News Release

“INVESTING IN OCEAN FUTURES” - THE COMPREHENSIVE GLOBAL OCEAN INVESTMENT EVENT - CONVENE SUSTAINABLE OCEAN SUMMIT (PARIS, 20-22 NOV 2019)

World Ocean Council SOS 2019 Brings Together the Global Ocean Business and Finance Community To Accelerate “Finance and Innovation for the Blue Economy”

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With the theme of “Investing in Ocean Futures: Finance and Innovation for the Blue Economy”, the Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) 2019 (20-22 November, Paris) will be the foremost international business conference dedicated to investment and innovation for ocean sustainable development.

SOS sessions on OCEAN INVESTMENT AND INNOVATION include the Plenaries, Parallels, Workshops, Roundtables covering:

- Institutional Investors and the Blue Economy: Ocean Opportunities for Pension Funds and Sovereign Wealth Funds
- Corporate Investment in Ocean Sustainable Development Solutions
- Impact Investment, Blended Finance and the Blue Economy
- Philanthropic Investment and the Blue Economy
- Family Offices and Financing for Ocean Health and Sustainability
- Multi-Lateral and Public Development Banks: Risk Mitigation and Guarantees for Blue Economy Investment
- Banking on the Blue Economy: Expanding the Role of Banks in Ocean Sustainable Development
- Ocean Funds: Focused Finance for Sustainable Seas
- Blue Economy Blockchain: Linking Around the World and Across the Sectors for Ocean Sustainable Development
- Ocean/Maritime Insurance: Risk, Sustainable Development and the Role of Insurance
- Sustainable Blue Economy Finance Principles
- Global Blue Economy Innovation Network: Accelerators, Incubators and Challenge Competitions for Ocean Sustainable Development

The scope of each session is outlined in the draft SOS 2019 program at https://www.sustainableoceansummit.org/program/.
All the other SOS 2019 sessions will also consider the issues they address through the lens of finance and innovation.

The SOS sessions all link to the WOC “Ocean Investment Platform” which is working to provide a global structure and process to bring the investment community together with major ocean use companies and the entrepreneurs providing solutions to ocean sustainable development challenges. The WOC “Ocean Investment Platform” is a unique forum to identify, articulate and evaluate ocean industry opportunities for investment in responsible ocean development.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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

“Investing in Ocean Futures: Finance and Innovation for the Blue Economy”

Early registration ends on **20 September 2019**. For information on the developing program and to register, visit [https://www.sustainableoceansummit.org/](https://www.sustainableoceansummit.org/).

Recent/Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

16-20 September, HONOLULU
**OceanObs ’19** (Participant)

18-19 September, SINGAPORE
**Shipping 2030 and Global Liner Shipping Asia** (Speaker)

23-26 September, HAINAN
**Underwater Mining Conference** (Participant)

1 - 2 October, SAN FRANCISCO
**Pacific Rim Offshore Wind Summit** (Speaker)

1-4 October, MELBOURNE
1st GEF-UNDP-IMO R&D Forum on Biofouling Management / 4th ANZPAC Workshop on Biofouling Management for Sustainable Shipping (Speaker)

8-9 October, ROTTERDAM
4th International Green & Smart Shipping Summit (Chair and Speaker)

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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