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News Release

JOIN THE CHALLENGE: CAPTAIN'S TABLE BY YOUNG PROFESSIONALS IN SHIPPING NETWORK TO CONNECT MARITIME INNOVATORS AND START-UP ENTREPRENEURS

World Ocean Council (WOC) Engages with Global Start-up Competition Connecting Innovators and Entrepreneurs in the Maritime and Logistics Industry

17 July 2019

The World Ocean Council is honored to be a Supporting Partner of **The Captain's Table**, a pitch competition organized by Young Professionals in Shipping Network (YPSN), which aims to connect start-ups to an ecosystem supporting innovation and sustainability in maritime and logistics, and to raise awareness of Hong Kong as a vibrant international maritime centre.

Five finalists will be flown to Hong Kong for a preparatory workshop in the lead up to the live pitch event on 19 November, with access to legal, commercial and technical advice from maritime experts, as well as introductions to industry leaders and access to further investment through YPSN's extensive network. Cash prizes of US\$25,000 will be awarded.

Categories for entry include Environment and Sustainability, Deep Tech, SaaS and PaaS Solutions, Fintech and Insurtech, and Education. **Submissions will be accepted until 31 July 2019.**

To learn more about entry guidelines and the competition timeline for The Captain's Table, visit <http://www.ypsnhk.com/captain.html>.

The Captain's Table challenge has been invited to be a part of the WOC "Global Blue Economy Innovation Network" at the WOC 7th Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS), Paris, 20-22 Nov.

Accelerators, Incubators and Challenge Competitions focused on Ocean Sustainable Development are invited to be part of the "Global Blue Economy Innovation Network" and the collaboration and synergies it will catalyse. Interested parties are invited to contact the WOC at 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.

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15 August, HONOLULU

Asia-Pacific Center for Security Studies (APCSS) - Comprehensive Maritime Security Cooperation Course (Speaker)

19-30 August, NEW YORK

U.N. Law of the Sea, BBNJ Treaty - 3rd 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)

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

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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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