



Summit Agenda



WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

2:00-5:00 Activity TBA

6:00-8:00 Welcome Reception at
The Wooly



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10

8:00-9:00

Breakfast and Registration

9:00-9:15

**Intro from the SeaAhead Team –
What is Bluetech, Why Now?**

9:15-9:45

**Opening Keynote – Victor
Vescovo, Five Deeps Expedition**

9:45-10:15

**Panel – The Future of Food from
the Ocean**

The combination of population growth and an expanding middle class is driving continued increases in demand for seafood. Given the low carbon footprint of seafood, we should support its growth. Meeting

*demand sustainably though will
require new thinking in both the
fisheries and aquaculture
industries – and investments in
new technology, from traceability
to selectivity, communications and
remote operations to new products.*

10:15-10:45

**Panel – Bluetech and Blue
Economy: Forging Urban
Waterfronts that are Smart and
Resilient**

*More than 50% of humanity lives
where the water meets the land. On
waterways and oceans globally,
city populations and pressures
continue to spike. But cities can be
more than the source of the
problems, they can be the core of
solutions, starting with the urban
waterfront nexus. From port
operations to plastic leakage, from
tourism to energy development,
fisheries and citizen access -
waterfronts offer innovators,
entrepreneurs, municipalities and
investors the opportunity for
catalytic change in how we
interface with the sea. Join us as
we touch on technology,*



*infrastructure and finance to grow
"blue impact" for the city
waterfront and beyond.*



10:45-11:05

Mid-morning Break

11:05-11:30

Innovator Flash Talks

11:30-12:00

**Panel – Transforming the
Shipping Industry**

For a long time the shipping industry had avoided the global regulatory spotlight – and its complex international nature has inhibited the influx of digitization that has overtaken most other industries. Here we will explore the changes taking place in the shipping industry, from the shipyard to the port.

12:00-12:10

Speaker TBA

12:10-12:30

**Fireside Chat – The Role of
Impact Investors in the Blue**

Economy

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In every movement, early investors act as true believers, taking the most the risk in exchange for the most potential upside later on. In this conversation with two impact investors, one from public and one from private equities, we discuss the role that ocean impact investors can have in framing the market.



12:30-1:15

Lunch

1:15-1:45

Afternoon Keynote – Ayana Johnson

1:45-2:15

Panel – Offshore Wind in the US: A New 'Triple Bottom Line'

The U.S. is new to the offshore wind industry. Today, there are 30MW of installed capacity but this is projected to grow to 18.6GW by 2030, with an associated \$70 billion spend. The explosion of this new industry has the potential to spur environmental benefits,





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Speaker TBA

2:25-2:50

**Panel: Infrastructure for Ocean
Innovation: Accelerators,
Regional Clusters and Seed
Capital**

The ocean innovation community is a relatively new sector, called variously bluetech, maritech and seatech. In this panel, we will explore how nascent ocean cluster organizations and accelerators can support new ventures in their development. Views from the US, Asia and the EU will highlight differences and similarities in the regional approaches.

2:50-3:00

Speaker: New England Aquarium



3:00-3:20

Afternoon Break



4:00-4:30

Panel – Climate Change and the Ocean

Typically, when the ocean is discussed in the context of climate change, it is as a victim of the increasing temperatures and acidity. What might we develop if instead we think of the ocean as a source of innovative solutions?

4:30-4:40

Speaker TBA

4:40-5:00

Fireside Chat – Tackling the Scourge of Ocean Plastics

The plastic straw has become a favored enemy of environmentalists – the exemplar of unnecessary waste and carelessness associated with modern living. Meanwhile, concerns about the ubiquity of microplastics in the water are generating anxiety. What can global brands and investors do to turn the tide?

5:00-5:05

Closing Remarks