News Release

AFRICA BLUE ECONOMY FORUM: WOC FOCUS ON NORTH AFRICA/MEDITERRANEAN BUSINESS COLLABORATION

World Ocean Council Session at ABEF 2019 to Advance Regional Maritime Industry Leadership, Collaboration and Action for a Sustainable Mediterranean

20 May 2019

At the second Africa Blue Economy Forum (ABEF 2019) (25-26 June, Tunis), the World Ocean Council (WOC) will organize a special session on regional maritime business collaboration, with a focus on North Africa and the Mediterranean.

The WOC session will explore the development of regional, cross-sectoral industry interaction to address the sustainable development challenges of North Africa’s waters and the wider Mediterranean. The session will bring together representatives of fisheries, aquaculture, cruise tourism, oil and gas, ports and other sectors active in the Mediterranean. Prospective speakers are invited to contact the WOC at info@oceancouncil.org.

The session’s process and outputs will provide valuable experience and information on the development of ocean business leadership collaboration groups for other regions of Africa, e.g. Gulf of Guinea, East Africa, Red Sea.

Companies and industry groups interested in participating in the WOC session on regional collaboration may obtain a registration fee discount for the entire ABEF by contacting info@oceancouncil.org.

Overall, the ABEF will again gather business leaders, investors, innovators, government and civil society from across the globe to advance the sustainable Blue Economy in Africa.

As the ABEF Strategic Ocean Partner, the World Ocean Council is working to ensure wide participation from the diverse global WOC ocean business and investment community network.

The ABEF 2019 will especially focus on investment opportunities and emerging industries within Africa’s ocean economy, building strategic partnerships between the public and private sectors and promoting sustainable best practices.

For details on the program and to register, visit https://abef2019.com.
WOC Members are eligible for a discount on the ABEF registration fee, details of which can be found in the WOC Members Pages. For enquiries, please contact info@oceancouncil.org.

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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”*

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**Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement**

20-21 May, LONDON  
**Biofouling Management & Prevention Seminar** (Speaker, Event Co-Chair)

22 May, LONDON  
**Sea: The Future** (Participant)

23 May, PARIS  
**Ocean Workshop** (Speaker)

23 May, PARIS  
**Economic Challenges of Silk Road Developments** (Participant)

23-24 May, MAPUTO  
**Growing Blue Conference** (Session Chair: Oil and Gas; Speaker: Regional Business Collaboration)

27-29 May, MAURITIUS  
**Western Indian Ocean Regional Science to Policy Workshop** (Speaker)

27-29 May, PARIS  
**Blue Forum** (Participant)

28 May, PARIS  
**Oil & Gas and Offshore Wind Energy Synergies Conference** (Participant)

28 May, PARIS  
**Maritime Economy Task Force Conference** (Participant)

29-30 May, ATHENS  
**International Green Shipping and Technology Summit** (Chair, Speaker)

13 June, PARIS
High Seas Workshop (Participant)

17-20 June, MARSEILLE
OCEANS 2019 (Speaker)

25-26 June, TUNIS
Africa Blue Economy Forum (Strategic Partner, Session Organizer)

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, UK and France.

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