



BLUE ECONOMY – AQUACULTURE FORUM

24th – 26th of May 2023
Grand Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel

Blue Economy – Aquaculture Forum

Throughout time, our very existence has relied upon the resources under water. However, as with most of our natural resources, the human kind has exploited these without restraint, leaving it in a fragile state.

How do we ensure sustainable use of the blue resources?

- What are the challenges?
- In an aquacultural perspective – what are the solutions?
- How to ensure profitability for the environment, society and investors?



The Venue

Grand Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel and Residences Emirates Pearl offers a 5-star luxury hotel and events venue of awe-inspiring design and extraordinary architecture.

The hotel is located in the iconic West Corniche district of Abu Dhabi and is conveniently accessible to the city's business hub, high-end shopping Districts and is a short 35-minute drive from Abu Dhabi International Airport.

The Program

May 24, 2023 | Wednesday | Al Bateen Ballroom & P3 Luma Terrace, , Grand Hyatt AUH Hotel

Arrival of Guests and Gathering

1900 – 2200	Evening cocktail gathering
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May 25, 2023 | Thursday | Al Bateen Ballroom Section 1, Grand Hyatt AUH Hotel

Time	Duration (min)	Speaker	Designation/ Organization	Subject	Topic
08:00 – 08:10	10	Simon (Mac) McKenzie	Event Host	Introduction to Program & Speakers	Introduction to Program & Speakers
08:10 – 08:20	10	UAE Minister	MOCCA	Opening Remarks	Welcome Introductions
08:20 – 08:30	10	Johannes Brunner	Commercial Counsellor Austria Embassy UAE	Opening Remarks	Welcome Introductions
08:30 – 08:40	10	Sten Arne Rosnes	Norway Ambassador Norway Embassy UAE	Opening Remarks	Welcome Introductions
08:40 – 08:50	10	Prof. Erich Erber	Founder and President SAN Group GmbH	Opening Remarks	Welcome Introductions
08:50 – 09:00	10	Kim David Lid	Chief Executive Office Sterner Group AS	Opening Remarks	Welcome Introductions
09:00 – 09:40	40	Dr. Gunhild Stordalen	EAT Forum	The Challenge	Identifying and addressing the world challenges and inter-relationships of food production, sustainability and the blue economy
10:00 – 10:40	40	Juan E Bauza	US Department of Commerce Bluetide Initiative	The Blue Economy	The importance of the Blue Economy and opportunities
11:00 – 11:20	20	Simon (Mac) McKenzie	The Reef Company	Seagrass and Carbon Sequestration	The impact of seagrass and reef ecology on Blue Carbon sequestration, economics and marine health

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11:20 – 11:50	40	Stian Johnsen	Managing Director Sterner Solutions AS	Aquaculture	Can landbased fish farming be a solution to the challenges of food production, sustainability and blue economy?				
11:50 – 12:10	20	Robert Eliassen	Head of Sustainability & Circular Economy Sterner Group AS	Green Energy	Ensuring green energy and circular economy opportunities within seafood production.				
12:30 – 14:00	90	Prayer and Lunch Break							
Parallel Sessions									
14:00 – 14:40	40	Session 1		Session 2		Session 3		Session 4	
		Technology and Water Quality Management		Fish Health / Bio Security		Fish Nutrition: Sustainability		Fish Farming / RAS: Finance perspective	
		Dr. Anthony J. Dinning		Markus Schrittwieser		Petter Arnesen		John Crawford	
14:40 – 15:30	50	Simon (Mac) McKenzie	Moderator	Summary presentations and Q&A session of the top points presented from the 4 breakout sessions					
15:30 – 16:00	30	Break Time							
16:00 – 16:20	20	Johann Trauninger	Chief Production & Procurement Officer SAN Group GmbH	Project Presentation	RAK Project Presentation				
16:20 – 16:50	20	Gisle W Larsen	Chief Commercial Officer Sterner Group AS	RAS with unique results	RAS case study – How is it possible?				
16:50 – 17:00	20	John Crawford	Deputy CEO Sterner Group AS	Project Presentation	The reveal of a major aquaculture project in the Middle East				
17:00 – 17:10	10	Prof. Erich Erber / Kim David Lid	SAN Group GmbH / Sterner Group AS	Closing Remarks					

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Dinner

1900 – 2200

Dinner Party at Al Bateen Ballroom Section 2 (in the Grand Hyatt Abu Dhabi Hotel)

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May 26, 2023 | Thursday | Mouza & Mouza Foyer, Grand Hyatt AUH Hotel

08:00 – 09:00	Breakfast	
09:00 – 12:00	Networking: Participants may sign up for networking meetings and further discussion of topics	
	SAN Venture	Sustainable, Innovative Solutions
	Fish Farming	Technology and infrastrucutre
	Fish Health	Vaccines, feed, species and biology
	Economics & Financing	Challenges and Opportunities: Economics and Financing
	Green Energy	Solutions: Fish waste to fertilizer and biogas
	Water Quality	Solutions: Water Treatment and Usage

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Sterner Group

- Norwegian group which specializes in technology for clean water
- Has a leading position in Norway within RAS-facilities and well-boat technology, as well as drinking- and wastewater treatment.
- Has a great passion for sustainability and innovative technology that contributes to a more circular world



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- Kim David Lid, CEO Sterner Group



SAN Group

- Austrian company with focus on sustainable biotechnological solutions for Animal Health (SAN Vet), Plant Health (SAN Agrow), and Planet Health (SAN Venture)
- Has a global network of 20 entities and numerous distributors to serve the regions Europe, North and Latin America, Middle East & Africa, and Asia-Pacific
- Is driven by passion for innovation



"Science without the right application loses much of its potential. Innovation creates the bridge between science and application and makes it possible to use the potential to create a sustainable and better future."

- Prof. Erich Erber, President & Founder SAN Group





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