



News Release

WOC LAUNCHES “YOUNG OCEAN PROFESSIONALS” MEMBERSHIP

The World Ocean Council Young Ocean Professionals (YOP) Initiative is a Global, Multi-sectoral and Educational Network to Support the Future of Sustainability in the Ocean Business Community

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A vibrant new generation from the Ocean Community is emerging, deeply convinced that the “Corporate Ocean Responsibility” is the first priority and ready to take action now.

WOC has launched a global, multi-sectoral network of Young Ocean Professionals to foster and support these young ocean professionals who are ready and **willing to:**

- **Better understand the ocean** (biodiversity, current state, economic activity impacts)
- **Tackle sustainable development challenges and opportunities for the ocean**
- **Ensure they are working to secure a healthy ocean and sustainable ocean economy**

The WOC community invites all young professionals and graduate students interested in those topics to [join the YOP Initiative](#).

The YOP network aims at growing internationally and organizing local events for YOP members to meet other like-minded professionals in their area. On a global scale, the YOP Initiative seeks to participate in international conferences and events as a representative of the up and coming generation.

YOP Members will also meet annually at the WOC Sustainable Ocean Summit. A workshop will be coordinated by the YOPs at the Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) 2017. The WOC is pleased to offer Young Ocean Professionals members an important discount fee for the SOS 2017 (more information [here](#), or contact secretariat@oceancouncil.org).

In the coming years, YOP members will develop projects and documents on topics and areas they are passionate about.

To be part of the network and take part in the projects of the Initiative, fill the form [here](#) and for more information please click [here](#) or email YOP Secretariat at secretariat@oceancouncil.org.

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”**

ONLY 9 DAYS LEFT FOR DISCOUNTED EARLY BIRD RATES!

REGISTER AND PARTICIPATE

Participate in the only yearly ocean business community summit: SOS 2017 early bird registration fees are about to end.

Join the YOPs and learn more about reduced YOP registrations for SOS 2017.

PARTNER AND SPONSOR

Many Sustainable Ocean Summit 2017 [Sponsorship opportunities](#) are still available. Join the group of leader organizations supporting the SOS 2017!

Join paramount organizations and publications in partnering with the WOC as [Media Partners and Endorsers](#) of the Sustainable Ocean Summit 2017.

Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

18-22 September, SHANGHAI

Marine Technology Cooperation Center (MTCC) – Asia: First Regional Workshop (Participant)

28-29 September, LISBON

Atlantic Blue Ports project (Kick Off meeting)

3-4 October, MILAN

One Ocean Forum (Participant)

5-6 October, MALTA

Our Ocean Conference (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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