

News Release

WORLD CONFERENCE ON FLOATING SOLUTIONS (OCT 6-8, ROTTERDAM): REGISTRATION CLOSES SOON

World Ocean Council (WOC) Partners with High-Level Conference on Floating Structures and Climate Adaptation, Energy Transition and Social Justice

7 September 2020

The <u>World Conference on Floating Solutions 2020 (October 6-8, Rotterdam)</u> will bring together leaders and entrepreneurs to focus on how floating solutions at the urban/offshore intersection can address 21st century urban challenges.

This is both an in-person and virtual event, taking place in the Rotterdam Floating Pavilion.

Registration to attend in-person will close on 16 September 2020. Registration to attend online will close on 26 September 2020. Register NOW to secure your place at the first conference on floating solutions to take place in a floating building in Europe.

The event will:

- Disseminate knowledge of state-of-the-art research findings about floating development.
- Raise awareness of sustainable use of inland and open waters by introducing floating structures as a climate-adaptive measure for urban and offshore development.
- Foster multidisciplinary and international collaboration between stakeholders from various disciplines, improving the collective understanding of floating solutions.
- Establish a community of practices and take stock of emerging approaches in floating innovation.
- Identify knowledge gaps and share insights into crossovers between offshore and urban perspectives regarding the sustainable expansion of coastal cities on water.

World Ocean Council CEO <u>Paul Holthus</u> has been invited as a Keynote Speaker on Ocean Investments on Day 1, October 6. For more information on the developing program, <u>click</u> <u>here</u>.

For those interested in becoming a conference sponsor and taking advantage of the opportunity to reach an influential audience of industry and academia leaders from across the region and beyond, <u>click here</u>.

Blue Economy by the Numbers

Estimated size of floating docks market in 2019: USD 424 million

Source: Floating Docks Market Size & Forecast, 2020 – 2026. Global Market Insights, 2020

Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

2-3 September, Online Summit

Global Arctic Shipping Summit (Speaker)

3 September, 07:00 BST, Webinar

The Nautical Institute: Ocean Responsibility – How can Shipping Make a Difference? (Speaker)

23-24 September, Online Summit
Shipping & the Blue Economy Virtual Forum (Speaker, Key Partner)

30 September, 10:00 BST, Webinar

Breakbulk – The Digital Special: Growing a Sustainable Future (Speaker)

6-8 October, Rotterdam/Online Summit

World Conference on Floating Solutions (Keynote Speaker, Partner)

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 <u>here</u>, 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 and France.

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