



The International Business Alliance  
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

## News Release

# WOC SUPPORTS IAPH WORLD PORTS CONFERENCE 2020 (ANTWERP, 17-19 MARCH)

## IAPH Annual Conference to Assess the Role of Ports in Global Maritime Trade and Bring Together Key Industry Stakeholders

12 February 2020

The [World Ports Conference 2020 \(Antwerp, 17-19 March\)](#) will bring together leading ports, their customers, stakeholders and regulators around designing a future where ports lead in energy transition, data collaboration, reputation management and business innovation – all key issues for the World Ocean Council (WOC) global ocean business and investment community.

The International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) 2020 event is focused on “Building Transparency, Predictability and Trust – Rising to New Demands of Customers, Communities and Stakeholders”.

Sessions confirmed for the agenda include:

- View From the Top: A Roundtable Discussion with Port CEOs
- Futureproofing the Energy Supply Chain: How the Energy Business is Changing in Response to Growing Demands for a Clean Energy Future
- Facilitating Maritime Trade Through Data Sharing
- Crisis and Catastrophe Readiness: Preparing Ports for Worst-case Scenarios
- Embarking on a Transformation from Successful Cargo Port to Maritime Cluster
- Connecting the Dots: Ports Facilitating Shipping’s Energy Transition
- From Concept to Reality: How Ports are Taking the Lead in Data Exchange for Port Call Optimization

For more information on the agenda and to register, visit

<https://www.worldportsconference.com/>.

**WOC Members are eligible for a discount on the reference fee, details of which can be found in the WOC Members Pages. For enquiries, please contact [info@oceanCouncil.org](mailto:info@oceanCouncil.org).**

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## Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

12-13 February, ATHENS

**European Multidisciplinary Seafloor and Water Column Observatory**

**European Research Infrastructure Consortium (EMSO) Conference** (Invited Speaker)

13 February, PORTSMOUTH, UK

**Launch of the Centre for Blue Governance, University of Portsmouth** (Keynote Speaker)

24-25 March, HAMBURG

**3<sup>rd</sup> Green Maritime Forum** (Partner)

23 March-3 April, NEW YORK

**U.N. Law of the Sea, BBNJ Treaty – 4<sup>th</sup> (Final) Negotiation Session** on the international, legally binding instrument under the U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea re the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction (BBNJ) (Industry Representative)

31 March-2 April, STAMFORD, USA

**CMA Shipping 2020** (Plenary Speaker on Law of the Sea/BBNJ Treaty)

21 April, BRUSSELS

**4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the EU Marine Knowledge Expert Group** (Participant)

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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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