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*High-level Workshop on Inland Waterways of International Importance in South America:
Current issues and potential development
(Rio de Janeiro, 19 October 2016)*

Dear colleagues:

The United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the World Association for Waterborne Transport Infrastructure (PIANC) and the National Waterway Transportation Agency (ANTAQ) of Brazil are pleased to invite you to the high level workshop on *Inland Waterways of International Importance in South America: Current issues and potential development*, to be held in Rio de Janeiro on 19 October 2016.

Organized as part of the IX PIANC/COPEDEC Conference, the workshop represents a joint effort of ECLAC, PIANC and ANTAQ to promote a regional dialogue on South American inland waterways. The event targets regional and international experts and decision makers of the South American countries and aims to offer an opportunity to share their experience and exchange their views on the challenges and potential for inland waterways development in South America.

The workshop will be structured around three main topics: inland waterways infrastructure, funding schemes for inland waterway development and policies and governance for inland waterways. Particular attention will be paid to the role that the use of inland waterways has on a more sustainable use of the region's natural resources. The preliminary agenda of the event is attached for your reference.

We strongly hope that you will be able to take part in the event and to contribute to its technical and policy discussions. Please confirm your participation to marielle.gonzalez@cepal.org by 15 September 2016, at the latest.

Do not hesitate to contact us for any questions. Looking to see you in Rio next October

Best regards,

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