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for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

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YOKOHAMA MARITIME FORUM 2019 (23-24 OCTOBER)

World Ocean Council Engages as Supporting Organization to Advance YMF 2019's Mission on Sustainability, Diversity and Harmonization of Ports and Maritime Industries

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The World Ocean Council (WOC) - the Global Blue Economy Business Organization - is honoured to be a Supporting Organization of the [Yokohama Maritime Forum 2019 \(23-24 October\)](#), hosted by WOC Member Yokohama-Kawasaki International Port Corporation (YKIP).

In celebration of the 160th anniversary of the Port of Yokohama, one of Japan's largest maritime trading centers, the YMF 2019 aims to provide a platform for the maritime/port community to come together and identify solutions to the various global challenges of the 21st century. Representatives from port entities, maritime support services, LNG stakeholders, industrial associations, vessel owners and operators, scholars and regulatory groups will be in attendance.

Yokohama-Kawasaki International Port Corporation became a WOC Member in 2019, joining a steadily growing number of private sector ports and port organizations who are part of this unique global ocean business and investment organization.

WOC CEO Paul Holthus will be serving as Moderator for the session "Clean Ocean and Governance", with a focus on impacts to the ocean ecosystem caused by vessel emissions, plastics and other land-based pollution.

Other sessions under development include:

- Challenges for Maritime Industry
- Empowering Women in Port and Maritime Industries
- IMO Regulations from Perspective of Industrial Associations
- Ports Perspectives
- LNG as Marine Fuel and its Bunkering

For more information and to register, visit <https://www.ymf2019.com/>.

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

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)

9-10 October, RICHMOND, CALIFORNIA

Petroleum Environment Research Forum (PERF) (Presenter)

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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