



# Press Release

## REGISTER NOW FOR THE CONFERENCE "INTEGRATING DREDGING IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT" 18 OCTOBER 2024, HO CHI MINH CITY, VIETNAM

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How to integrate dredging in sustainable development? This is the overarching question that will be explored at the conference **"Integrating dredging in sustainable development"**, held on **Friday 18 October 2024** at the Sheraton Saigon Grand Opera Hotel in **Ho Chi Minh City**, Vietnam. The event offers participants the unique chance to network with more than 60 CEOs and senior management of IADC member companies and PIANC platinum members. They are also invited to join a special pre-conference networking drinks and dinner on **Thursday 17 October 2024**.

### About the conference

For hundreds of years, dredging has been used to shape and manipulate the interface between land and water in order to support a variety of human activities, including navigation, coastal protection, flood risk management, as well as residential, commercial, agricultural and hydro-power development.

The use of dredging to achieve these purposes has always been guided by an understanding of the costs and benefits of applying the tool. However, in the last few decades the understanding of what constitutes costs and benefits has evolved substantially beyond the direct monetary costs of using the tool and the direct monetary benefits of what the tool was used to create. This evolution was aided by the environmental movement over the last 50 years, where the costs (in a broad sense) of applying the tool was expanded to include the negative environmental impacts that can be associated with dredging. Environmental regulations were put in place to minimise negative impacts on ecosystems caused by dredging activities and for the last few decades dredging has been at the centre of a conflict, where the water meets the land, between groups supporting development and the environment. However, attitudes and approaches are changing.

IADC and PIANC joined forces and decided to organise a conference on this challenging topic. By attending the conference, participants will learn how to create sustainable dredging and marine infrastructure projects with a strong focus on climate change and "Working/Building with Nature". During the day's programme full of interaction and discussion, the focus will be on two case studies – a "greenfield case" and a "brownfield case".



### **Who should attend**

The conference will be of particular relevance for people involved in delivering dredging projects with longevity which also maximise benefits to society, nature and economy. This will be an event for planners, designers, decision makers, regulators, contractors, port- and governmental authorities, private investors, financial institutions, NGOs, insurance companies, project owners and environmental advocates who need to keep up to date.

### **About IADC**

The International Association of Dredging Companies (IADC) is the global umbrella organisation for contractors in the private dredging industry. IADC has over a hundred main and associated members. Together they represent the forefront of the dredging industry. An industry that makes the world a safer, better and more sustainable place to live. And IADC is driven to help that industry move forward with a variety of activities and publications, all available on our website [www.iadc-dredging.com](http://www.iadc-dredging.com)

### **About PIANC**

Established in 1885, the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) unites international experts to write leading-edge technical reports related to sustainable waterborne transport infrastructure, with a strong focus on climate change and 'Working with Nature'. Offering a wide range of international Congresses, Conferences and publications, PIANC aims to improve the waterborne transport infrastructure industry and invites you to team up with a broad network of international (young) professionals. For more information: <https://www.pianc.org/>

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