



The International Business Alliance  
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

## News Release

# **“GLOBAL MARITIME SECURITY CONFERENCE” – ADVANCING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION FOR A SAFE, SECURE AND SUSTAINABLE OCEAN ECONOMY (ABUJA NIGERIA, 7-9 OCTOBER 2019)**

## **International Collaboration to Tackle the Security Threats Affecting the Blue Economy**

17 September 2019

**The Federal Ministry of Transportation Nigeria, in collaboration with the Nigeria Maritime Administration and Safety Agency (NIMASA) and the Nigerian Navy, is organizing a Global Maritime Security Conference (GMSC) at the International Conference Centre (ICC) Abuja, Nigeria from 7-9 October, 2019. [www.globalmaritimesecurityconf.com](http://www.globalmaritimesecurityconf.com)**

**Dr. Dakuku Peterside, NIMASA Director General, said, “Maritime security is the essential foundation for industry ocean activity and the financing of the Blue Economy. Nigeria and the Gulf of Guinea Countries are committed to tackling insecurity in the Gulf of Guinea through robust investment in intelligence and maritime security assets. Through our collaboration with World Ocean Council, we invite the international ocean business and investment community to actively participate in the Global Maritime Security Conference.”**

**The World Ocean Council (WOC) is helping to ensure the global ocean business and investment community is involved in this critically important effort to move forward with the development of a robust maritime security system to tackle piracy and other security risks affecting responsible ocean development.**

Under the theme “Managing and Securing Our Waters”, Nigeria is convening a gathering of ocean security and sustainable development stakeholders to advance development of a platform for the international community to coordinate actionable strategies on maritime security in support of sustainable development.

The GMSC will bring together officials from governments, international agencies, donor partners, shipping firms, oil and gas industry, navies and coastguards and maritime regulators across the globe to discuss the options for tackling security challenges. GMSC international partners include the International Chamber of Shipping, BIMCO, the Oil Companies International Marine Forum (OCIMF), the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

**There will be no registration fee attached to your participation at the Global Maritime Security Conference. However, confirmation of attendance is by registering on the Conference website at [www.globalmaritimesecurityconf.com](http://www.globalmaritimesecurityconf.com).**

The conference objectives include defining the precise nature and scope of coordinated responses to maritime insecurity, evaluating the relevance of various external interventions, and moving towards policy harmonisation and cooperation. The conference will also tackle threats to maritime security, strategize alternative approach to prevent cyber security threats, and advocate for deeper global commitment to the deployment of resources for ending maritime insecurity within the region in the shortest possible time.

GMSC thematic sessions include:

- Maritime Security: Evolving Roles, Models, Missions and Capabilities
- Ensuring Maritime Security in the Gulf of Guinea: Effective Regional Cooperation and Roles of International Partners
- Balancing Geopolitical, Economic and Geostrategic Interests in Maritime Security Initiatives
- Maritime Governance and the Blue Economy
- Maritime Security, Legal Framework and Regulatory Issues in the Gulf of Guinea
- Maritime Security: Moving Beyond Policy Statements to Taking Collective Actions
- Technology Deployment in Maritime Security: Emerging Issues
- Future of Maritime Security: Trends, Emerging Threat Vectors and Capability Requirements
- Enhancing Maritime Domain Awareness (MDA)
- Maritime Security Partnerships: The Roles of Civil Societies
- Harmonized Standard Operating Procedures (HSOP) – A Model for Cooperation

Related to the GMSC, the [WOC Sustainable Ocean Summit \(SOS\), Paris, 20-22 Nov](#), with its theme of *“Investing in Ocean Futures”*, will include special sessions on:

- “Maritime Security, Sustainable Development and Women”
- “The Navy and Maritime Industries: Exploring Synergies in Ocean Sustainable Development, Science and Stewardship”

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## **REGISTER NOW FOR THE SOS 2019**

**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/>.

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## **Recent and 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 (Supporting Organization)**

1-4 October, MELBOURNE

**1st GEF-UNDP-IMO R&D Forum on Biofouling Management / 4<sup>th</sup> ANZPAC Workshop on Biofouling Management for Sustainable Shipping (Speaker)**

7-9 October, ABUJA

**Global Maritime Security Conference (Session Moderator, Supporting Organization)**

8-9 October, ROTTERDAM

**4<sup>th</sup> International Green & Smart Shipping Summit (Chair and Speaker)**

21-25 October, YOKOHAMA

**Yokohama Maritime Forum (YMF 2019) (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, UK and France.*

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