



News Release

WOC CONTINUES TO ENSURE BUSINESS INVOLVEMENT IN FINAL NEGOTIATIONS ON NEW LAW OF THE SEA REGULATIONS

World Ocean Council Works to Keep Industry Engaged and Informed; WOC Webinar on Marine Genetic Resources in International Waters Takes Place on 11 July

7 July 2017

The 4th (and final) U.N. meeting begins next week to develop a new legally binding instrument to expand the Law of the Sea to regulate the conservation and sustainable use of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ).

As the governments meet from 10-21 July, the World Ocean Council (WOC) will continue providing the only comprehensive, consistent business community presence in the 2 year preparatory process for the BBNJ Agreement.

To ensure that the private sector is aware of the status of the negotiations and the content of the emerging BBNJ legal agreement, the WOC organized three webinars, each covering one of the three main elements of the negotiations:

Webinar 1 – BBNJ: Area-based Management Tools including Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)
Monday, June 26 [completed]

Webinar 2 - BBNJ: Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs)
Wednesday, June 28 [completed]

Webinar 3 - BBNJ: Marine Genetic Resources, including benefit sharing
Tuesday, July 11, 12PM-1PM UTC [Click here to register](#)

Speakers: [Paul Holthus](#), WOC CEO; [Stella Bartolini](#), WOC BBNJ Project Officer; [Thomas Vanagt](#), Managing Director, eCOAST Marine Research

A full review and analysis for industry of the final text for the proposed BBNJ legally binding agreement to the Law of the Sea will take place at a special session of the [2017 Sustainable Ocean Summit \(SOS\), Halifax, 29 Nov -1 Dec.](#)

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[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

10-21 July, NEW YORK

U.N. Law of the Sea, 4th 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)

10-19 July, NEW YORK

U.N. High Level Political Forum (HLPF) Sustainable Development Goals (Participant)

13 July, NEW YORK

U.N. HLPF Sustainable Development Goals: Agriculture and Food Day - Interlinkages Between Goal 2 and Goal 14 (Invited Speaker)

18 July, NEW YORK

U.N. Sustainable Development Goals Business Forum (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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