HOUSTON OCEAN AND WATERWAYS CONFERENCE ORGANIZED BY WOC AND LAW FIRM KELLEY DRYE

World Ocean Council and Kelley Drye Collaborate to Bring Ocean and Waterway Industries Together to Tackle Risk and Sustainable Development on 8 March

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The World Ocean Council (WOC) is working with WOC Member Kelley Drye to deliver the Ocean and Waterways Conference on March 8, 2019 in Houston. The event expands upon the ongoing Kelley Drye efforts to engage the business community in understanding and proactively addressing ocean and waterway risks, challenges and opportunities.

This half-day program will present a series of panels featuring law and policy experts from port authorities and maritime industries, private sector ocean users, governments, NGOs, and academia. Panels will discuss the most pertinent federal and state legal, regulatory and political developments impacting our ocean, waterways, and their uses.

The WOC is co-organizing the following panels...

**Climate Adaptation and Extreme Weather Events** - An expert panel on the impacts of hurricanes on ports and coastal areas, the need to ensure that infrastructure is adapted, ready and resilient to handle extreme weather events, and the legal context, such as Climate Change Litigation and the Sand Act. This panel feeds into the WOC development of an international ocean business community action platform on Port and Coastal Infrastructure Adaptation and Resiliency.

**Intersecting Marine Uses: Finding Synergies, Reducing Conflicts** - Addressing the intersections between existing offshore economic activities, including offshore oil and gas, renewables, fisheries, aquaculture, dredging, restoration, marine transport, and defense, and the laws and regulations regarding marine intersecting use issues. Panelists will focus on opportunities for synergies, how to make them happen, the challenges of incompatible uses and how to avoid conflicts. This panel builds on and continues the WOC efforts on Marine Spatial Planning and the development of inter-industry dialogue to reduce conflicts and optimize synergies.

The full set of 2019 Ocean and Waterways Conference sessions includes:

- Keynote Panel: Coastal risk reduction strategies, flooding, resiliency, and redevelopment issues
There is no cost to register for this event. For more information and to register, please see https://www.kelleydrye.com/News-Events/Events/Seminars/2019-Oceans-Waterways-Conference

Lunch will be served, and for a cocktail reception immediately following the program. Continuing Legal Education (CLE) credit is available for this program.

About Kelley Drye...
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Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

5-6 March, TAIPEI
1st Global Offshore Wind Summit (Opening Plenary Keynote Speaker)

8 March, HOUSTON
WOC-Kelley Drye Ocean and Waterways Conference (Co-Organizer, Speaker)

13-15 March, SINGAPORE
1st World Congress on Maritime Heritage (Plenary Speaker)

20-21 March, COPENHAGEN
Green Ship Technology Europe (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.