

## **Awarding Working with Nature projects**

### Concept

To provide recognition to those projects meeting our Working with Nature criteria by

- (i) including the project on the WwN database, and
- (ii) presenting a certificate acknowledging the application of WwN principles
- (iii) presenting an award, on a four-yearly basis, to the project judged to be the best example of a WwN project

### How will this work in practice?

1. A project proponent completes the proforma accessible on the PIANC WwN website: this submitted information is initially stored in the protected/private part of the database.
2. The completed proforma is reviewed by EnviCom representatives.
3. Where a project is judged by the EnviCom panel to meet the criteria, the project proponent will be asked to agree to an external 'check' (where a project does not appear to meet the criteria, EnviCom will contact the proponent to explain why).
4. The EnviCom representative from the country in which the project has been developed carries out a 'check' of the information provided about the project with a relevant, independent third party.
5. Assuming the outcome of the third party check is satisfactory, the submitted information about the project will be approved by EnviCom for inclusion in the database on the public side of the site.
6. On a six-monthly or annual basis, PIANC WwN certificates will be issued to those projects accepted for inclusion in the database. A Press release will be prepared and issued; an announcement will be made on the PIANC website and in the Newsletter. Those receiving certificates will be asked to re-confirm that their project can be considered for the WwN award.
7. On a four-yearly basis, a cross-Commission Committee will be convened by PIANC to review all the projects accepted for inclusion in the database over the previous four years, and to agree an overall winner of the Working with Nature award.
8. The winner will be invited to present the project at the PIANC congress; the award will be presented at the conference (consideration could also be given to identifying runners-up and these representatives may also be invited to present their projects?)
9. A Press release will be prepared and issued, and an announcement accompanied by an article about the winning project will be published on the website and included in the next PIANC newsletter/magazine.

### What do we need to progress this?

- a. A web-based WwN database easy accessible and manageable via the PIANC website (the needs and requirements for this database are described by EnviCom to PIANC webmaster in enclosures 1+2)
- b. An idea and decision how the congress award shall look like (for example a robust piece of art made from recycled materials rather than a more traditional award);
- c. Clarification if a sponsor is needed/wanted for the award (also possibly a cash prize). The award itself should not be named after a sponsor, just PIANC WwN award)

### Enclosures:

1. WwN database requirements
2. Word template for WwN case study collection