

2024 海洋合作发展论坛

2024 Qingdao Global Ocean Development Forum

Promoting Blue Partnerships for Growth And Sustainability

Qingdao China, 24-25 October 2024

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Thursday, October 24, 2024	
09:00-10:55	Opening Ceremony Speeches by Leaders of Qingdao Municipal People's Government, Shandong Provincial People's Government, by leaders of the Ministry of Natural Resources; Speeches by foreign government officials, Representatives of international institutions and International business leaders.
10:55-12:15	The Trends that Will Shape the Future of the Blue Economy Over the Next 10 Years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ How will disruptive technologies contribute in scaling up the different sectors of the blue economy? ✓ What factors will be most impactful in driving the evolution of the global marine economy in the coming years? ✓ What sectors of China's blue economy are expected to have the greatest growth potential by 2030? ✓ What forecast about the increasing role the blue economy will play ✓ in China's overall economic growth over the next seven or ten years?
12:15-13:45	Buffet Lunch
14:00-17:30	East Asia Marine Cooperation Platform Qingdao Dialogue (ocean City Mayors Dialogue)
14:00-17:00	Leveraging the Potential of Blue Food as an Emerging Sector of the Blue Economy <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What measures to scale up sustainably the production of aquaculture feed?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leveraging AI and disruptive technologies to optimize the efficiency of blue food production ✓ What policies to ensure the appropriate financing of the Blue Food industry expansion? ✓ Leveraging new technologies to accelerate the development of the Blue Food sector in a sustainable way ✓ Expanding the role of blue foods companies in the strategy to build a more diverse and resilient food system
14:00-17:00	<p><i>From Exploration to Sustainable Exploitation : Addressing the Challenges of Deep-Sea Mining</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What are the prospects for deep-sea mining activities starting in the course of 2025, in terms of agreement for an international regulatory framework, technological capabilities and sustainability assurances? ✓ What challenges to address when drilling deep for metals, oil and gas? How new technological developments could help? ✓ Are the technology developments and prospects for increased demand creating additional incentives for new investments in deep sea projects? ✓ What kind of safeguards and requirements will reassure investors in the viability of their investment and environmentalists in terms of protection of the ocean's ecosystems?
14:00-17:00	<p><i>Ocean Restoration And the Fight Against Climate Change: Building the Synergies</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What measures to expand blue carbon ecosystems – mangrove forests, seagrass meadows, Kelp, coral reefs, salt marshes, etc – as powerful tools to fight climate change and a new business opportunity? ✓ What future for ocean-based CO₂ emissions-removal technologies? ✓ Is the creation of a blue carbon credit market an effective approach for accelerating the development of blue – and deep blue – carbon?
17:00-18:00	<i>Buffet Dinner</i>
19:40-20:40	<i>Watch the live performance of "Qingdao On The Sea"</i>

Friday, October 25, 2024	
08:30-10:25	<i>Building the 21st Century Shipping, Port and Logistics</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Assessing the factors and dynamics Shaping the future of the ports and logistics industry ✓ Leveraging AI and digital transformation to enhance ports efficiency ✓ Enhancing ports and logistics resilience against climate changes and geophysical risks
10:25-12:05	<i>Developing Blue Finance Opportunities in China</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Leveraging the opportunities and mitigating the risks of blue finance ✓ What public policies and corporate initiatives to increase China's investment in its blue economy? ✓ What is needed to optimize the potential of "blue bonds" and "blue loans" to develop blue finance opportunities? ✓ How to promote foreign investment in China's ocean economy?
09:00-11:30	<i>Promoting an Innovative Startup Ecosystem as A Major Driver for the Blue Economy Development</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What actions and policies to develop an efficient, dynamic, ocean-focused startup ecosystem? ✓ How to build efficient, synergetic innovation partnerships between ocean-focused startups ✓ and established companies in this sector? ✓ What role for ocean-focused academic institutions in nurturing ocean-tech startups?
12:05-12:15	<i>Closing Ceremony</i>