

# Conference programme announced for Ocean Business 2023



Preparations for Ocean Business 2023 are well underway, and it promises to be a sold-out event. Scheduled for 18–20 April, the conference programme will feature industry experts speaking on the theme of 'Sustainability for our Oceans'. The conference will be held at the National Oceanography Centre in

Southampton, UK.

The conference will commence on Tuesday 18 April, with a focus on technology in a changing climate. Leaders in the marine technology sector will discuss how the ocean science community is meeting challenges in the blue economy. The opening session will highlight the potential of a next-generation global ocean observing system to meet the needs of the blue economy.

## Autonomous vehicles

One of the highlights of the conference is the Autonomy Operations session, which will cover autonomous underwater survey vehicles, their enabling communications technology and their regulatory developments. The Autonomy Regulations session will provide an update on national and international regulations for autonomous vehicles.

The Future Workforce session will focus on the science of surveying at sea, with speakers discussing the importance of supporting the future hydrographic workforce and promoting the status of the hydrographic profession. Other speakers will consider the revolution in marine geodata acquisition and what it means for the future workforce.

According to Gordon Johnston, conference chair and director of Venture Geomatics, the industry is experiencing incredible change and the conference brings together great speakers and influencers to uncover the challenges and opportunities and discuss how these will direct and impact future work. Cheri Arvonio, event director at show organizer Diversified Communications, added that the conference programme promises to include a who's who of the industry, with a day of exciting presentations and lively conversations.

Ocean Business 2023 will feature over 300 world-leading manufacturers and service providers shaping the future of ocean science and technology. Visitors can register online to attend the conference and the exhibition for free.

For more information and updates, [see here](#).

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