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A Brainstorm session following

**'At the crossroads': Global Shipping Lanes and Whale Conservation**

Wednesday, 15 February 2017, 2:45 – 4:00 p.m.

Room S-2723 (27th floor of Secretariat building).

**Description of Event**

Following on the side event that provided an overview of the challenges posed by the overlap of commercial shipping and other marine traffic with biologically important areas (or 'hot spots') for whales, including ship strikes and effects of underwater noise, as well as identifying some best practices, key stakeholders will continue the dialogue with a 75 minute 'brainstorm' session.

The session will discuss further possible avenues for action and collaboration, including appropriate solutions for addressing shipping activities and whale conservation identified during the side event.

Questions to be discussed include, what further measures might be taken? What additional voluntary, regulatory, and/or new technological approaches might be considered? What more can the scientific community offer?

The goal is to identify possible partnerships between all key stakeholders as a lead up to the Oceans Conference with a view to launching at the Conference actions or initiatives that foster collaboration between conservation, industry, and regulatory entities to support delivery of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, particularly SDG 14.

Please RSVP to Evaline Cho ([evaline.cho@iucn.org](mailto:evaline.cho@iucn.org)) by Monday, 6 February 2017 COB.