



Brussels, March 7, 2014.

To the First Delegates  
of the Qualifying Members of PIANC  
To the National Sections' Secretaries of PIANC  
The Sister Associations of PIANC

Concerning: **introduction to the attached calls for members for two new EnviCom PIANC Working Groups and a PIANC workshop.**

Dear Madam, Dear Sir,  
Dear Colleagues,

To prepare and support the navigation sector for the future the Environmental Commission (EnviCom) of PIANC has taken up in its new action plan (2014 – 2018) the important goal **to promote the concept of sustainable, integrated and resilient management of navigation and waterborne infrastructure.**

This goal comprises several new topics which are already internationally in development and discussion in the water sector in various ways where guidance for the navigation and waterborne infrastructure sector is needed. Consequently PIANC's EnviCom is currently pursuing three related topics:

- Environmental Risk Management (ERM)
- Working with Nature (WwN)
- Ecosystem Goods and Services (EGS).

Attached to this letter you will find two call letters for two new working groups (ERM and WwN) and a letter for expressions of interest for a workshop on EGS .

These are

- a call for members and Terms of Reference for a new PIANC Working Group entitled '*A Practical Guide to Environmental Risk Management for Navigation Infrastructure Projects*'
- a call for members and Terms of Reference for a new PIANC Working Group entitled '*A Guide for Applying Working with Nature to Navigation Infrastructure Projects*'
- a call for expressions of interest in a workshop on '*Ecosystem Goods and Services: Identification and Assessment for Navigation Infrastructure Projects*'.

As these topics are clearly inter-linked, we would ask you please to include this letter and to keep the information about these three initiatives (i.e. all the attached papers) together when you circulate the call to your members.

Thank you in anticipation for your assistance with this.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary-General