



The International Business Alliance
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

News Release

FLOATING STRUCTURES AS A CLIMATE-ADAPTIVE SOLUTION FOR URBAN AND OFFSHORE DEVELOPMENT

**WOC Partners with “World Conference on Floating Solutions” (Rotterdam, 6-8 Oct);
Abstracts Accepted Until 6 March**

26 February 2020

The [World Conference on Floating Solutions 2020 in Rotterdam on 6-8 October](#) will bring together industry, policymakers, entrepreneurs and researchers around the future of structures for offshore and inland waters in the context of sustainable development.

The event will:

- Disseminate state-of-the-art knowledge about floating development.
- Raise awareness of sustainable use of inland/open waters through floating structures as a climate-adaptive measure for urban and offshore development.
- Foster multidisciplinary and international collaboration to improve the collective understanding of floating solutions.
- Establish a community of practice and take stock of emerging approaches in floating innovation.
- Identify knowledge gaps and share insights regarding the sustainable expansion of coastal cities on water.

The [call for abstracts](#) is open until 6 March 2020 to professionals globally from all sectors with a shared interest and vision in floating development, e.g. civil engineering, naval architecture, architectural design and engineering, maritime law/regulation, governance, sustainable urban development and planning, real estate development, circular economy and innovative monitoring.

Abstracts are welcomed in the following fields:

- **Business Case & Real Estate Development:** Low-cost solutions & affordability; Business case development; Real estate development; Blue economy; Circular economy; Insurance
- **Spatial Planning & Architecture:** Maritime spatial planning; Urban planning & development; Architecture design & engineering
- **Food & Energy Production:** Food production; Energy production

- **Ecological Impact & Nature Based Solutions:** Ecological & environmental impact; Nature-based solutions; Environmental management
- **Governance & Social Impact:** Policy & Governance; Legislation & regulation; Certification & classification; Social impact & responsibilities; Awareness & acceptance
- **Design & Engineering of (Infra)Structures:** Design & Engineering of VLFS; Installation, operation, monitoring & maintenance; Materials & technology; Infrastructure; Transportation & logistics

For more information on abstract submission, click [here](#).

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Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

11-12 March, COPENHAGEN

Green Ship Technology (GST) Europe 2020 (Supporting Organization)

17-19 March, ANTWERP

IAPH World Ports Conference 2020 (Supporting Organization)

24-25 March, HAMBURG

3rd Green Maritime Forum (Partner)

23 March-3 April, NEW YORK

U.N. Law of the Sea, BBNJ Treaty – 4th (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

4th Meeting of the EU Marine Knowledge Expert Group (Participant)

World Ocean Council (WOC) – The Global Blue Economy Business Organization

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