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How can private capital accelerate the green transition in marine and freshwater infrastructure? This is the overarching question that will be explored at the IADC conference Financing Sustainable Marine and Freshwater Infrastructure on Thursday 9 February 2023 in Dubai, UAE.

Why attend
At this 1-day conference, IADC aims to create awareness that there is a need to clarify sustainable concepts and associated financial structures in order to familiarise the financial sector with the financing of green coastal, river and port projects and develop ideas to bring this to mainstream infrastructure investment asset classes. But more important, to provide an opportunity for further dialogue between the marine and freshwater infrastructure industry and the financial sector.

All stakeholders recognise the importance of sustainable projects. Investors have green labelled funds, governments have a green taxonomy in place and contractors are continually developing nature-based solutions. Everyone it would appear is committed to sustainability, however parties face insurmountable difficulties in bringing it all together in executing projects. How then can parties break the deadlock in the funding of sustainable projects?

The conference is based on the report ‘Financing Sustainable Marine and Freshwater Infrastructure: A joint study to explore financing of green coastal, river and port projects’, exploring what is needed in order to improve the connection between green-labelled funds and sustainable waterborne infrastructure projects. To download the report free of charge, click here: www.financing-smafi.org.

For whom
The conference is of interest to professionals from the dredging industry, consultancies, government agencies, port authorities, research institutes, development finance institutions, private financiers and NGO’s all facing similar challenges in their search for better and more sustainable projects.
Networking is key!
At a conference like this, it is important to broaden your network and uncover new learning from fellow professionals. We are therefore pleased to announce that we will also organise a special pre-conference ‘meet and greet’ on Wednesday 8 February 2023.

About the programme
While the programme is still in progress, we can already announce that Swiss Re has confirmed to speak about the challenges confirmed to present during the conference. In the upcoming weeks, we will announce more names of presenters and keynote speaker(s).

More information

About IADC
IADC stands for ‘International Association of Dredging Companies’ and is the global umbrella organisation for contractors in the private dredging industry. As such the IADC is dedicated to not only promoting the skills, integrity and reliability of its members, but also the dredging industry in general. IADC has over a hundred main and associated members. Together they represent the forefront of the dredging industry. www.iadc-dredging.com.

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