



Brussels, 5 March 2019.

To the First Delegates of PIANC
To the Secretaries of the National Sections

Concerning: Call for nominations for 'climate change champions' to the PIANC Commissions

Dear colleague,

In order to ensure that PIANC is well prepared to meet the challenges of the changing climate, ExCom has agreed to create a new position on each of the following PIANC Commissions: MarCom (the Maritime Navigation Commission), InCom (the Inland Navigation Commission), RecCom (the Recreational Navigation Commission) and EnviCom (the Environmental Commission)

The main role of these 'climate champions' will be to provide:

- 1) Relevant expertise on climate change issues for the work of the Commissions
- 2) A link between the Commission and its activities and PIANC's Permanent Task Group on Climate Change (PTGCC)
- 3) A conduit for the flow of information regarding climate change within PIANC.

By way of a reminder, PTGCC's objectives include:

- informing PIANC on how waterborne transport infrastructure may be affected by climate change
- providing a platform for the PIANC Commissions to build up their work plans regarding climate change, and
- collating and co-ordinating information, identifying gaps and contributing to further knowledge and guidance in the area of climate change adaptation, for example by setting up new Working Groups.

PIANC and the PTGCC are currently finalising technical reports on climate change adaptation for ports and inland waterways, carbon management, climate change science and parameters of relevance to navigation, and resilience. Plans for future topics include dealing with climate change uncertainties in investment decision-making.

The PTGCC looks forward to working with PIANC's Commissions and with their climate champions to:

- identify gaps in technical guidance
- highlight areas where climate change is bringing new challenges, and
- develop and deliver the technical knowledge products needed to address these for the benefit of the wider waterborne transport infrastructure sector.

National Sections are therefore invited to nominate potential candidates for one or more of these 'climate champion' positions. If you wish to make a nomination(s) please submit the following information to Sabine Van de Velde (sabine.vandavelde@pianc.org) by end April 2019, indicating for each candidate you wish to nominate, the Commission to which the nomination is directed, and enclosing:

- a short CV for the person you are nominating, and
- a 200 word statement prepared by the candidate describing what they will bring to the Commission as their climate champion.

Each Commission will consider the nominations received during May/June 2019. National Sections will be advised of the Commissions' decisions by end June 2019. The successful candidate for each Commission can then plan to attend the relevant autumn 2019 Commission and PTGCC meetings.

If you require any further information on these positions or on the process, please contact the PTGCC Chair, (jan@janbrooke.co.uk). Otherwise we look forward to receiving any nominations you wish to make by 30th April 2019.

Kind regards,



Geert Van Cappellen,
Secretary-General.