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APAC 2020 Invitation Letter

Dear Sir/Madam,

On behalf of PIANC Australia & New Zealand and the Local Organising Committee, I wish to extend an invitation to attend APAC 2020, the inaugural regional conference for PIANC in Asia Pacific and beyond. The biennial conference will be held on June 16-19, 2020 in the beautiful city of Fremantle, Western Australia.

This new conference series will focus on harbours, ports and recreational boating in the Asia Pacific region. Our 2020 Conference theme "Port, harbour and recreational boating for today and tomorrow" reflects PIANC's recognition of the natural environment in developing projects and the growing emphasis on a social licence to operate. Importantly, all of PIANC's main themes will be covered and we encourage you to attend this conference and/or seek involvement from members in your national section or commissions.

The PIANC APAC 2020 conference will include concurrent streams that provide an opportunity for discussion and networking. A trade exhibition will host the Welcome Reception and a Gala Conference Dinner is planned with multiple PIANC awards to be presented. In addition, technical tours and networking events will form part of the Conference. Prior to the conference, a 2-day symposium on *Nature Based Solutions for Coasts, Ports and Estuaries* is being held with prestigious speakers presenting on this emerging topic.

We look forward to seeing you at PIANC APAC 2020. We encourage you to promote relevant Working Group meetings and would be happy to assist in organising meeting logistics. Note that abstracts for the conference close on March 13th, 2020.

Please contact me with any questions. Further details can be found at www.pianc2020.com

Kind regards,

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