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WORLD OCEAN COUNCIL CEO TO KEYNOTE FIRST GLOBAL OFFSHORE WIND SUMMIT

World Forum Offshore Wind (WFO) Launches Flagship Offshore Wind Industry Event with WOC Input on Ocean Industry Leadership, Collaboration and Action

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The World Forum Offshore Wind (WFO) has invited World Ocean Council (WOC) CEO, Paul Holthus, as opening plenary speaker at the 1st Global Offshore Wind Summit (Taipei, 5-6, March, 2019).

CEO Holthus will focus on the importance of collaboration between the growing offshore wind sector and other ocean industries. He will highlight the opportunities for compatibility among economic activities and infrastructure, which can create synergies in the use of ocean space. Holthus will also address the need for cross-sectoral business interaction to proactively tackle the real or perceived conflicts among sectors that may slow the growth of much needed renewable, low carbon energy from the sea, which must advance in concert with other responsible ocean users.

WFO is the global organization exclusively dedicated to offshore wind energy. Founded in 2018 by 10 international organizations representing the entire offshore wind value chain, WFO is registered as a non-profit organization in Germany, with offices in Hamburg and Singapore. More information can be found at: <https://wfo-global.org>

WFO's flagship event, the 1st Global Offshore Wind Summit, will bring together key offshore wind decision makers from Asia, North America and Europe. Ocean wind energy leaders will address key issues affecting the industry's global growth and development. The conference program, registration and other details are at: <https://wfo-global.org/taipei/>

WOC Members are eligible for an exclusive 30% discount on the registration fee for the 1st Global Offshore Wind Summit. Please email WFO's Gunnar Herzig (gunnar.herzig@wfo-global.org) to receive the 30% discount voucher.

Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

5 February, BALTIMORE

Roundtable - Ocean Climate Geoengineering: An Assessment of Potential Risks, Benefits and Governance (Co-Organizer)

5-6 February, GENEVA

World Meteorological Organization (WMO) Workshop on Enhancing Ocean Observations (Plenary Speaker)

11-13 February, MUSCAT, OMAN

Ocean Economy and Future Technology Conference (Organizing Partner, Moderator, Speaker)

5-6 March, TAIPEI

1st Global Offshore Wind Summit (Opening Plenary Keynote Speaker)

World Ocean Council (WOC) – The Global Blue Economy Business Organization

The WOC is the only international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership and collaboration in ocean 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 and 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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