

# Welcome to Solution Initiative Forum Oceans

# 16

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Gothenburg

At River Restaurant,  
Eriksbergspiren, back to back  
with Swedish Water Management  
Conference.

# Oceans

Maritime Cluster  
of West Sweden

SDSN  
Northern Europe



THE GLOBAL GOALS  
For Sustainable Development

## Get inspired to act!

On May 16, 2017, Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Northern Europe in collaboration with the Maritime Cluster of West Sweden is hosting an action-oriented event where entrepreneurs, industry, investors, researchers and decision-makers come together to create more sustainable solutions for our oceans.

### What is Solution Initiative Forum (SIF)?

SIF is a meeting point for entrepreneurs, investors, businesses, civil society, policy makers and academia to identify and promote solutions to meet challenges connected to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

### What's in it for me?

- **you learn** about new innovations that sustainably transform our society
- **it is an opportunity** to meet companies that seek funding to scale up
- **you build network** with people working with similar challenges
- **share your insights** and experiences with others
- **join forces** to identify the next steps to implement solutions

### What is SIF Oceans?

SIF Oceans is the first edition of SIF and it provides an interactive meeting arena to identify and promote available solutions from Northern Europe focusing on four challenges:

- **Marine litter** solutions focusing on collecting, recycling and replacing plastic.
- **Smart and Clean Energy for All** – solutions focusing on marine renewable energy such as sea current, wave and tidal energies, as well as reducing greenhouse emissions from shipping.
- **Finding sustainable protein sources** – solutions focusing on production of marine food for humans and livestock.
- **Marine pollution** – solutions focusing on reducing emissions of environmental pollutants.

### Brief background

#### SDSN Northern Europe

An action-oriented network focusing on mobilizing global scientific and technological expertise to solve problems and create a more sustainable society.

#### The Maritime Cluster of West Sweden

A network for collaboration on innovation and knowledge based blue growth for the maritime sector in the western part of Sweden.

Together for sustainable solutions SDSN Northern Europe and the West Swedish Maritime Cluster now join forces to promote innovative solutions to meet challenges of our oceans. We do this by creating the *Ocean Solutions Report* and get together at the *Solution Initiative Forum Oceans* on May 16, 2017 in Gothenburg, Sweden.

#### Preparation for the UN Ocean Conference

We are hosting SIF Oceans related to Sweden co-hosting the high-level United Nations Ocean Conference in New York the 5–9 June 2017. The UN Ocean Conference aims to reverse the decline in the health of our oceans, for people, the planet and prosperity. It will be solutions-focused with engagement from all.

#### Which are the selection criteria for solutions?

Solutions have been selected based on six eligibility criteria. The solutions should:



The keynote speaker is **Isabella Lövin**, Minister for International Development Cooperation and Climate, Sweden.

1. **Be linked** to one (or more) of the four challenges at SIF Oceans.
2. **All together they should highlight a broad range of examples of innovative solutions from Northern Europe.** The aim is not to be comprehensive but rather to reflect the broad range of solutions that are available.
3. **Be readily available** and have overcome initial barriers.
4. **Be transformative:** the solutions should have the potential to move the society towards sustainability.
5. **Be holistic:** the solutions should take all the SDGs into consideration in a SDG Impact Assessment.
6. **Be scalable:** the solutions and the company must have the potential to perform well after expanding in scope, size and/or geographically.

#### Self-evaluation through the SDG Impact Assessment

Each company presented in the Ocean Solutions Report and at SIF Oceans undertake a self-evaluation of its solution through an SDG Impact Assessment, highlighting the potential impact that the solution has on the SDGs. To make the self-evaluation a learning process, solutions receive comments from an Advisory Panel.

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Programme

- 8:45 Open for registration and breakfast
- 9:30 Welcome to Solution Initiative Forum Oceans  
Anna Nordén, SDSN Northern Europe, Jessica Hjerpe Olausson, Maritime Cluster of West Sweden and Birgitta Losman, Chair Regional Development Committee
- 9:40 Opportunities with the UN Ocean Conference  
Isabella Lövin, Minister for International Development Cooperation
- 10:00 Pitch of Solutions
- 10:30 Utilization of research results and social responsibility in research collaboration?  
Ulf Petrusson, Professor at University of Gothenburg
- 11:00 Pitch of Solutions
- 11:30 Green investments  
Magnus Borelius, Head of Treasury, City of Gothenburg
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:30 Interactive afternoon  
Identifying joint Solution Initiatives
- 15:30 Summary  
Summing up ways forward
- 16:00 Mingel

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