



PIANC
The World Association for Waterborne
Transport Infrastructure

Sailing Ahead

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✦ HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU ALL! ✦

A new year brings fresh momentum – and 2026 is shaping up to be yet another active and exciting year for PIANC!

We will kick things off in early February with the annual PIANC Board meetings, setting the strategic course for the year ahead and aligning on priorities across our global community. Of course, we are also preparing for the PIANC AGA 2026 in Hull, UK, organised together with the first edition of the PIANC North Sea Conference. [Registration is now open](#) and we are looking forward to meet many of our delegates!

We are also looking ahead to PIANC Americas 2026 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, combined with PIANC October Board meetings. This event will unite experts from across the region and beyond, offering valuable opportunities to exchange knowledge, strengthen partnerships, and engage with the latest developments in maritime and waterborne infrastructure.

And, of course, much of PIANC's core business continues steadily behind the scenes. Many of our Working Groups are making excellent progress, with several WG-reports advancing towards completion. Stay tuned!

We look forward to an engaging year of further international collaboration, knowledge sharing, and impact across the PIANC community.

SIGN UP FOR THE WORKING WITH NATURE AWARD



Calling All Sustainable Infrastructure Leaders!

This international award celebrates outstanding waterborne transport infrastructure projects that demonstrate a proactive, integrated approach to working with natural processes – delivering benefits for both navigation infrastructure and the environment.

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 Antwerp, Belgium in 2028.

Who Can Apply?

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

Visit the PIANC website to learn more and submit your project for review: <https://www.pianc.org/award/working-with-nature-award/>.

JOIN US AT THESE UPCOMING PIANC EVENTS!

PIANC NORTH SEA CONFERENCE & AGA 2026

11-15 May 2026



PIANC-COPEDEC XI

21-26 February 2027



Website & Registration are now OPEN!

Download the First Announcement or
visit the website.

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NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMISSIONS

News from MarCom

Progress Update on PIANC MarCom WG 248 - 'Guidelines for Onshore Power Supply (OPS) for Ships'



In late October 2025, the WG 248 members conducted an in-person meeting at Port of Barcelona. The session facilitated constructive discussions and enhanced collaboration among members, refining key aspects of the guidelines. The meeting brought together a diverse group of experts from across the globe, representing engineering firms, port authorities, class associations, government agencies, shipowner associations and academia.

Their shared goal: to address the technical, regulatory, and operational challenges of OPS and to shape a practical, forward-looking framework that supports sustainable maritime infrastructure.

Looking ahead, the Working Group is preparing for a physical meeting in Athens in February 2026, which will be hosted by National Technical University of Athens (NTUA), School of Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering (NTUA). This hybrid session will provide an invaluable opportunity for members to engage in intensive workshopping, further developing sections of the guidelines and aligning on the next steps for deliverables. The Athens meeting is expected to be a pivotal moment in advancing the guidelines development.

For more information about MarCom WG 248 and its initiatives, please visit PIANC's official website.

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Chairman of PIANC WG 248

Webinar on MarCom WG 213: 'Design Guidelines for Marine Multipurpose Terminals'



The poster features a top banner with icons for a calendar, a play button, a lightbulb, and a headset, with the word 'WEBINAR' in large letters. Below this, the title 'PIANC MarCom WG 213: 'Design Guidelines for Marine Multipurpose Terminals'' is displayed. The date '12 February 2026 11:00-12:00 (UTC+3)' is highlighted in a yellow box. The PIANC logo is shown, along with a small image of a port terminal and the text 'MarCom Working Group Report No. 213 - 2025'. A QR code is provided for registration, with the text 'REGISTER HERE' and the URL 'https://bit.ly/4pXd8qQ'. A small graphic of a port terminal is also included. The bottom right corner features the website 'www.pianc.org'.

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DESIGN GUIDELINES
FOR MARINE MULTIPURPOSE TERMINALS

Design Guidelines for Marine Multipurpose Terminals (MPTs)

This state-of-the-art report offers detailed technical guidance for planning, designing, and operating marine terminals capable of handling a broad mix of cargoes and vessel types.

The keynote speaker **André Marlien** is a French Engineer specialized in the Ports & Inland Waterways.

He is a free-lancer and Transport Consultant at the World Bank since 2021. He co-chaired the WG 213 on Marine Multipurpose Terminals.

His speech will take 30 minutes, and another 30 minutes is followed for Q&A session.

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NEWS FROM THE PIANC COMMUNITY

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



NEWS FROM PIANC AUSTRALIA & NEW ZEALAND

PIANC Australia & New Zealand in 2025



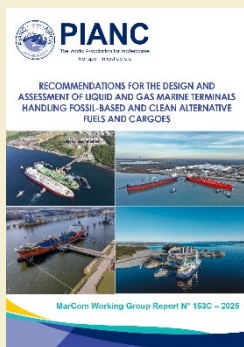
PERU BECOMES QUALIFYING MEMBER OF PIANC

At the end of the year 2025, we were delighted to welcome the country of Peru as 48th Qualifying Member of PIANC! We look forward to our future cooperation!

PUBLICATIONS

Just Shipped

The following publication was published in December 2025:



PIANC WG 153C (MarCom): 'Recommendations for the Design and Assessment of Marine Liquid and Gas Terminals Handling Green Fuels and Fossil-Based Cargoes'

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Upcoming Publications

The following publication will be published in February 2026:



- PIANC WG 215 (MarCom): 'Accidental Impacts from Ships on Fixed Structures: Design Considerations'

Share the Mic with PIANC!

The PIANC Promotion Commission (ProCom) is seeking an existing platform or showcase toward the development of a regular or semi-regular PIANC podcast. A podcast could further build the PIANC brand as an established international authority, create a more personal connection to our members and highlight the many reports and activities for which it is known. The simplest way to begin such a venture would be to join existing podcast programmes.

If you or your organisation(s) know of such programmes or podcast hosts who would welcome a presentation about PIANC or one of PIANC's many interesting reports and activities, please send us a contact or provide an introduction for further discussion to Leen Weltens and Helen Brohl at wgsupport@pianc.org.

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