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WOC SUSTAINABLE OCEAN SUMMIT 2018 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

The World Ocean Council's 6th Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) Will Convene in Hong Kong (14-16 November 2018) Around the Theme: "Ocean Sustainable Development - Connecting Asia and the World"

28 June 2018

The World Ocean Council (WOC) will convene the global ocean business community at the 6th Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) in Hong Kong - leading a global maritime hub for Asian shipping - to tackle the critical industry challenges facing the growth of the sustainable Blue Economy.

The SOS 2018 will again bring together a unique, high level, multi-sectoral gathering of ocean business leaders to advance global industry leadership and collaboration ocean sustainable development, science and stewardship. Click [here](#) to see who attends the SOS.

[Register now and take advantage of early registration rates!](#)

The [SOS 2018 draft program](#) includes:

- 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
- One Belt, One Road, One Ocean: Ensuring the Maritime Silk Road Leads to a Sustainable Destination
- Women in Ocean Industries: Leadership and Sustainable Development
- Ocean 2030: Ocean Industry Projections and the Future of the Ocean Economy
- The Digital Ocean, Big Ocean Data and the Ocean Cloud
- Ocean Investment Platform: Financing Ocean Sustainable Development in Asia
- Marine Pollution: Plastics and Ocean Cleanup Vessels; Plastics and Port Reception Facilities; Marine Sound; Biofouling and Invasive Aquatic Species

- Ocean and Climate: Ocean Negative Emissions Technologies; Port Resiliency and Extreme Events; Arctic Sustainable Development
- Food Security: Addressing Illegal Fishing; Sustainable Aquaculture in Asia
- Ocean Knowledge: Smart Ocean-Smart Industries for the Arctic; Seabed 2030
- Ocean Governance and Planning: UN Law of the Sea; Marine Spatial Planning ; Wind Energy and Fisheries Interactions
- Cross-Cutting Workshops: Young Ocean Professionals; Maritime Clusters for Sustainable Development
- CEOcean Club: A Networking Reception for SOS 2018 C-Suite and VIP Participants

Click [here](#) to see the full draft program. Parties interested in participating in the SOS 2018 program as session organizers, moderators or speakers are encouraged to contact the WOC at info@oceancouncil.org.

The SOS is a working conference, engaging the international ocean business community in implementing actions to address 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.

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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, g. shipping, shipbuilding, fisheries, aquaculture, etc.
- The global interconnectedness 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.

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.

Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

24-26 June, DAVOS

Arctic Observing Summit (Invited Speaker)

26-27 June, MONACO

Transition Monaco Forum: Reinventing Business Models (Invited Moderator for session on “Transforming the Mediterranean”)

26-28 June, BOULOGNE SUR MER

High Seas International Conference (Invited Speaker)

28-29 June, THE HAGUE

Volvo Ocean Race – Ocean Summit (Invited Speaker)

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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