



The International Business Alliance  
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

## News Release

# SAVE THE DATE! WOC 6<sup>th</sup> SUSTAINABLE OCEAN SUMMIT: 14-16 NOVEMBER 2018, HONG KONG

**The World Ocean Council Again Convenes the Global Ocean Business Community, with the SOS 2018 Theme of “Ocean Sustainable Development – Connecting Asia and the World”**

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**The World Ocean Council is proud to announce that the 6th Sustainable Ocean Summit will be held from 14 to 16 November, 2018 in Hong Kong.**

**The Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) is the only global, multi-sector business leadership event dedicated to ocean sustainable development. Since 2010, the SOS has attracted ever-higher levels of industry representation from across the sectors. [Click here](#) to see the growing number of CEOs and other senior ocean industry stakeholder representatives who participate in the SOS.**

**The SOS is a working conference, engaging the international ocean business community in advancing leadership and collaboration to achieve industry-driven solutions to real sustainable development challenges.** SOS outputs feed directly into the actions and work programs of the World Ocean Council (WOC) - the only multi-industry international business organization dedicated to implementing ocean sustainable development with and for the private sector.

**The SOS 2018 theme of “Ocean Sustainable Development – Connecting Asia and the World”, recognizes:**

- The major role that Asia plays in the global economy through trade and maritime transport.
- The size and growth of the economies and population of Asian countries.
- The national, regional and international importance of many key ocean industries in Asia, e.g. shipping, shipbuilding, fisheries, aquaculture, etc.
- The global interconnectness of the ocean, the ocean economy and the ocean business community.
- The need to address ocean sustainable development and the U.N. Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) at a global scale with all ocean business sectors.

The SOS 2018 program and topics are being developed with input from the business community. Speakers, session organizers and sponsorship opportunities will be announced soon.

The SOS uniquely brings together leadership companies from the diverse Ocean Business Community: shipping, oil and gas, fisheries, aquaculture, seabed mining, tourism, renewable energy, ports, dredging, mining, submarine cables, marine science, engineering and technology, the maritime legal, financial and insurance communities, and others - as well as ocean stakeholders from the government, inter-governmental, academic and environment communities.

Mark your calendar for the only annual, international, multi-sectoral, business event dedicated to Ocean Sustainable Development.

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

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## Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

28 February-1 March, DUBAI

**Offshore Arabia** - Invited Session Chair, Invited Plenary Speaker

14-16 March, SINGAPORE

**Asia Pacific Maritime, Work Boat Conference** - Invited Plenary Speaker

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### 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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