



The International Business Alliance
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

News Release

BREAKING THE ICE: COOPERATION FOR SAFE AND RESPONSIBLE ARCTIC SEA ROUTES

World Ocean Council and EU Polar Cluster Members Co-Organize Breakout Session at Arctic Circle 2019 (Reykjavík, 10-13 October)

4 October 2019

The World Ocean Council (WOC) as an ARICE Partner is collaborating with other members of the EU Polar Cluster KEPLER, ARCSAR and with ExtremeEarth in the organization of the session “Breaking the Ice: Cooperation for Safe and Responsible Exploitation of Arctic Sea Routes” at the [Arctic Circle 2019](#).

Members of the ocean business and investment community attending the Arctic Circle 2019 are invited to participate in this special session, which will showcase the need for a collaborative science-industry approach in addressing accurate sea-ice and weather predictions, information on the status of the Arctic and its marine life, and complex predictions of future scenarios. The session aims to foster active discussions on how the science community can better address the needs of industry, and to identify opportunities for collaboration between the science community, ice mapping agencies and industry.

Speakers include:

- Peter Hinchliffe OBE, Former Secretary General, International Chamber of Shipping, Independent Maritime Consultant
- Nicole Biebow, Head of International Cooperation Unit, Alfred Wegener Institute
- Nick Hughes, KEPLER Coordinator, Norwegian Meteorological Institute, Leader of the Norwegian Ice Service
- Mark van der Hulst, Managing Director, Oceanwide Marine Services
- Andrew Kendrick, Vice President, Vard Marine Inc, Fincantieri Group, Ottawa, Canada
- Bent-Ove Jamtli, Director of Joint Rescue and Coordination Centre Northern Norway (JRCC NN)
- Vladimir Vlassov, Associate Professor, Royal Institute of Technology (KTH), Stockholm

Breaking the Ice: Cooperation for Safe and Responsible Exploitation of Arctic Sea Routes

Date/Time: 11 October, 17:00-18:30

Venue: Flói, Harpa Ground Level

For more information, visit <http://www.arcticcircle.org/>.

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 SOS 2019 Draft Schedule and Program have been announced. For information on the developing program and to register, visit <https://www.sustainableoceansummit.org/>.

Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

1-4 October, MELBOURNE

1st GEF-UNDP-IMO R&D Forum on Biofouling Management / 4th 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

4th International Green & Smart Shipping Summit (Strategic Partner)

10-13 October, REYKJAVÍK

Arctic Circle 2019 (Participant)

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)

29-30 October, PARIS

OECD Forum on Green Finance and Investment 2019 (Participant)

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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