



The International Business Alliance  
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

News Release

## **SEYCHELLES PETROLEUM COMPANY (SEYPEC) JOINS WORLD OCEAN COUNCIL (WOC)**

**WOC Continues to Expand Its Geographic Scope with the Membership of SEYPEC, Seychelles' National Petroleum Transport Company**

29 March 2019

**[Seychelles Petroleum Company \(SEYPEC\)](#) strengthens its commitment to responsible operations by joining the World Ocean Council (WOC) - the Global Blue Economy Business Organization.**

SEYPEC CEO Conrad Benoiton stated, "Island countries are especially dependent on the Blue Economy. We are intimately linked to the ocean. We recognize that business leadership in addressing ocean health requires an international, multi-sectoral approach. The World Ocean Council uniquely provides the platform for ocean business leadership, collaboration and action on ocean sustainable development at the truly global scale needed."

Over the past three decades, SEYPEC has grown to become an important strategic part of Seychelles' economy and has been steadfast in its role to supply the country's fuel in an efficient and cost-effective manner. SEYPEC provides the storage and supply of petroleum products to the domestic and international market, the bunkering of vessels, aviation refuelling operations and the management of its shipping arm.

WOC Founding President and CEO Paul Holthus added, "We are honoured to have SEYPEC come on board the WOC. Ocean business community action on sustainable development requires the involvement of leadership companies from across the world and across the sectors. The WOC network of about 35,000 ocean industry stakeholders enables us to engage many companies from island and developing countries, an increasing number of which are joining the WOC."

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**SAVE THE DATE**

**Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) 2019: 20-22 Nov, Paris**

***"Investing in Ocean Futures: Finance and Innovation for the Blue Economy"***

Mark your calendars for this unique gathering of the global Ocean Business Community.

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## Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

25 March-5 April, NEW YORK

**U.N. Law of the Sea, BBNJ Treaty – 2<sup>nd</sup> Negotiation Session** on the international, legally binding instrument under the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea re the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) (Industry Representative)

28-29 March, LISBON

**EU Arctic Research Icebreaker Consortium (ARICE) Project - General Assembly**  
(Member/Participant)

1-4 April, HONG KONG

**WMO-IOC JCOMM Ship Observations Team** - World Meteorological Organization (WMO) - UNESCO Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Joint Technical Commission for Oceanography and Marine Meteorology (JCOMM) (Participant)

2-4 April, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

**CMA Shipping 2019** (Plenary Speaker)

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

*The WOC is the international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership, collaboration and action on 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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