



**PIANC**  
The World Association for Waterborne  
Transport Infrastructure

# Sailing Ahead

## AUGUST 2024

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Dear PIANC Friends and Colleagues,

With the summer in the Northern Hemisphere almost over, PIANC-activities are ramping up again. In a few days, the 3rd PIANC Asia Pacific Conference will start in Sydney, Australia and everything seems set to make it a very successful edition again. As a worldwide organisation, our activities stretch literally in all directions of the Compass. From the Cape of Good Hope in South Africa last May to the Lofoten archipelago (Norway) above the Arctic Circle with NordPIANC in early September. From the preparations for the PIANC-SMART Rivers in the USA (see you there next year!) to the joint IADC-PIANC conference in Ho Chi Minh City in Vietnam on 18 October. I am really looking forward of seeing and talking to our PIANC-members in all corners of the World.

Obviously, PIANC-members are also always welcome to pay us a visit at our headquarters in Brussels. However, I would recommend postponing any visit to the end of October. We are in the process of closing down our current office and expect to reopen the offices in the first half of October in a new building near the old one. Finally, I wish to invite the Young Professionals to take a look at our DPWA-award for which you can still apply. If you win, you get some money and a trip to Korea! And of course everlasting honour & fame in our community, as well as a great opportunity to expand your professional network!

**GEERT VAN CAPPELLEN**  
Secretary-General of PIANC

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**!LAST WEEK!**

## **SIGN UP FOR THE PIANC DE PAEPE-WILLEMS AWARD 2025**

🚨 There is only 1 week left until the deadline for the PIANC De Paepe-Willems Award!

Don't miss out on the opportunity to showcase your work and contribute to the legacy of Professor Gustave Willems and Robert De Paepe. Submit your 3-page abstract by the end of August for a chance to win up to € 4,000!

Please click [here](#) to read some testimonials of previous DPWA-winners!



🌍 This prestigious award honours the achievements and contributions of Professor Gustave Willems and Robert De Paepe to PIANC and the global maritime and inland waterway community.

🔍 Eligibility:

Open to professionals under the age of 40.

Topics include design, construction, improvement, maintenance, and operation of inland and maritime waterways, ports, and coastal areas.

💰 Prizes:

- 1st Place: **€4,000** and free PIANC membership for a 3-year period. The first prize winner will also be offered free hotel accommodation for 3 nights, as well as a payment of travel expenses in economy class to the AGA 2025 in Busan, Korea, where the winner will be invited to present his/her paper on 15 May 2025.
- 2nd Place: **€2,000** and free PIANC membership for a 1-year period.
- 3rd Place: **€1,000** and free PIANC membership for a 1-year period.

📅 Deadline for abstract submission: **31 August 2024**

Seize this chance to be recognised on an international stage!

Submit your abstract through <https://www.pianc.org/award/de-paepe-willems-award/>.

We kindly ask you to distribute this message among your Young Professionals!

## UPCOMING PIANC EVENTS

### PIANC-IADC CONFERENCE IN HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM - 17-18 OCTOBER 2024

Registration is open for the PIANC-IADC Conference on 'Integrating Dredging in Sustainable Development', which will take place on 17-18 October 2024 in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam.

Discover how to build marine infrastructure sustainably. Engage with experts on sustainable dredging projects, climate change, and "Working/Building with Nature".

More information & registration at <https://www.vietnamconference2024.com>.



The next PIANC ExCom and Council Meetings will be held prior to the PIANC-IADC Conference in Ho Chi Minh City on 16 and 17 October, respectively. Please note that the PIANC Delegates attending the PIANC board meetings in Ho Chi Minh City will get free access to the PIANC-IADC Conference and the Welcome Drink preceding the Conference!

### PIANC-SMART RIVERS CONFERENCE IN MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE - 8-12 SEPTEMBER 2025



Register for this new edition of the successful PIANC-SMART Rivers Conferences!

This edition will celebrate industry innovations, best design principles, and sustainable and resilient solutions, while also shining a light on the history, culture and communities that have shaped the success of our inland waterway systems.

The [Call for Abstracts](#) is now open, so please submit your abstract!

More information on PIANC-SMART Rivers 2025 can be found in this [Conference Brochure](#). Also, should you be interested in becoming a sponsor at this event, please download the [Sponsorship Brochure](#)!

## NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMUNITY

### NEWS FROM PIANC JAPAN

#### *PIANC Asian Seminar 2024 (Webinar) - Monday 28 October 2024*

Since 2021, PIANC Japan has held webinar seminars to share experiences, knowledge and latest technology among Asian researchers and engineers. The past webinars addressed coastal disasters, the maintenance of port infrastructure and the siltation of navigation channels.



The flyer for the PIANC Asian Seminar 2024 features a background image of a port with construction equipment. The title 'PIANC Asian Seminar 2024' is in large orange letters, followed by the subtitle 'Countermeasures to Cope with Soft Ground in Coastal Areas'. Logos for PIANC, MLIT, MAFF, and JICA are displayed. The text includes the organizer (PIANC-Japan), supported by (MLIT, MAFF, JICA), date (28 October 2024), time (15:30 JST), audience (200), registration fee (free), language (English), and webinar tool (Zoom). A QR code and registration URL are provided at the bottom.

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**Countermeasures to Cope with Soft Ground in Coastal Areas**

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\*Currently Applying

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Ground Improvement at  
Yokohama Port , SCP, CDM  
methods (Source: MLIT)

Registration URL: <https://forms.gle/eukYFTnZEwC3Xw8R7>  
You can also register from QR Code! Deadline: 15 Oct. 2024

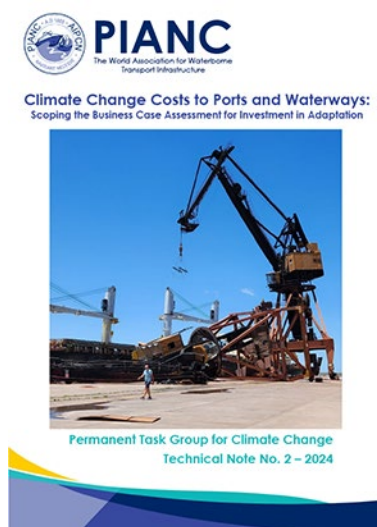
The upcoming seminar 2024 will focus on the countermeasures against soft ground in coastal areas. Four lecturers will be presenting on the latest and interesting topics (please click [here](#) for the seminar flyer).

For registration, please click <https://forms.gle/eukYFTnZEwC3Xw8R7>.

Mitsugu Kawada  
Secretary of PIANC Japan

JUST SHIPPED

The following publication was released in July 2024:



PTG CC Technical Note No. 2 (FREE publication for both members and non-members!):  
['Climate Change Costs to Ports and Waterways: Scoping the Business Case Assessment for Investment in Adaptation'](#)

## COMING UP

The following publications will be released in September/October 2024:

- WG 128 (InCom): 'Technical-Biological Bank Protections for Inland Waterways' (3 parts)
- WG 230 (EnviCom): 'Green Financing of Nature-Based Navigation Infrastructure'
- WG 224 (MarCom): 'Planning of Fishing Ports'\*

*\*WG 224 is a comprehensive update of WG 18 (1998), more than 25 years ago and expands the text significantly with 181 main pages plus 113 appendices (case studies, further details) compared to 54 pages before.*

*It provides an update on previous sections on fishery resources, planning, technology, use of IT and auction halls and adds new chapters on disaster resilience and maintenance.*

*Examples and images are included for illustration, with detailed planning guidance on unique fishing port related aspects such as fishing vessel types and requirements, auction halls, ice making facilities, other specific technical requirements as well as the food chain implications.*

*The document is intended to cover both new fishing ports as well as updates/improvements to existing fishing ports.*

[Click here to find our latest publications!](#)

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## NEWS FROM OUR PLATINUM PARTNERS

### NEWS FROM SHIBATAFENDERTEAM (SFT)

#### ShibataFenderTeam at NordPIANC 2024

The Norwegian Section of PIANC will host the bi-annual NordPIANC Meeting in Svolvær on 3-5 September. This conference attracts maritime industry professionals from across the Nordic region, providing PIANC members with a valuable platform to exchange insights on projects and research within the participating countries.

We are pleased to announce our participation in the upcoming edition of NordPIANC, where Markus Bleher, our Scandinavian representative, will present a paper titled 'Towards Reducing the Carbon Footprint in the Fender Industry'. The presentation, focused on the imperative of reducing the carbon footprint in the maritime industry, is scheduled for Wednesday, 4 September, during the Technical Seminars. The conference agenda also includes a reception and a technical tour, offering attendees additional opportunities to network.

The SFT Group extends its gratitude to the organisers for their efforts and looks forward to engaging with many members of the Nordic shipping and inland waterway industry at the conference.

**Cristina Verde**  
Senior Marketing Manager ShibataFenderTeam

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