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SUSTAINABLE OCEAN SUMMIT 2017 - SHAPING THE FUTURE OF OCEAN INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP

World Ocean Council Opens Annual Global Gathering of Ocean Industry Leaders

30 November 2017

The World Ocean Council kicked off its 5th Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) - the unique global ocean business community gathering - in Halifax on 29 November.

The high level opening session on **“Blue Sky Thinking for a Blue Ocean and Blue Economy”** began the SOS with input from global leaders, including James Michel (former Seychelles President), Serge Segura (France’s Ambassador for the Ocean), Peter Hinchliffe (Secretary General, International Chamber of Shipping) and others, and with a presentation from TCC Shipping on their groundbreaking research on low emission ship engines.

This was followed by the **extraordinary gathering of ocean business CEOs in the SOS signature “Ocean Executive Forum** - a plenary dialogue of ocean industry leaders, this year with nine company top officers, each from a different sector.

Next, the **Ocean 2030 session delivered authoritative projections for future of nine key ocean sectors**, most provided by the head of industry associations - a compilation on the future of the ocean economy that you will not find at any other event.

Day 1 ended with the WOC Young Ocean Professionals (YOP) workshop on “Identifying ocean innovation challenges for sustainability”, organized in collaboration with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

If you are not in Halifax this week, here is the full [SOS 2017 Program](#), with all the great sessions and speakers on ocean sustainable development that you are missing.

The ocean leadership companies from around the world and across the sectors have again come together to show their support for the WOC as [SOS 2017 Sponsors](#):

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In addition, SOS 2017 attracted an unprecedented number and diversity of [Media Partners and Industry Organization Endorsers](#).

Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

8-9 December, SHENZHEN

China-EU Blue Industry Cooperation Forum - Invited Speaker

12 December, PARIS

One Planet Summit - 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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