industry organizations interested in more information on the U.N. Ocean Conference and possible participation should contact the WOC at info@oceanCouncil.org.

For more information on the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the opportunities they create for the ocean business community, [click here](#).

Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

13 February

NEW YORK CITY: **Innovation in Partnerships: SDG 14 Life Below Water** Workshop Co-organized by Secure Fisheries, International Peace Institute (IPI), One Earth Future (OEF), Permanent Mission of Sweden to the UN, and WOC (Invited Speaker)

13-14 February

NEW YORK CITY: **Inter-Parliamentary Union, Annual Parliamentary Hearing - 2017**
Theme: A World of Blue (Invited Speaker)

14 February

NEW YORK CITY: **UN Side Event: "The Ocean Business Community: Essential Partner in Ocean Sustainable Development"** (Co-organized by WOC, International Chamber of Commerce, UN Global Compact)

15-16 February

NEW YORK CITY: **Preparatory Meeting for UN Ocean Conference (June, 2017)** (Invited Participant)

About the World Ocean Council (WOC)

The WOC is the only international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership and collaboration in sustainability, stewardship and science. Companies from a range of industries worldwide are distinguishing themselves as leaders in "Corporate Ocean Responsibility", including: shipping, oil and gas, tourism, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, renewable energy, ocean technology, investment. WOC Members are listed [here](#), a part of the WOC Network of 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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