

## Our Ocean 2019 Side Event

### **Greening the Blue Road: Promoting Marine Environment Governance in the Belt and Road Initiative**

**Time:** 16:30-17:30, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

**Venue:** Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel, Oslo, Norway

#### **BACKGROUND**

Oceans are of great significance to the survival and development of humanity. The blue planet humans inhabit is not divided into islands by the oceans, but is connected by the oceans to form a community with a shared future. Today, marine pollution, climate change and biodiversity loss are posing huge threats to the international community. Marine ecological environment has become a common concern for countries all over the world. The Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), especially its 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Silk Road, has put forward further opportunities and challenges for the marine environment government.

The BRI International Green Development Coalition (BRIGC) is jointly initiated by Ministry of Ecology and Environment of P. R. China (MEE) and its domestic and international partners. The main goal of BRIGC is to promote international consensus, understanding, cooperation and concerted actions to achieve green development of BRI, to integrate sustainable development into the BRI through joint efforts, and to facilitate BRI participating countries to implement strong integration of environment and development elements of the SDGs.

The Our Ocean Conference 2019 will be held on 23-24 October in Oslo, Norway. Over 500 government officials, experts, scholars and representatives from NGOs in the field of marine governance will sit together to discuss marine affairs and look for solutions. On this occasion, BRIGC would hold the Side Event on “**Greening the Blue Road: Promoting Marine Environment Governance in the Belt and Road Initiative**”. This event will discuss the opportunities and challenges on marine environment governance during the implementation of the BRI activities. During this event, the BRIGC will launch a Thematic Partnership on Maritime Community with a Shared Future and Marine Environment Governance, to facilitate the green development of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Maritime Silk Road and promote the sustainable development of oceans.

## TENTATIVE AGENDA

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<b>Chair: Mr. Vidar Helgesen</b> , BRIGC Co-Chair, Norway's Special Envoy for the Ocean, Former Minister of Ministry of Climate and Environment, the Kingdom of Norway	
16:30-16:45	<b>Speakers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Marco Lambertini</b>, BRIGC Co-Chair, Director General of WWF International</li><li>● <b>Eric Solheim</b>, Convener of the Advisory Committee of BRIGC, Senior Advisor, WRI</li><li>● <b>Antha Williams</b>, Member of the Advisory Committee of BRIGC, Global Head of Environmental Programs, Bloomberg Philanthropies</li><li>● <b>Ingrid van Wees</b>, Vice-President for Finance and Risk Management, Asia Development Bank</li></ul>
16:45-16:55	Launch of the BRIGC Thematic Partnership of Maritime Community with a Shared Future and Marine Environment Governance <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>WANG Juying</b>, Director General, National Marine Environmental Monitoring Center, MEE</li></ul>
16:55-17:25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>● <b>Eric Schwaab</b>, Senior Vice President of Oceans, Environmental Defense Fund</li><li>● <b>Remi Eriksen</b>, Group President and CEO of DNV GL</li><li>● <b>LI Yonghong</b>, Deputy Director General, Foreign Environmental Cooperation Center, MEE, P. R. China</li></ul> <p>Discussion</p>
17:25-17:30	Conclusion Remarks by <b>Mr. Vidar Helgesen</b>