



The International Business Alliance  
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

## News Release

# OCEAN INDUSTRY ASSOCIATIONS TO ASSEMBLE AT WOC SUSTAINABLE OCEAN SUMMIT

**World Ocean Council to Convene the 2<sup>nd</sup> Global Roundtable of Ocean Industry Association Leaders (ROIAL) at the SOS 2019 (Paris, 20-22 Nov, 2019)**

26 September 2019

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Roundtable of Ocean Industry Association Leaders (ROIAL) will bring together ocean business and investment organizations at the World Ocean Council's [7<sup>th</sup> Sustainable Ocean Summit \(Paris, 20-22 Nov 2019\)](#).

The unique, once-in-a-decade ROIAL event gathers the leaders of ocean-related business and investment organizations. This includes the global associations for shipping, fisheries, aquaculture, oil and gas, cruise tourism, offshore wind energy, ocean energy, mining, ports, submarine cables, desalination, ocean technology, ocean engineering, biotechnology, and many other sectors, as well as representatives from insurance, investment and other organizations.

The WOC has invited more than 70 such organizations for the ROIAL meeting at the SOS 2019 in Paris, nearly 20 of whom have already confirmed they will be attending.

Ocean-related business and investment organizations who would like to request an invitation to the ROIAL event are welcome to contact the WOC at [info@oceanCouncil.org](mailto:info@oceanCouncil.org).

The WOC initiated the call for the 1<sup>st</sup> ROIAL as part of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sustainable Ocean Summit (Belfast, 2010). The top executives from 20 ocean-related industry associations responded by coming to this unique gathering.

In the nearly 10 years since that time, concerns regarding the health and future of the ocean - and the attention to industry's role and responsibilities - have increased well beyond what business leaders could have imagined, and will only continue to accelerate. Industry efforts by companies to address ocean challenges have also increased significantly over the past decade.

The need, opportunity and value for international, cross-sectoral industry leadership, collaboration and action on ocean sustainable development is thus greater than ever. The ROIAL event in 2019 will bring together industry leaders to advance global business leadership,

collaboration and action on “Corporate Ocean Responsibility” at the scale and pace needed to address ocean challenges.

The ROIAL will consider the priority sustainable development challenges facing ocean industries, synergy and coordination in the ocean business community, and the priorities for collaboration on ocean sustainable development.

The 2nd ROIAL event is part of the now-annual WOC Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) – the only regular, high-level, industry-driven gathering of the multi-sectoral global ocean business community that is focused on sustainable development.

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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”*

The early bird registration deadline has been extended to 1 October 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

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** (Industry Panel Chair)

7 October, PARIS

**Responsible Finance and the Blue Economy: Opportunities for French Leadership, Collaboration and Action on Ocean Sustainable Development** (Event Organizer)

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** (Strategic Partner)

14 October, SHENZHEN

**International Forum of Blue Economy Entrepreneurs** (Plenary Speaker)

15-16 October, SHENZHEN

**International Cooperation and Development Forum on the Marine Economy** (Plenary 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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