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WFO welcomes the World Ocean Council (WOC) as its newest member

- WFO and WOC agree reciprocal membership
- WOC is the Global Blue Economy Business Organization
- WFO and WOC to foster exchange and collaboration among ocean industry stakeholders
- Offshore wind industry to benefit from WFO's holistic cross-sectoral approach

WORLD FORUM OFFSHORE WIND (WFO) is delighted to welcome the World Ocean Council (WOC) as its newest member. WFO and WOC have agreed reciprocal memberships and look forward to fostering the exchange between the offshore wind industry and the wider ocean business community. WOC is a global, cross-sectoral ocean industry leadership alliance committed to Corporate Ocean Responsibility, developed by and for the private sector. The WOC uniquely brings together leadership companies from across the sectors to advance sustainable development, science and stewardship of the seas.

WOC's global and cross-sectoral approach fits perfectly with WFO's goal to promote offshore wind energy worldwide. In order to remove offshore wind growth barriers, it is of paramount importance to foster the exchange and collaboration between the offshore wind industry and other ocean industries such as fisheries, shipping, oil and gas, aquaculture and tourism.

Gunnar Herzig, Managing Director, WFO:

"Welcoming the World Ocean Council as a member of WFO is a major step forward for our organization. Given that offshore wind is placed at the intersection of the energy industry and the other ocean industries, the agreement with the WOC enables us to comprehensively engage with the global ocean business community for the benefit of the offshore wind industry."

Paul Holthus, Founding President and CEO, World Ocean Council:

"The offshore wind industry is becoming an ever more important stakeholder in the ocean community. Joining WFO, the global body for offshore wind energy, we are excited to facilitate the integration of offshore wind energy into the global ocean economy."

About WOC:

The World Ocean Council (WOC) - the Global Blue Economy Business Organization advances industry leadership, collaboration and action on “Corporate Ocean Responsibility”. The WOC brings together leaders from the diverse ocean industries, including shipping, oil and gas, fisheries, aquaculture, tourism, renewable energy (wind, wave, tidal), ports, dredging, cables, as well as the maritime legal, financial and insurance communities, and others to address ocean sustainable development, science and stewardship. The WOC works to ensure that the Ocean Business Community’s role in ocean sustainable development is understood by all relevant stakeholders (decision makers, policy makers, intergovernmental bodies, etc.).

About WFO:

WORLD FORUM OFFSHORE WIND (WFO) is a newly-founded non-profit association and the world’s first organization exclusively dedicated to fostering the global growth of offshore wind energy. WFO is registered as a non-profit organization (e.V.) in Germany, with offices in Hamburg and Singapore. WFO’s unique profile as a non-profit organization will facilitate access to governmental and international forums in order to open new markets and to advocate for global offshore wind growth.

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