

## **CEDA Dredging Management Commission Terms of Reference ToR 24 September 2025**

### **Background**

Within CEDA, the Dredging Management Commission (DMC) will fulfil the need to initiate and facilitate discussions, innovations and questions, from the dredging community on the management of dredging works in the broadest sense. It will aim to bring together all stakeholders related to dredging works, and encourage open discussions which focus on mutually beneficial improvements and solutions for all involved.

### **Commission Goals**

The key aims of the Commission will be to:

1. Be a discussion platform to:
  - a. to enhance and facilitate discussions on topics related to dredge management. In doing so it will aim to bring together all stakeholders in a neutral, proactive environment. One of its aims will be to 'break open' polarized discussions;
  - b. offer a network of expertise and experience, and encourage members to: provide inputs from different perspectives, such as case studies and best practices, that can improve their management practices; and
  - c. understand and learn from each other's points of view.
2. Be a focal point of contact for dredge management related topics to:
  - a. offer a recognisable starting point for parties in and outside of the dredging community with questions, opportunities and concerns related to dredging;
  - b. be the spokesperson for the dredging community on all dredge management issues; and
  - c. communicate news on, and from, the dredging community (workshops, webinars, papers).
3. Be the initiator of knowledge development (technical, management, contractual, regulatory) to:
  - a. identify issues within the sector, and/or react to questions from it, that require better understanding;
  - b. initiate and stimulate innovations and new concepts to allow for faster acceptance of proposed projects / solutions;
  - c. identify and anticipate future trends and issues, and provide well-founded explanatory information papers.

### **Understanding Dredging**

It is anticipated that there will be some overlap with the activities of the CEC. Where possible this will be exploited to ensure maximum benefits to both Commissions, and the Chairs will work closely together to manage the process.

### **Potential topics**

There are a range of topics that will be within the DMC's scope. These will include (but are not limited to):

- Dredging strategies for ports, (inland) waterways, coastal and flood protection;
- Minimum and maximum depth to dredge;
- Estimation of dredge volumes;
- Survey and control methods;
- Contracting strategies per project type;
- Physical and environmental characterisations
- Disposal areas;
- Cost build up;
- Stakeholder interactions;
- Legislation development;
- Development dredging techniques.

### **Members**

The members of the Commission will represent all relevant segments/stakeholders within the dredging community including:

- Project owners and initiators (public and private) such as governments, ports, waterway authorities, project developers;
- Regulators (public);
- Consultants;
- Contractors;
- Research institutes and universities;
- Equipment manufacturers; and
- Lawyers.

Every effort will be made to ensure there is a balance with regards to the sectors as well as geographical origin.

### **Recruitment**

The Commission will be made up of 10-15 members, of which 2 will be Board members and 1 is also member of the CEC. Main judging criteria for accepting members for the Commission will be based on: enthusiasm, commitment to availability, knowledge, standing in the community, sector, and geographical origin (in no particular order).

Where necessary, Commission members will liaise with other kindred associations such as PIANC, IADC, and IAPH.

**Administration**

The Commission will meet 2-3 times per year for 1 one-day, pending specific topics, planned activities, such as Dredging Days and WODCONS, and CEC meetings. Meeting locations will rotate with regards to sector and region. The Commission will provide regular updates of its activities, plans, products and major milestones, for the CEDA Newsletter and LinkedIn.

**Estimated time commitments**

Commission members will be expected to commit 6 days per year. Any costs incurred in taking part in the Commission will have to be borne by the member's company/organisation.

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