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This PIANC report of InCom WG 203 is targeted at those responsible for the management of inland waterways (IW). The paper focuses on increasing the social and environmental awareness of managers responsible for operating and developing IW. This report also addresses the opportunities and challenges for inland waterway managers resulting from the multiple functions and uses of the waterways. This report also provides inland waterway managers with a general guide to the global process of generating and creating more sustainable development in society. In addition, it provides practical lessons for inland waterway managers by using case studies with examples for ‘Best Cases’ presenting projects that were considered to have successfully implemented sustainable solutions and a ‘Lesson Learnt’ project that did not meet many of its intended objectives.

This report describes the concept of incorporating Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) into the culture of public inland waterway organisations. CSR is relevant to all inland waterway infrastructure development, including maintenance and operations. Applying CSR to inland waterway projects generates additional benefits for all of society. Incorporating CSR into an organisation’s workflow by using the multifunctionality of IW as a baseline and by considering Sustainable Development Goals can improve outcomes and increase efficiencies. Using CSR also means an organisation will social responsibility throughout its entire acting including participation of all stakeholders and integration of all the various perspectives and needs for a project.

This report concludes with five recommendations for inland waterway projects.

Notes to Editor

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