



The International Business Alliance
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

News Release

DEEP OCEAN/HIGH SEAS RESOURCE USE: UNDERSTANDING THE LEGAL ISSUES

Webinar on “The Legal Implications of Deep Ocean Resource Exploration and Extraction” 31 March 2017

27 March 2017

The World Ocean Council (WOC) continues to provide information to the ocean business community on the legal and policy aspects of ocean sustainable development.

The WOC is pleased to announce the following webinar:

Go Deep: The Legal Implications of Deep Ocean Resource Exploration and Extraction

Friday, 31 March 12:15-1:30 pm ADT (Atlantic Daylight Time, Halifax, Canada)

Oceans are an increasingly important resource for many industries and coastal states. Scientific and technological innovation is expanding the ability to explore deeper waters in search of ocean resources, and to harvest them. As activities move further offshore, however, they move beyond the boundaries of coastal state laws into the realm of international conventions and regulators - raising new legal questions: e.g. What laws govern oil and gas exploration and extraction in international waters? Seabed mining? Aquaculture? Offshore wind energy?

Wylie Spicer, Senior Maritime Lawyer, McInnes Cooper, will lead the webinar.

Click here to register:

<http://www.mcinnescooper.com/the-legal-implications-of-deep-ocean-resource-exploration-extraction/>

The WOC continues to lead efforts to foster and facilitate industry involvement in the U.N. processes such as the:

- Development of an international legally binding instrument under the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ)
- Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)

The WOC is increasingly accredited or in partnership with key intergovernmental organizations, including the:

- International Seabed Authority (ISA)
- UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC)
- International Hydrographic Organization (IHO)

SAVE THE DATE

Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) 2017: 29 Nov-01 Dec, Halifax, Canada

**SOS 2017 Theme: “The Ocean Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 14):
Business Leadership and Business Opportunities”**

Mark your calendars for this unique gathering of the global ocean business community.

Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

27 - 31 March, LONDON

WMO-IOC JCOMM Ship Opportunities Team - World Meteorological Organization (WMO) - UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Joint Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (JCOMM) (Invited Speaker)

27 March - 7 April, NEW YORK

U.N. Law of the Sea, BBNJ Preparatory Committee Meeting - 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 (BBNJ) (Industry Representative)

29 - 30 March, BRUSSELS

European Commission Transatlantic Ocean Research Alliance - Arctic Workshop (Invited Participant)

2 - 3 April, MONACO

Monaco Blue Initiative (Invited Participant)

4 - 6 April, GENEVA

Sustainable Shipping Initiative - Members Meeting - Ocean Governance and the Shipping Industry Session (Invited Speaker and Workshop Co-Organizer)

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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