

BLUE ECONOMY CONFERENCE 2024

DAY – 1	
08:30 – 10:00	Registrations and Networking Breakfast
10:00 – 10:20	Blue Economy Conference Dubai: Opening address, agenda ahead and Promoting Blue Economies in the Arab World Domus Group Managing Director
10:20 – 10:45	Ensuring a Sustainable and Inclusive Blue Economy through Marine Renewable Energy, Mineral Wealth, and Cutting-edge Industries PAUL HOLTHUS, PRESIDENT AND CEO, WORLD OCEAN COUNCIL
10:45 – 11:10	Sustainable Port Infrastructure, Efficient Logistics & Technological Innovations for optimized shipping & ports TIEMEN MEESTER, GROUP CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER, DP WORLD
11:10 – 11:30	Maritime Transport Efficiency ENG.MOAIN AL-ZOUBI – MARITIME TRANSPORT EXPERT - MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE
11:30 – 11:50	Empowering Eco-Friendly Maritime and Intelligent Shipping Technologies: Harnessing AI and Big Data, for Enhanced Operational Efficiency JAMES FREW, BUSINESS CONSULTANCY DIRECTOR, BUSINESS ADVISORY, LLOYD'S REGISTER
11:50 – 12:10	Harnessing Bio-diesel for empowering sustainable maritime decarbonization and achieving net-zero shipping SIBNATH KAYAL, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR, SHARJAH MARITIME ACADEMY
12:10 – 12:30	Climate Change Stressors on Coastal Ecosystems and Blue Food DR. LEILA BASTI, ASST PROFESSOR, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE, UAE UNIVERSITY
12:30 – 01:00	Coffee Break
01:00 – 01:20	Digitalization and the latest Innovations in Science and Technology igniting the Blue Economy CHRIS BOTHA, REGIONAL SECTOR LEADS - WATER, FUGRO
01:20 – 01:40	Financing the Blue Future: Exploring the Investment Tools Most Suited to the Blue Economy LOUBNA ZAITOUNI, SENIOR LEGAL AFFAIRS SPECIALIST - MINISTRY OF ECONOMY
01:40 – 02:00	The Role of Entrepreneurship and Blue Jobs in the Blue Economy LIANE THOMPSON, CEO, AQUAAI
02:00 – 02:05	Closing Remarks
02:05 – 02:35	Networking Lunch, Meetings in the exhibition area, press interviews and corporate videos

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08:30 – 10:00	Registrations and networking Breakfast
10:00 – 10:20	<p>How Scientific Conservation can contribute to a Blue Economy</p> <p>DR. ADA NATOLI - ASST PROFESSOR, COLLEGE OF NATURAL AND HEALTH SCIENCE, LIFE & ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES DEPT., ZAYED UNIVERSITY</p>
10:20 – 11:00	<p>Panel Discussion: Ensuring the Sustainability of Ocean Economies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - PAUL HOLTHUS - PRESIDENT AND CEO, WORLD OCEAN COUNCIL - DR. CATHERINE JADOT -MANAGING DIRECTOR – _ELEMENTAL SOLUTIONS CARIBBEAN USA - JORGE BARBOSA – BLUE ECONOMY ADVISOR TO SAUDI RED SEA AUTHORITY - DR. LEILA BASTI - ASSISTANT PROFESSOR, FISHERIES AND AQUACULTURE, UAE UNIVERSITY, - DR. TALIA SHERRARD, REGIONAL DIRECTOR STRATEGIC SALES AND MARKETING MEI - MOATAZ HASSAN – LEAD CONSULTANT, BUSINESS ADVISORY DEPARTMENT, LLOYDS REGISTER (MODERATOR)
11:00 – 11:20	<p>Nature-based Projects Affecting the Oceans in a Net-Zero Manner</p> <p>HALA DAHMANE – PRESIDENT AND MANAGING DIRECTOR – AZRAQ ME</p>
11:20 – 11:40	<p>Ocean governance and sustainable fisheries in GCC</p> <p>BADER BIN MUBARAK – CEO of FISH FARMS</p>
11:40 – 12:10	Coffee and Networking Break
12:10 – 12:30	<p>Regenerative Blue Economy</p> <p>JORGE BARBOSA – BLUE ECONOMY ADVISOR TO SAUDI RED SEA AUTHORITY</p>
12:30 – 12:50	<p>Advancing Sustainable Aquaculture in the Emirate of Abu Dhabi.</p> <p>HAMAD AL MANSOORI – UNIT HEAD, AQUACULTURE SECTION – ENVIRONMENT AGENCY, ABU DHABI</p>
12:50 – 01:10	<p>Exploring Sustainable Finance Practices toward building sustainable Blue Economy in the MENA Region</p> <p>DR. ADEL AHMED, PROFESSOR OF ACCOUNTING AND ETHICAL FINANCE, AMITY UNIVERSITY DUBAI</p>
01:10 – 01:30	<p>Government efforts in the Emirate of Fujairah to strengthen institutions, individuals and communities to transition to the blue economy</p> <p>FATMAH ALHANTOUBI, HEAD OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DEPARTMENT</p>
01:30 – 01:35	Closing Remarks
01:35 – 02:00	Networking Lunch, Meetings, press interviews, and corporate videos

