



Principles on New Topics of WODA Working Group

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WODA stands for World Organization of Dredging Associations. It is the umbrella organization of the three sister associations, Central Dredging Association (CEDA), Eastern Dredging Association (EADA) and Western Dredging Association (WEDA). The establishment of WODA working groups are under the direct supervision of WODA Technical Orientation Committee (TOC).

Certain criteria exist for setting up future working groups, with which the WODA TOC evaluates if a new topic is one that is suitable for a new WODA Working Group. The criteria are introduced here:

- A proposed topic should be relevant to all the three WODA-regions, and CEDA, WEDA and EADA should all agree with starting the new Working Group on that topic.
- The technology level required for the proposed topic should not be too advanced to introduce risks for commercial competition, so that people involved are less willing to share with each other.
- The proposed topic should not be too politically sensitive.
- The proposed topic should be relevant to the dredging community.
- The proposed topic should be relevant to emerging/future needs.
- There should be information on the subject that is not yet readily available from existing literature, so that there will be value from the reports or guidance that WODA will produce on the issue (filling an information gap)
- WODA is able to act as a platform to support the study and knowledge-exchange activities for the proposed topic.