



The International Business Alliance  
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

## News Release

# ENERGIZING A POWERFUL BLUE ECONOMY – INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON OCEAN ENERGY

## WOC Partners with 8th International Conference on Ocean Energy (ICOE 2021) to Advance Ocean Energy for the Blue Economy

21 April 2021

**The World Ocean Council (WOC) is proud to work with the 8th International Conference on Ocean Energy (28- 30 April, 2021) to bring together international stakeholders, experts and exhibitors from the ocean energy - tidal, wave, ocean currents, ocean thermal gradients.**

The ICOE 2021 will showcase the progress in ocean energy technology research and development, prepare ocean renewable energy to benefit the larger “Blue Economy” and the electrical grid, and identify research needed to further advance the state of the technology. Discussions will also address device innovation, new market developments and regulatory frameworks to spur commercialization.

**WOC CEO, Paul Holthus, was honoured to be invited to organize and chair the ICOE Plenary session on leveraging trends in ocean science and ocean development to advance marine renewable energy and Blue Economy opportunities.**

**The session keynote speaker, Bertrand Piccard (Solar Impulse) will be followed by a panel of key ocean industry, innovation and investment leaders:**

- Luc Vandenbulcke, CEO, DEME Group
- Birgit Liodden, Founder & CEO, The Ocean Opportunity Lab (TOOL), Norway
- Pierre Rousseau, Strategic Advisor Sustainable Business, BNP Paribas, Portugal
- David Millar, Government Accounts Director, Americas, Fugro, U.S.

**To Register for the event [click here](#)**

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## UPCOMING WOC EVENT

**Global Blue Finance Summit (BlueFIN '21) – *Dates to be determined***

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## Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

13-16 April, Online event

**Island Finance Forum '21** (Partner)

15-16 April, Online event

**Artificial Intelligence LA - Earth Summit: "Using Technology to Monitor and Protect Oceans and Coastal Communities"** (Panellist)

28-30 April, Online event

**International Conference on Ocean Energy (ICOE): "The UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development: What is it and what does it mean for Marine Energy?"** (Plenary Session Moderator)

18-19 May, Online event

**Summt4Oceans - Blue Economy: an opportunity for sustainability and economical growth** (Partner, Keynote Speaker)

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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, and France.*

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