



News Release

## **WOC AND DUBAI MARITIME CLUSTER SIGN PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT**

### **Dubai Council on Marine and Maritime Industries and WOC to Collaborate on Ocean Sustainable Development**

23 May 2016

**At the Offshore Arabia Conference last week, the Dubai Council on Marine and Maritime Industries (DCMMI) and the World Ocean Council (WOC) agreed to collaborate on ocean sustainable development and Corporate Ocean Responsibility.**

In the presence of the Dubai Minister of Climate Change and Environment, H.E. Dr. Thani Al Zeyoudi, the DCMMI Chairman, HE Mr. Khamis Juma Buamim, and WOC CEO, Paul Holthus, signed the memorandum of understanding (MOU) at the conference opening ceremony.

DCMMI Chairman, Mr. Khamis Juma Buamim, stated that, “The World Ocean Council is a unique global business leadership organization committed to advancing ocean sustainable development, stewardship and science. The DCMMI looks forward to enhanced interaction with the WOC to bring together Dubai’s marine and maritime industry leaders to develop and promote business opportunities in support of responsible ocean economic activity.”

WOC CEO, Paul Holthus, added that, “We are excited to establish this agreement with DCMMI. We look forward to working with DCMMI to better engage leadership companies from Dubai and the UAE. Advancing coordinated, international efforts by the ocean business community to tackle sustainable development challenges is especially critical in this region of global importance to the economy.”

The WOC is increasingly working with and through “maritime clusters” to advance ocean sustainable development and Corporate Ocean Responsibility.

The 2016 Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS), Rotterdam 30 Nov-2 Dec, will have a major focus on maritime clusters and their role in ocean sustainable development, especially in relation to innovation, technology, cross-sectoral collaboration and investment.

More detailed information on the SOS 2016 and a *Call for Abstracts* will be available soon.

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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) 2016: 30 Nov-02 Dec, Rotterdam**

***“Ocean 2030: Sustainable Development Goals and the Ocean Business Community”***

The next World Ocean Council Sustainable Ocean Summit (SOS) will take place in Rotterdam. The specific venue and draft program will be announced soon. Mark your calendars for this unique gathering of the global ocean business community.

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### [Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement](#)

23-24 May

LONDON: **Deep Sea Mining Summit** - Plenary Speaker, Session Chair

30 May-3 June

BREST: **International Council for Exploration of the Seas (ICES) symposium “Understanding marine socio-ecological systems”** - Plenary Speaker

7-9 June

WASHINGTON DC: **Capitol Hill Ocean Week** - Opening Plenary Panelist “*Smart Investments for the Future of Our Ocean*”

15-16 June

BRUSSELS: **MARIBE Project Advisory Session** (Horizon 2020 project on Blue Growth) - Panelist

15-17 June

MONACO: **Forum for Future Ocean Floor Mapping** (General Bathymetric Chart of the Ocean (GEBCO) / International Hydrographic Organization (IHO) / Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) of UNESCO) - Plenary panel speaker

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### **About the World Ocean Council (WOC)**

*The WOC is the only international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership and collaboration in “Corporate Ocean Responsibility”. Companies and associations worldwide are distinguishing themselves as leaders in ocean sustainability, stewardship and science by joining the WOC. Members to date include 80+ leadership organizations from a wide range of ocean industries: oil and gas, shipping, cruise tourism, seafood, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, marine mining, renewable energy, ocean technology, maritime law, marine environmental services and other areas. For the current list of WOC Members, [click here](#). The WOC News Release is received by 35,000+ ocean industry stakeholders around the world. The WOC is a registered not-for-profit organization in the US and the UK/Europe.*

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