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# OCEAN INTELLIGENCE

## STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE IN THE AGE OF AI

**THE OCEAN IS BECOMING STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE.**

**10 SEPTEMBER 2026**

OSLO CITY HALL

Registration from 11:00 · Programme 11:30-16:15 · Reception following

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00 THE PROPOSITION

# THE OCEAN IS BECOMING STRATEGIC INFRASTRUCTURE.

The digitalisation of the ocean is accelerating. Satellites, sensors, subsea fiber, connectivity, cloud infrastructure, ocean data, artificial intelligence, robotics, autonomous systems and underwater technologies are transforming how we observe, understand and operate in the ocean. As these technologies converge, they are creating a new intelligence layer - and the foundation for a connected industrial ecosystem spanning maritime, energy and marine industries. At the same time, this transformation is creating new questions around resilience, security, sovereignty, ownership and control.

Ocean Intelligence brings together leaders from ocean industries, technology, digital infrastructure, science and capital to explore how this emerging intelligence layer is reshaping ocean industries - and what it will take to turn data and technology into operational capability, industrial transformation, new global growth opportunities and globally competitive companies.

Hosted at Oslo City Hall, the programme moves from understanding the ocean as a system to the infrastructure that makes it observable and connected; from ocean data and AI to autonomous operations and industrial implementation; and finally to the capital and ownership needed to build and scale the next generation of ocean technology companies.

## PROGRAMME AT A GLANCE

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| 00 | 11:00 | REGISTRATION, COFFEE & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS |
| 01 | 11:30 | OPENING & UNDERSTANDING THE OCEAN AS A SYSTEM |
| 02 | 12:20 | WHO BUILDS AND CONTROLS OCEAN INFRASTRUCTURE? |
| 03 | 13:30 | FROM OCEAN DATA TO DECISIONS |
| 04 | 14:45 | BUILDING THE OPERATING SYSTEM FOR OCEAN INDUSTRIES |
| 05 | 15:30 | CAPITAL ALLOCATION IN THE AGE OF OCEAN INTELLIGENCE |

**PROGRAMME**
Banquet Hall · Oslo City Hall

**RECEPTION**
Festival Hall · Following the programme

01 11:00-12:20

# SETTING THE SCENE FOR OCEAN INTELLIGENCE

**11:00-11:30** REGISTRATION, COFFEE & LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

**11:30**

## WELCOME TO OSLO CITY HALL

**Mehmet Kaan Inan**

Vice Mayor for Culture and Business Development, City of Oslo



**11:35**

## SETTING THE SCENE: OCEAN INTELLIGENCE

**Dilek Ayhan**

Founder, Ocean House



**11:40**

## THE NEXT MARITIME TRANSFORMATION: THE EMERGENCE OF THE DIGITAL OCEAN

**Lise Duetoft**

Chief Strategy, People and Digital Officer, Höegh Autoliners



**11:47**

## UNDERSTANDING THE OCEAN AS A SYSTEM

**Peter Haugan**

Policy Director, Institute of Marine Research
Professor, University of Bergen
Chair, JPI Oceans



**12:00**

## A MUSICAL INTERLUDE

**Aksel Kolstad**

Pianist & Composer

02 12:20-13:30

# WHO BUILDS AND CONTROLS OCEAN INFRASTRUCTURE?

12:20-12:30

## FROM SPACE TO OCEAN INTELLIGENCE: BUILDING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FOR THE FUTURE

**Rolf Skatteboe** Senior Vice President, KONGSBERG / Kongsberg Discovery



12:30-13:15

As ocean industries become increasingly dependent on satellites, subsea fiber, connectivity, cloud infrastructure, sensors and ocean data, the physical and digital infrastructure underpinning the ocean economy is becoming both more powerful and more strategically important. Who builds it, who controls it, where are the critical dependencies - and how do we ensure resilience and security?

MODERATED BY **Erik Gierckskу** | Head, Ocean, UN Global Compact



01

**Rolf Skatteboe**

Senior Vice President, KONGSBERG / Kongsberg Discovery



02

**Ole Henrik Ree**

Director of Strategic Sales, Microsoft Norway | Cloud, AI & Industrial Transformation



03

**Kimberly Mathisen**

CEO, HUB Ocean



04

**Merete Caubet**

Senior Vice President, Fiber Networks, Bulk Infrastructure



05

**Hege H. Rønholt**

Head of Section, Section for Analysis and Regulation, Security Department, Norwegian Communications Authority (Nkom)

13:15-13:30 SHORT BREAK

03 13:30-14:15

# FROM OCEAN DATA TO DECISIONS

Satellites, sensors, vessels and subsea systems are generating unprecedented volumes of ocean data. But data alone does not create intelligence. How do we connect observations, AI, digital platforms and autonomous technologies to make better decisions - and move from pilots and individual technologies to scalable operational capabilities?

MODERATED BY **Dilek Ayhan** | Founder, Ocean House

01



**Laxmi Akkaraju**

Senior Vice President, Global Services and Solutions, Cognite

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**Eirik Selnæs Sivertsen**

Co-Director, Norwegian Maritime AI Centre (MAI), NTNU

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**Vegard Evjen Hovstein**

Co-Founder & CEO, Maritime Robotics

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**Knut Karper Bjørgaas**

Deputy Director General, Norwegian Mapping Authority (Kartverket)

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**Marius Five Aarset**

CEO, Miros

06



**Kristin Omholt-Jensen**

Founder & CEO, Maritime Optima

14:15-14:45 COFFEE & NETWORKING

04 14:45-15:25

# BUILDING THE OPERATING SYSTEM FOR OCEAN INDUSTRIES

How do we move from data, technology and pilots to implementation at industrial scale? This conversation explores how AI, autonomous systems, ocean data, robotics, underwater technologies and digital platforms are being integrated into real-world operations across maritime, energy and marine industries - from surface to seabed - and what is needed to accelerate adoption and deployment at scale.

MODERATED BY **Per Martin Tanggaard** | Strategic Advisor & Founder, State of Blue AS



01

**Hildegunn McLernon**

Senior Vice President, Technology Office, Kongsberg Maritime



02

**Astrid Rusås Kristoffersen**

Group Director, Research & Development, DNV



03

**Øyvind Mikaelsen**

CEO, DeepOcean



04

**Thomas Nygaard**

CEO, Eelume



05

**Beate Kvamstad-Lervold**

Special Advisor, SINTEF Ocean | Chair, Norwegian Forum of Ocean Data

**FROM PILOTS TO INDUSTRIAL SCALE**

Connecting data, technology and real-world ocean operations.

05 15:30-16:15

# CAPITAL ALLOCATION IN THE AGE OF OCEAN INTELLIGENCE

## Building the Next Generation of Global Industrial Technology Companies

The technologies required to transform ocean industries need more than innovation - they need capital, long-term ownership, industrial competence and the ability to scale internationally. What does it take to build the next generation of globally competitive industrial technology companies from Norway and the Nordics - and where should capital be deployed?

**MODERATED BY** **Dilek Ayhan** | Founder, Ocean House



01

**Geir Førre**

Founder, Managing Partner & CEO, Firda



02

**Tom Even Mortensen**

Founder & Partner, Sandwater | Chair, Norwegian Venture Capital Association (NVCA)



03

**Bjarne Kveim Lie**

Founder & Managing Partner, Verdane



04

**Silje Grønning**

Investment Principal, MS+Partners



05

**Jan Ole Huseby**

Global Head of Ocean Industries, DNB Large Corporates & International

**16:15 · RECEPTION**

Festival Hall, Oslo City Hall

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