

“Healthy Oceans – Healthy Coast”

International Leadership Conference towards achieving SDG 14

“Current challenges and opportunities in ocean and coastal sustainable development”

~ Celebrating 45 years of IOI and its work in Sustainable Ocean Governance ~

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INTERNATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINAR TOWARDS ACHIEVING SDG 14

ADDRESSING THE CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES OF OCEAN AND COASTAL SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

In September 2015, a Summit of Heads of States adopted at the United Nations General Assembly the seventeen post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals with specific targets achievable by 2030.

Achieving these Sustainable Development Goals is now not only the responsibility of States but also of regions, provinces, cities and of individuals. This will require clear policy adoption, exchange and transfer of technology, the implementation and exchange of best practices, trade, investment, stewardship, and the development of human capacities and expertise, knowledge and skills.

There are a number of immediate and long term policy responses that need to be addressed, starting with the ocean-related aspects of climate change impacts, trade and future investments and adjustments to meet sustained and sustainable development in all its three economic, social and environmental dimensions.

To meet these substantial challenges the ***International Leadership Seminar on current challenges and opportunities in ocean and coastal sustainable development*** is being convened in Hong Kong under the programme of the International Ocean Institute (IOI), the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), the Shenzhen World Health Foundation (SWHF) and The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (HKPolyU). The Seminar shall aim to cover sectors relevant to the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly SDG 14 for oceans, and related development goals as in SDG 11.

The Seminar shall be guided by the principles underpinning the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the Heads of States at the UN General Assembly in 2015.

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Monday, April 24	
12.00 – 17.00	Arrival of Speakers and Registration at Hotel ICON

Day 1: Tuesday, April 25	
08.00 – 8.30	Registration
09.00 – 10.00	OPENING CEREMONY Welcome addresses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Ocean Institute – A Vassallo, Managing Director, IOI HQ The Hong Kong Polytechnic University - Professor Angelina Yuen, Vice President (Student and Global Affairs) Shenzhen World Health Foundation – Dr and Mrs Hu.
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee Break and Group Photo
10.30 – 12.00 (15mins each)	KEYNOTE Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awni Behnam; Honorary President, IOI; (video) Gao Guohui; Chairman of the Board, SWHF James A Msekela; Chair of the Group of 77, and China Bonapas Onguglo; Head, Trade Analysis Branch, DITC, United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) Vladimir Jares, Deputy Director, UN Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea; Lu Haifeng; Secretary General, Global Forum on Human Settlements
12.00 - 14.00	Lunch – Hosted by The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Celebrating 45 years of IOI and its work in Sustainable Ocean Governance
14.00 – 16.00	THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND OBLIGATIONS – THE NEXUS OF SDG14 TO OTHER DEVELOPMENT GOALS: <i>Thematic Panels with a Focus on the SDGs</i> ¹

¹ Format: Chair: 15 minute presentations per speaker + 10 minutes for questions and discussion

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Day 1: Tuesday, April 25	
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Thematic Panel 1 Chair: <i>Chua Thia Eng</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mitigation and adaptation to climate change; including risks and hazards ○ Legal and institutional policy response in achieving the SDGs ○ Human health and the SDGs ○ Society and social adjustment to SDGs; the role of cultural heritage <p>Speakers: <i>Wong Poh Poh, (Visiting Associate Professor, University of Adelaide);</i> <i>Lawrence Hildebrand, (Member, IOI Board of Governors);</i> <i>Daniel Lane, (Chair/Member of the Board of Directors of IOI-Canada);</i> <i>Iouri Oliounine, (Training Course Director, IOI);</i> <i>Lamin J. Sise (Executive Office of the Secretary-General of the UN)</i></p>
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 – 16.00	<p>Thematic Panel 1 (cont'd) Moderated Discussion</p>
16.00	Adjournment and visit to the Research Centre on Maritime Shipping Logistics ; The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Campus (1.5hrs visit)
18.30 – 20.00	Dinner

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Day 2: Wednesday, April 26	
	<p>THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND OBLIGATIONS – THE NEXUS OF SDG14 TO OTHER DEVELOPMENT GOALS:</p> <p><i>Thematic Panels with a Focus on the SDGs²</i></p>
09.00 – 11.00	<p>Thematic Panel 2</p> <p>Chair: <i>David Vivas Eugui, Legal Officer, Trade Environment, Climate Change and Sustainable Development Branch DITC, UNCTAD</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fisheries, Aquaculture, Mariculture, Food Security and sustainable trade. ○ Capacity Development and leadership skills for all stakeholders; Ocean Literacy; ○ Sustainable Blue Growth and challenges and opportunities ○ The Maritime Silk Road: regional cooperation, travel and transport, knowledge transfer and other exchanges <p>Speakers:</p> <p><i>Azmath Jaleel, (School of Earth and Ocean Sciences, Cardiff University)</i> <i>Alan Deidun, (Director, IOI Malta Training Centre, University of Malta)</i> <i>Glen Wright, (Institut du développement durable et des relations internationales (IDDRI))</i> <i>Mao Bin, (Training Course Director, IOI China)</i></p> <p>Moderated Discussion</p>
11.00 - 11.30	<p>Coffee break</p>
11.30 – 13.00	<p>Thematic Panel 3 A</p> <p>Chair: <i>Venus Lun (Department of Logistics and Maritime Studies, HKPolyU)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Green Shipping <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● From green to sustaining shipping ● Sustainability in Shipping ● The hidden side effects of emission reduction in international shipping <p>Speakers:</p> <p><i>Kee-hung Lai, (Shipping Researcher Centre);</i> <i>Chin-Shan Lu and T.L. Yip, (C.Y. Tung International Centre for Maritime Studies);</i> <i>Meifeng Luo, (IMC-Frank Tsao Maritime Library and R&D Centre) HKPolyU.</i></p> <p>Moderated Discussion</p>

² Format: Chair and rapporteur per PANEL; 15 minute presentations per speaker + 10 minutes for questions and discussion

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Day 2: Wednesday, April 26	
	<p>Thematic Panel 3 B Chair: <i>Jin-Guang Teng (Research Institute for Sustainable Urban Development, HKPolyU)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sustainable Technologies for the Marine Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● New technologies for sustainable marine infrastructure ● Offshore wind power generation for coastal sustainable urban development ● Impact of urban development on the marine environment <p>Speakers: <i>Jin-Guang Teng, (Research Institute for Sustainable Urban Development (RISUD));</i> <i>Hong-xing Yang, (RISUD);</i> <i>Xiang-dong Li, (RISUD).</i></p> <p>Moderated Discussion</p>
13.00 – 15.00	Lunch³
16.00 – 17.00	<p>MESSAGE OF THE SEMINAR to the Conference: <i>Our Oceans, Our Future: Partnering for The Implementation of SDG 14 (5 - 9 June 2017), New York</i></p> <p>CLOSE of the SEMINAR</p>
	Dinner

³ 13.00 – 15.30: Office lunch for Drafters’ Group: Antonella Vassallo; Azmath Jaleel; David Vivas Eugui; Neema Manongi, Peter Leder.

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Accessed 02Feb2017: <https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/sdg14>
<https://sustainabledevelopment.un.org/topics/oceanandseas>

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOAL 14

Conserve and sustainably use the oceans, seas and marine resources
for sustainable development
GOAL 14 TARGETS

14.1 By 2025, **prevent and significantly reduce marine pollution** of all kinds, in particular from land-based activities, including marine debris and nutrient pollution

14.2 By 2020, **sustainably manage and protect marine and coastal ecosystems** to avoid significant adverse impacts, including by strengthening their resilience, and take action for their restoration in order to achieve healthy and productive oceans

14.3 **Minimize and address the impacts of ocean acidification**, including through enhanced scientific cooperation at all levels

14.4 By 2020, **effectively regulate harvesting and end overfishing, illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and destructive fishing practices and implement science-based management plans**, in order to restore fish stocks in the shortest time feasible, at least to levels that can produce maximum sustainable yield as determined by their biological characteristics

14.5 By 2020, **conserve at least 10 per cent of coastal and marine areas**, consistent with national and international law and based on the best available scientific information

14.6 By 2020, **prohibit certain forms of fisheries subsidies which contribute to overcapacity and overfishing, eliminate subsidies that contribute to illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing and refrain from introducing new such subsidies**, recognizing that appropriate and effective special and differential treatment for developing and least developed countries should be an integral part of the World Trade Organization fisheries subsidies negotiation

14.7 By 2030, **increase the economic benefits to Small Island developing States and least developed countries from the sustainable use of marine resources**, including through sustainable management of fisheries, aquaculture and tourism

14.a Increase **scientific knowledge, develop research capacity and transfer marine technology**, taking into account the Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission Criteria and Guidelines on the Transfer of Marine Technology, in order to improve ocean health and to enhance the contribution of marine biodiversity to the development of developing countries, in particular small island developing States and least developed countries

14.b Provide **access for small-scale artisanal fishers** to marine resources and markets

14.c **Enhance the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources** by implementing international law as reflected in UNCLOS, which provides the legal framework for the conservation and sustainable use of oceans and their resources, as recalled in paragraph 158 of The Future We Want