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for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

News Release

BLUE ECONOMY FINANCE AND INVESTMENT NEWS – World Ocean Council SOS 2019 Success re “Investing in Ocean Futures: Finance and Innovation for the Blue Economy”

Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) 2019 Generates Global, High-Level, High-Energy Dialogue on Blue Economy Finance, Investment and Business

29 November 2019

Nearly 350 international ocean business and finance stakeholders gathered at the SOS 2019 for the following comprehensive program to advance investment in the Sustainable Blue Economy and contribute to the development of the WOC Ocean Investment Platform...

Investing in the Blue Economy: The Role of Institutional Investors, Banks and Investment Firms in Ocean Sustainable Development *(sponsored by BNP Paribas)*

Moderator:

- Jacques Demers, Chair, York University Pension Fund

Keynote:

- Emma Navarro, Vice President, European Investment Bank (EIB)

Panel:

- Philippe Desfossés, CEO (ret.), French Public Service Additional Pension Scheme (ERAFP)
- Laurence Pessez, Director, Group Corporate Social Responsibility, BNP Paribas
- Michael van Niekerk, Managing Director, Peakview Strategy
- Divaldo Rezende, Global Head of Climate and Social Finance, Aenergy
- Ted Janulis, Founder, Investable Oceans
- Paul Taylor, Global Head of Shipping and Offshore, Societe Generale

Impact Investment, Blended Finance and the Blue Economy

Moderator:

- Lionel Le Maux, President, Aqua Asset Management

Panel:

- Michael Adams, President, Ocean Assets Initiative
- Nicolas Pascal, Director, Blue Finance
- Jean-Paul D’Offay, Director Regional Integration, International Cooperation and Regional Integration Division, Department of Foreign Affairs, Seychelles
- Valeria Ramundo Orlando, Vice President, Blended Finance, Rare

- Laurent Develle, Attorney at Law, Of Counsel, Froriep Legal S.A.
- John Virdin, Director, Ocean and Coastal Policy Program, Nicholas Institute for Environmental Policy Solutions, Duke University

Ocean Funds: Focused Finance for Sustainable Seas

Moderator:

- Michael Adams, President, Ocean Assets Initiative

Panel:

- Jacques Demers, Chairman and Managing Partner, AGAWA Partners
- Olivier Raybaud, Founding Partner, Blue Oceans Partners
- Lisa Hubert, Sustainable Agriculture Director, Althelia Funds
- Jürgen Zeitlberger, Programme Officer, Blue Natural Capital Financing Facility (BNCFF)
- Francisco Saraiva Gomes, CEO, Pontos Aqua
- Max Gottschalk, Founding Partner, Ocean 14 Capital

Corporate Investment and Philanthropy for Ocean Sustainable Development Solutions

Moderator:

- Christian Lim, Co-Founder and Managing Partner, Blue Oceans Partners

Panel:

- Vincent Doumeizel, Vice President, Food and Sustainability, Lloyd's Register Foundation
- Wassim Daoud, Head of Sustainability and CSR, Ponant Foundation
- Rob Johnson, Managing Director, Sea Pact
- Lea d'Auriol, Founder and Executive Director, Oceanic Global Foundation
- Gavin Allwright, Secretary, International Windship Association (IWSA)
- Frédéric Degret, Founder and President, NOAH ReGen, Blue Economy Investment Platform (BEIP)
- Charlotte Gardes, Deputy Head of the Financial Stability, Accounting Standards and Corporate Governance Unit, Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances, France

Public Funding for the Blue Economy: Multi-Lateral Development Banks for Risk Mitigation, ODA for Ocean Sustainable Development and Major Government Initiatives

Moderator:

- Olivier Raybaud, Founding Partner, Blue Oceans Partners

Panel:

- Guillaume Chiron, Deputy Head of the Agriculture, Rural Development and Biodiversity Division, French Development Agency
- Gerard Alleng, Climate Change Senior Specialist, Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)
- Piera Tortora, Coordinator, Sustainable Ocean for All, OECD

De-Risking Investment in the Blue Economy: The Role of the Ocean/Maritime Legal and Insurance Communities

Moderators:

- Liv Monica Stubholt, Partner, Selmer
- Jonathan Webb, Partner, Holman Fenwick Willan

Panel:

- Richard Turner, Managing Director, RSA Insurance Group; President, International Union of Maritime Insurance (IUMI)
- Falk Niehörster, Head of Catastrophe Research, DEVK Re; Founder, Director, Climate Risk Innovations
- Chip Cunliffe, Director, Sustainable Development, AXA XL; Ocean Risk and Resilience Action Alliance (ORRAA)
- Philip Roche, Partner, Norton Rose Fulbright
- Joshua Brien, Special Advisor, Cooley LLP
- Dazhen Zhang, Australian National Centre for Ocean Resources and Security (ANCORS), University of Wollongong
- Justin Mundy, Senior Adviser, Willis Towers Watson

Sustainable Blue Economy Finance Principles *(sponsored and co-organized by European Commission and United Nations Finance Initiative)*

Moderator:

- Liesel van Ast, Acting Ecosystems, Biodiversity and Blue Economy Lead, UNEP Finance Initiative
- Louise Heaps, Head of Blue Economy, WWF-UK

Panel:

- Magdalena Mihordea, Maritime Policy and the Blue Economy, European Commission
- Chip Cunliffe, Director, Sustainable Development, AXA XL
- Tenke Zoltani, Founder, Better Finance; Development Finance Advisor, UNDP
- Dennis Fritsch, Researcher, Responsible Investor
- Justin Mundy, Senior Advisor, Willis Towers Watson
- Matt McLuckie, Director of Research, Planet Tracker

Blue Economy Blockchain: Linking Around the World and Across the Sectors for Ocean Sustainable Development

Moderator:

- Fred Sullivan, Founder and CEO, Venture Acceleration

Panel:

- Deanna MacDonald, Founder and CEO, BLOC
- Vjeran Ortynski, Chief Business Development Officer, CargoX
- Walter Purio, Chairman and Founder, QuayChain Pte Ltd
- Jens Paulsen, Manager, Deloitte Blockchain Institute

GLOBAL BLUE ECONOMY INNOVATION NETWORK: Accelerators, Incubators and Challenge Competitions for Ocean Sustainable Development

Moderator:

- Paul Holthus, Founding President and CEO, World Ocean Council

Panel:

- Ronny Waage, Founder and Managing Director, Heron Advisory
 - Joshua Berger, Founder/Board Chair, Washington Maritime Blue
 - Ruben Eiras, Director General, Maritime Policy, Portugal
 - Boris Teillant, Project Developer, Atlanpole / Pôle Mer Bretagne Atlantique
 - Admiral Emmanuel Gouraud (ret.), Member, Mer Angels
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Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

29 November, PARIS

Climate Finance Day 2019 (Participant)

2-13 December, MADRID

U.N. Climate Change Convention – Conference of the Parties (COP) 25 (Participant)

4-5 December, HAMBURG

Arctic Shipping Summit (Speaker)

8-9 December, MADRID

World Climate Summit (Session Chair; Institutional Partner)

10 December, PARIS

GEF Marine Plastics Final Project Meeting (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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