PIANC
The World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure

Sailing Ahead

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Welcome to the September edition of the PIANC Newsletter, bringing you the latest news, events and activities from across our international community.

The past months have seen two successful regional events: PIANC APAC in Brisbane, Australia, attended by the PIANC President, and NordPIANC in Tallinn, Estonia, with the participation of the Secretary-General. Both provided valuable opportunities for exchange and collaboration among PIANC members.

Looking ahead, we are preparing for PIANC-COPEDEC XI in Chennai, India, and PIANC-Smart Rivers 2027 in Palembang, Indonesia. Visit the event websites to find out more and save the dates!

In this edition, you will also find news from our National Sections and Platinum Partners, recent and upcoming publications, and a call for members for Working Group 270 on 'Strategies to Prevent Negative Effects of External Threats in IW Infrastructure and Facilities'. Several ongoing PIANC Working Groups also gathered for their meetings — read more about their work and recent activities in this newsletter!

The next ExCom meeting will take place in Paris at the end of October, followed by a virtual Council meeting in November.

Finally, we continue to welcome projects that embody the PIANC Working with Nature philosophy. The Working with Nature Award will be presented during the PIANC World Congress in 2028. Submit your project and take the opportunity to showcase your work to the world!

We hope you enjoy this edition and look forward to keeping you connected with PIANC's activities worldwide.

JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING PIANC EVENTS!

PIANC-IAPH ASIAN WEBINAR
ONLINE
23 OCTOBER 2026

REGISTER HERE

PIANC-COPEDEC XI
CHENNAI, INDIA
21-26 FEBRUARY 2027

VISIT THE WEBSITE

PIANC-SMART RIVERS 2027
PALEMBANG, INDONESIA
14-18 JUNE 2027

SMART RIVERS 2027
INDONESIA

VISIT THE CONFERENCE WEBSITE

PIANC YP-COM BIENNIAL TECHNICAL VISIT 2027
30 JUNE-2 JULY 2027

MORE INFO

SIGN UP FOR THE PIANC WWN AWARD 2028

🤔 Why Apply?

✅ Gain international recognition for your innovative, eco-friendly approach to waterborne transport infrastructure

✅ Showcase your commitment to sustainability

✅ Inspire others through your example

In case your project receives a Certificate of Recognition, it will be in the running for the PIANC Working with Nature Award during the PIANC World Congress in 2028.

🤷 🤷 Who Can Apply?

Any completed or ongoing navigation infrastructure project that embodies the Working with Nature philosophy is eligible for consideration.

🔗 How to Apply:

Visit the PIANC website to learn more about previous winners and submit your project for review.

NEWS FROM THE PIANC WORKING GROUPS

PIANC WG 263 Engages the Danube Commission on Waterway Governance

PIANC WG 264 meets in Chengdu, China

Nature Positive in Practice: PIANC WG 267 at the PIANC APAC Conference, Brisbane, Australia

Kick-Off Meeting WG 271 in Brussels, Belgium

NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMUNITY

Some of our National Sections have news to share on their past and upcoming activities.

NEWS FROM PIANC AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

- PIANC's Asia Pacific Conference 2026 – A Huge Success!

NEWS FROM PIANC ESTONIA

NordPIANC 2026 Brought the PIANC Community to Tallinn!

NEWS FROM PIANC GERMANY

- 4th PIANC-HTG Forum on 17 September 2026

NEWS FROM PIANC UK

- PIANC UK Young Professionals Seminar 14 September 2026

PUBLICATIONS

Just Shipped

The following publication was published in September 2026:

PIANC WG 171 (MarCom): 'Ship Handling Simulation Dedicated to Channel and Harbour Design'

Publications Pipeline

The following publication is expected in October 2026:

- PIANC WG 243 (MarCom): 'Sustainability of Container Terminal Pavements - From Design to End-of-Life'

Apply for This New PIANC Working Group

📢 Calling all candidates to join this interesting PIANC Working Group!

🙋 Interested?
Contact your National Section or PIANC HQ (info@pianc.org) in case your country doesn't have a National Section before 31 October 2026!

👉 Find the Terms of Reference HERE.

UPCOMING EVENTS

PIANC Webinar Exploring the World Bank Report, 'Cybersecurity in Ports: Shifting from Risk to Resilience'

Join PIANC for an insightful webinar exploring the World Bank report, 'Cybersecurity in Ports: Shifting from Risk to Resilience' on 6 October 2026 at 12pm (CET).

The webinar will present a global overview of cybersecurity policies, practices, and implementation barriers across port ecosystems, highlighting:

- Key findings from the global survey
- Recommendations for strengthening port cybersecurity
- Practical implications for ports and port stakeholders
- Relevance for PIANC members and the wider maritime community

🎤 Presenters:

- Sotiria Lagouvardou – Transport Consultant, Transport & Logistics Global Practice, World Bank
- Simona Sulikova - Transport Consultant, Transport & Logistics Global Practice, World Bank

📌 Discover the World Bank report:

https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/transport/publication/cybersecurity-in-ports.

Don't miss this opportunity to explore how ports can strengthen their cyberresilience and better prepare for an increasingly connected maritime future.

More information at https://www.pianc.org/wp-content/uploads/2026/09/World-Bank-Cybersecurity-Webinar-Information-registration-form.pdf.

Register HERE for the webinar.

PIANC USA Webinar #3 - Adaptive Marina Infrastructure: Planning for Growth, Regulation, and Resilience

Registration is now open for PIANC USA Webinar #3: 'Adaptive Marina Infrastructure: Planning for Growth, Regulation, and Resilience'.

🗓️ Wednesday, 28 October 2026

⏰ 2:00–3:00 p.m. EDT

💰 Free to attend

🎓 Professional Development: 1 PDH Credit

PIANC USA, in cooperation with the PIANC Recreation Commission, is pleased to present the third webinar in our 2026 series.

This webinar will explore the latest developments from PIANC Working Group 149 – 'Guidelines for Marina Design', highlighting adaptive marina infrastructure and practical approaches to planning and designing marinas that are:

- Flexible
- Future-oriented
- Resilient to changing operational, environmental, social, and technological demands

Presenters will discuss key updates to the forthcoming international guidelines, emerging trends in marina planning and management, and several specialised topics relevant to today's designers, engineers, planners, operators, and waterfront professionals.

Whether you work in marina planning, coastal engineering, navigation infrastructure, or waterfront development, this webinar offers valuable insights into the future of marina design.

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NEWS FROM OUR PLATINUM PARTNERS

ShibataFenderTeam Sponsors the XIV Argentine Congress of Port Engineering

In early September, ShibataFenderTeam attended and sponsored the XIV Argentine Congress of Port Engineering, held in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

Representing ShibataFenderTeam at the congress, our local agent Juan Minvielle joined fellow professionals from across the Argentine maritime sector to exchange knowledge, discuss the latest development in port engineering and strengthen industry connections.

ShibataFenderTeam values these opportunities provided by PIANC and its national sections to stay up to date, remain engaged, and maintain strong relationships within the maritime community.

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