

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	
09:00-10:15	<p>Opening Ceremony</p> <p>Speeches by Leaders of Qingdao Municipal People's Government, Shandong Provincial People's Government, by leaders of the Ministry of Natural Resources;</p> <p>Speeches by foreign government officials, Representatives of international institutions</p>
10:15-11:00	Tea Break
11:00 – 12:15	<p>The Trends that Will Shape Up the Future of the Blue Economy Over the Next 10 Years</p> <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
14:00-17:00	<p><i>A Business and Investment Roundtable on Shandong's Blue Potential</i></p> <p>First Part – 14:00 – 15:20</p> <p><u>Opening remarks:</u> Zhao Xiaohui Secretary of the Party Group and Director of the Department of Natural Resources of Shandong Province Zhang Haibo, Vice Governor of Shandong province</p> <p><u>Panel discussion on the province marine economy activities and opportunities:</u></p> <p>A business dialogue between senior executives from Shandong marine economy companies and senior executives from foreign marine economy companies to assess Shandong's marine economy potential, and to identify potential opportunities for business collaboration and opportunities.</p> <p>Second Part (15:30-16:50) <i>Mayors Investment Roundtable on Shandong's Blue potential</i></p> <p><u>Speakers:</u> Zhao Haozhi, Mayor of Qingdao Zheng Deyan, Mayor of Yantai Wang Xincheng, Mayor of Rizhao Chen Bichang, Mayor of Dongying Liu Jianjun, Mayor of Weifang Kong Fanping, Mayor of Weihai Li Chuntian, Mayor of Binzhou</p> <p><u>In a dialogue with:</u> Executives of foreign companies and foreign officials</p> <p>Third Part (16:50-17:00) Signing Ceremony for Key Marine Projects in Shandong (Recommendations by the marine authorities of coastal cities) Establishment of the Blue Alliance for Sustainable Development of Marine Cities</p>
14:00 – 16:15	<p><i>Leveraging the Potential of Blue Food as an Emerging Sector of the Blue Economy</i></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What measures to scale up sustainably the production of aquaculture feed? ✓ 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 – 16:15	<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 – 16:15	<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?
16:15-17:00	<i>Bilateral Business Private Meetings</i>
17:00-18:00	Buffet Dinner

19:40-20:40	Live Performance of "Qingdao On The Sea"
Friday, October 25, 2024	
09:00-10:00	<p><u>Plenary Session</u></p> <p>Creating opportunities from the convergence of challenges facing the Blue economy</p> <p>Speakers in this session will define the issues s involved and highlight the opportunities created in addressing some of the challenges facing the marine industry in the coming years:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Decarbonization of the shipping industry ✓ Accelerating the development of new technologies for offshore energy such as wave and tidal energy, osmotic power, floating solar, large-scale offshore energy storage, etc. ✓ Promoting the development of a sustainable, eco-friendly, profitable coastal and marine tourism sector ✓ Addressing the loopholes in the global oceans governance framework ✓
10:00-10:20	<p><u>Plenary Session</u></p> <p>Release of the "Qingdao Declaration/Statement" at 2024 Qingdao Global Ocean Development Forum</p>
10:30-12:15	<p>Building the 21st Century Global Port and Logistics</p> <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
10:30 – 12:15	<p>Promoting an Innovative Startup Ecosystem as A Major Driver for the Blue Economy Development</p> <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?

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ What role for ocean-focused academic institutions in nurturing ocean-tech startups?
10:30 – 12:15	<p><i>Developing Blue Finance Opportunities in China</i></p> <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?
12:30-13:30	Buffet Lunch
14:00-18:00	Business Visits