WORLD OCEAN COUNCIL ANNOUNCES TOPICS FOR 6TH SUSTAINABLE OCEAN SUMMIT (SOS), HONG KONG, 14-16 NOVEMBER 2018

The SOS 2018 will Convene in Hong Kong with a Focus on “Ocean Sustainable Development – Connecting Asia and the World”

21 April 2018

Since 2010, the WOC Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) has uniquely brought together a global, cross-sectoral gathering of the world’s ocean industries around sustainable development, science and stewardship.

The international ocean business community will gather again this year at the SOS 2018 to advance leadership and collaboration in developing industry-driven solutions to ocean sustainability challenges, with a focus on the role of Asia.

The SOS 2018 program is being developed with input from the international ocean business community, with the following sessions under consideration/development.

Plenary Sessions
- Ocean Executive Forum: The Signature SOS Multi-Sector Panel of CEOs
- Asian Shipping: Leadership and Challenges in Connecting Asia and the World
- Asian Ports and Sustainable Development
- Shipbuilding for Sustainability: The Role of Shipyards and Vessel Construction in Supporting Sustainable Development Across the Sectors
- One Belt, One Road, One Ocean: Ensuring the Maritime Silk Road Leads to a Sustainable Destination
- Women in Ocean Industries: Leadership and Sustainable Development
- Blockchain and the Ocean Economy: Linking Blockchain Around the World and Across the Sectors in Support of Sustainable Development
- The Digital Ocean, Big Ocean Data and the Ocean Cloud
- Ocean 2030: Ocean Industry Projections and the Future of the Ocean Economy (covering ocean transportation, energy, food, tourism, and minerals)
- Ocean Investment Platform: Financing Ocean Sustainable Development in Asia
Parallel Sessions/Workshops

MARINE POLLUTION
- Ocean Cleanup Vessels: Experience, Innovation and Practical Solutions for Collecting Plastics and Other Debris from Waters and Island Areas
- Port Reception Facilities: Delivering Plastic and Marine Debris Disposal Needs at a Global, Multi-Sectoral Scale
- Marine Sound: Advancing Science-Based Solutions to a Global, Multi-Industry Issue
- Biofouling and Invasive Aquatic Species: The GEF-UNDP-IMO GloFouling Partnerships Project – opportunities for the private sector

OCEAN AND CLIMATE
- Ocean NETs: Responsible Negative Emissions Technologies (NETs) for CO2 Sequestration at Sea
- Port Resiliency to Sea Level Rise and Extreme Events: Ocean Industry Collaboration to Advance Adaptation for Small Islands and Developing Countries
- Arctic Sustainable Development and the Northern Sea Route

FOOD SECURITY: SUSTAINABLE FISHING AND AQUACULTURE
- Aquaculture: Ensuring Sustainable Production in Crowded Seas
- Fisheries: Reducing Pirate Fishing Through Cross-Sectoral Collaboration and Technology Development

OCEAN KNOWLEDGE, RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY
- Smart Ocean-Smart Industries: Advancing Ocean Industry Data Collection from Ships and Platforms
- Seabed 2030: Ocean Industry Input to Global Seafloor Mapping

OCEAN GOVERNANCE AND PLANNING
- UN Law of the Sea: New Legally Binding Instrument on Biodiversity in Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ) and Ocean Industries
- Wind Energy and Fisheries: Addressing Conflicts and Developing Synergies

Cross-cutting workshops
- Young Ocean Professionals: Connecting Asia’s Future Industry Leaders with the World of Ocean Sustainable Development
- Maritime Cluster for Sustainable Development: Prospects and Progress in Asia

Invitation only event
- CEOcean Club: A Networking Reception for the SOS 2018 C-Suite and VIP Participants

More detailed information on these topics and a Call for Abstracts will be available soon.

Program Development

Interested parties are invited to propose session themes that they would like to sponsor and organize. Please contact info@oceancouncil.org to propose a topic or session at SOS 2018. The
evolving SOS 2018 program will reflect the level of interest in these and potentially other topics.

**Sustainable Ocean Summit 2018: Workshops**

Interested parties are invited to propose workshops that they would like to sponsor and organize in the days preceding or following the SOS 2018. Please contact info@oceancouncil.org to propose a workshop to be held in association with SOS 2018.

**Registration**

SOS 2018 registrations will open in June 2018. Conference space is limited so register early to secure a place at the only ocean sustainable development event developed by and for the global ocean business community.

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) 2018: 14-16 Nov, Hong Kong**

**SOS 2018 Theme: “Ocean Sustainable Development- Connecting Asia and the World”**

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

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**Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement**

17-19 April, HELSINKI
**Arctic Shipping Forum** (Roundtable Convener: “Data Collection from Ships of Opportunity)

19-21 April, OXFORD
**Ditchley Foundation Conference on the Ocean** (Invited Participant)

23-24 April, HAMBURG
**Green Maritime Forum** (Invited Session Chair and Speaker)

2-3 May, COPENHAGEN
**Opening Oceans Conference** (Invited Session Chair and Speaker)

3-4 May, BANGKOK
**Asia Pacific Regional Network Meeting - Business Roundtable** (Invited Organizer)

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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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