



The International Business Alliance  
for Corporate Ocean Responsibility

## News Release

# WOC SUPPORTS PORT/COASTAL INFRASTRUCTURE RESILIENCE WEBINAR

## World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) Event to Address Climate Change, Port/Coastal Infrastructure and Maritime Transport

23 August 2021

**The Permanent Task Group on Climate Change** of the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) is organizing a maritime transport resilience webinar.

**The event will take place on August 26th, 9:00—10:30 EST (1:00—2:30 UTC) and will consider Case Studies and a Path Forward for the Marine and Inland Waterborne Transportation System.**

**To register for this webinar, please email: [Katherine.F.Chambers@usace.army.mil](mailto:Katherine.F.Chambers@usace.army.mil)**

As new challenges unfold it is becoming even more important that those who manage, own and operate global marine and inland waterborne transportation system infrastructure must incorporate resilience into their practices.

This special PIANC webinar will be moderated and introduced by Dr. Austin Becker (University of Rhode Island), who will highlight recent progress done and address infrastructure resilience challenges.

The panel includes:

- Katherine Chambers (US Army Corps of Engineers)
- Dr. Craig Phillip (University of Vanderbilt)
- Paul Holthus (World Ocean Council)

Paul Holthus, WOC CEO, will provide an overview of WOC's efforts to develop a global ocean business and investment leadership coalition on port and coastal infrastructure adaptation and resilience in relation to sea level rise and extreme weather events.

**WOC and PIANC signed a partnership agreement in 2019 and committed to working together to develop:**

- 1) **Tools and methods for port and coastal infrastructure adaptation** that can be scaled up to address port resiliency needs, especially regarding extreme weather events affecting Small Island Developing States (SIDS) and other developing countries.
- 2) **Interaction between the WOC Young Ocean Professionals initiative and the PIANC Young**

## Professionals Network.

PIANC - The World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure - is the leading international association on ports and waterways infrastructure, comprising a network of 2,100 individual members and 450 corporate members from 75 countries. Established in 1885, PIANC provides expert guidance by bringing together international professionals from public and private sectors on the technical, economic and environmental issues pertaining to waterborne transport infrastructure. PIANC is the main partner for governments and private sector in the design, development and maintenance of ports, waterways and coastal areas.

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## UPCOMING WOC EVENT

**Global Blue Finance Summit (BlueFIN '21) – Dates to be determined**

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## Recent and Upcoming WOC Outreach and Engagement

4-6 August, San Juan, Puerto Rico

**Caribbean Blue Economy Summit** (Plenary keynote speaker; Session panelist)

16-19 August, HYBRID/CHENNAI

**India National Blue Economy Conference** (Plenary Speaker)

20 August, VIRTUAL

**U.N. Law of the Sea BBNJ Treaty Intersessional Webinar**(Participant)

26 August, VIRTUAL

**Assessing Resilience: Case Studies and a Path Forward for the Marine and Inland Waterborne Transportation System** (Panelist)

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## World Ocean Council (WOC) – The Global Blue Economy Business Organization

*The WOC is the international, cross-sectoral alliance for private sector leadership, collaboration and action on ocean sustainability, stewardship, and science. Companies from a range of industries worldwide are distinguishing themselves as leaders in “Corporate Ocean Responsibility”, including shipping, oil and gas, tourism, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, renewable energy, ocean technology, and investment.*

*WOC Members, listed [here](#), are a part of the WOC Network of 35,000+ ocean industry stakeholders around the world. The WOC is a registered not-for-profit organization in the US and France.*

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