Moving towards low carbon and resilient waterborne transport infrastructure

THE climate change conference for ports, harbours and inland waterways

Brussels, Belgium
27th – 28th March 2017

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION

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The PIANC-led Think Climate coalition is pleased to announce a major international climate change conference dedicated to the interests of waterborne transport infrastructure owners, operators and user.

Think Climate includes the following organisations:
- World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC)
- International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH)
- International Harbour Masters’ Association (IHMA)
- International Maritime Pilots’ Association (IMPA)
- International Bulk Terminals Association (IBTA)
- Smart Freight Centre (SFC)
- European Dredging Association (EuDA)
- European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO)
- Institute of Marine Engineering, Science and Technology (IMarEST)
- Inland Waterways International (IWI)

More information is available at http://navclimate.pianc.org

Why should you attend?

Climate change is an important and growing focus of attention. The Paris Agreement on climate change, which came into force on 4th November 2016, is an ambitious international agreement that aims to combat climate change and adapt to its effects. Coming years are likely to see massive efforts to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and move to low carbon solutions across all sectors: navigation infrastructure is no exception. Notwithstanding the Paris Agreement, however, it is also widely agreed that continuing change in certain climate parameters is now unavoidable. Resilience will need to be strengthened and waterborne transport infrastructure will need to adapt. Preparedness will be critical.

Conference presentations will include a mix of high level and practitioner viewpoints

- Hear from international organisations and funding agencies including keynote speaker Jose Viegas, Secretary General, OECD International Transport Forum; speakers from World Bank, European Bank for Reconstruction & Development; closing address from Regina Asariotis, Chief, Policy Legislation Section, UNCTAD
- Find out what ports around the world are doing to adapt to climate change from keynote speaker Robin Mortimer, Chief Executive, Port of London Authority, UK and from: Port of Manzanillo Mexico - Port of Rotterdam, Netherlands - Norfolk Naval Station, USA - BremenPorts, Germany - Philippine Ports Authority, The Philippines
- Discover how integrated solutions can reduce emissions, strengthen resilience and save money:
  - Working with Nature - examples from North America, Europe and Asia - from the US Army Corps of Engineers, from EcoShape, from Wetlands International
  - Blue carbon - examples from the dredging and port construction community
  - Intermodality - speakers from World Bank, Smart Freight Centre
- Learn about good practice in moving to low carbon infrastructure and vessels:
  - Central Commission for Navigation on the Rhine - World Ports Climate Initiative
  - viaDonau Austria - DP World Belgium
  - PIANC carbon management Working Group
- Hear from industry experts on climate change including Acclimatise, Ramboll, CH2M

The full conference programme can be found HERE.
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The conference will offer those attending an insight into climate change perspectives across the navigation infrastructure sector, from:

- PORTS AND HARBOURS
- INLAND WATERWAYS
- HARBOUR MASTERS
- MARITIME PILOTS
- TERMINAL OPERATORS
- NAVIGATION DREDGING

There will be three main themes, reflecting the work streams in the Navigating a Changing Climate Action Plan:

**MITIGATION**: reducing greenhouse gas emissions and moving towards low- or no-carbon navigation infrastructure

**ADAPTATION**: strengthening resilience and adapting waterborne transport infrastructure to projected changes in sea level, storminess, precipitation, river flow, air and water temperature, waves, wind, fog and other climate parameters

**INTEGRATION**: opportunities to contribute to climate change mitigation or adaptation by supporting intermodality, Working with Nature or integrated coastal management

On March 29th, following the technical conference, delegates can opt to join

A SITE VISIT TO THE PORT OF ZEEBRUGGE

The visit will provide an opportunity to learn about several initiatives to address climate change issues being implemented at this vital logistic maritime crossroads. Thanks to the sponsorship of the port authority and the European Sea Ports Organisation (ESPO), there is no charge for this visit, but numbers are limited.

To find out more, click [HERE](#).

The Navigating a Changing Climate conference will provide a unique, sector-specific opportunity to exchange climate change experiences and to present good practice.

... Can you afford not to be there?

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**REGISTER NOW**

- [individual attendance](#)
  - Early bird rate before February 21st: € 390.00
  - Full rate from February 22nd: € 540.00
- [site visit information](#)
- [hotel information](#)
- [programme](#)
- [sponsor and exhibitor information](#)
The Paris Agreement on climate change, which addresses greenhouses gas emissions, adaptation and finance flows, entered into force in November 2016 less than a year after it was adopted at the COP21 meeting in Paris, France. When world leaders met at COP22 in Marrakech, Morocco in November 2016, the emphasis was on action. Climate change is moving rapidly up the political agenda.

The Navigating a Changing Climate conference will help the owners, operators and users of waterborne transport infrastructure understand what action is needed to reduce emissions and adapt to climate change, and what tools are available.

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“Although the Paris Agreement is a hugely positive step forward, we must not forget that capping global temperature rise at 2°C will still present massive challenges ... The danger we must guard against is complacency, or the notion that somehow Paris has got adapting to climate change sorted. It hasn't, and we must still adapt to the extreme weather that accompanies a 2°C global rise in temperature”.

Mike Keil, Severn Trent Water, July 2016

Some opportunities for exhibitors and sponsors still exist.

- Sponsoring and exhibiting organisations will have the opportunity to promote relevant products and services as part of an exhibition that will take place within the area used for lunches, refreshments, the reception, and other conference activities where there will be a high footfall.

- The exhibition will only be ‘live’ before and after the conference and during the breaks. The fee for exhibitors therefore allows one person responsible for the exhibition to participate in the conference.

- All sponsors and exhibitors will be invited to make a five-minute presentation on one of the conference themes.

More information and the application form can be found HERE. Send your completed sponsors/exhibitors application form to: mailto:conferencemanager@pianc.org

Please note that we will allocate exhibition stations on a first-come-first-served basis.