



The International Business Alliance
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

News Release

AFRICA BLUE ECONOMY – WOC AND GERMAN-AFRICAN BUSINESS DAY COLLABORATE

**World Ocean Council and German-African Business Association Work Together to
Advance the Blue Economy in Africa**

29 May 2019

***“Blue Economy for Africa’s Growth”* is the focus of the German-African Business Association’s [6th German-African Business Day \(13 June, Berlin\)](#), presented by Afrika-Verein, with WOC as a partner.**

Business, government and civil society from Africa, Germany and Europe will discuss partnerships and investments to promote sustainable growth for the Blue Economy in Africa, including ports and shipping, fisheries and aquaculture, maritime transport, logistics and safety, and renewable energy, amongst others.

Event sessions under development include:

- European-African Cooperation and the Future of Maritime Security
- Financing Sources & Models in the Blue Economy
- What Kind of Industrial Revolution will Africa Experience in the Blue Economy?
- What are the Investment Opportunities for the Private Sector in the Blue Economy?

WOC CEO Paul Holthus will be speaking as part of an Expert Dialogue on “The Growing Importance of the Blue Economy”, with a focus on the opportunities and challenges for achieving a sustainable Blue Economy in Africa.

[Click here](#) to register for the conference.

The World Ocean Council is a Strategic Partner of the German-African Business Day. WOC Members are eligible for a discount on the registration fee, details of which can be found in the WOC Members Pages. For enquiries, please contact info@oceanCouncil.org.

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.

Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

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)

6-7 June, SAINT PETERSBURG

Saint Petersburg International Economic Forum (SPIEF) (Speaker on Ocean Panel)

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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