

# SUSTAINABLE OCEAN SUMMIT

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## A complete success for the 5th Sustainable Ocean Summit

The 5<sup>th</sup> edition of the **Sustainable Ocean Summit** just ended in Halifax, Canada. During three days, the Marriott Harbourfront Hotel welcomed **230 participants** of **28 different nationalities**. Among them, decision makers and high-level representatives from all the sectors of the **Ocean Business Community** gathered to discuss and decide the future of the **Sustainable Ocean Economy**. Some of this year topics developed around the theme **"The Ocean Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 14): Business Leadership and Business Opportunities"**: Arctic, ocean energy, shipping, marine sound, digital ocean, law of the sea...

**Marc-André Blanchard**, Canadian Ambassador to the United Nations, **Ken Paul**, Director of Fisheries and Integrated Resources, Atlantic Policy Congress of First Nations Chiefs Secretariat, **Ian Smith**, CEO, Clearwater Seafoods, **Mike Utsler**, Chief Operating Officer, Woodside Energy, **Karen Oldfield**, President and CEO, Halifax Port Authority, **Minister Geoff MacLellan**, Minister of Business, Minister of Energy, Minister of Trade, and Minister of Service Nova Scotia, and **Kathy Metcalf**, President and CEO, Chamber of Shipping of America attended the event among the high-ranking executives, senior environment and sustainability officers.

*"World Ocean Council wants to link the existing coordination initiatives towards a joint workforce between the maritime shareholder to build a Sustainable Ocean Economy"* **Christine Valentin, COO, World Ocean Council.**

*"We need more information about risk and opportunities of ocean sustainable development. We need to raise awareness about the costs of not doing anything"* **Marc-André Blanchard, Canada Ambassador to the United Nations.**

*"Our ocean has an enormous impact on our lives; its predicted that ocean economy will double in the next 15 years"*, **Minister MacLellan, Minister of Business, Minister of Energy, Minister of Trade, and Minister of Service Nova Scotia.**

The Sustainable Ocean Summit is a **climate neutral event** thanks to RightShip (<https://site.rightship.com>). Event emissions during 29<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017, have been offset by investing in South Pole emission reduction projects, based on the **reforestation of the Tasmanian native forest**.

The 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the Sustainable Ocean Summit  
will be held in Hong-Kong end of 2018.

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