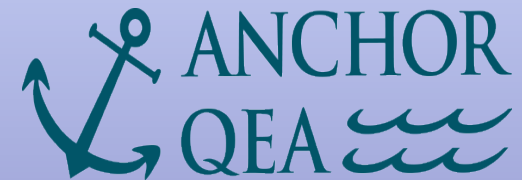


# WEDA MEXICO CHAPTER 2015 ANNUAL MEETING WELCOME REMARKS

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# WELCOME TO MEXICO CITY!



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## PORTS AND DREDGING IN MEXICO

- *117 ports and terminals!*
- *211,000 m of berths; 165,000 m of shore protection!*
- *300 million tons of cargo!*
- *\$4 billion in investment expenditure!*

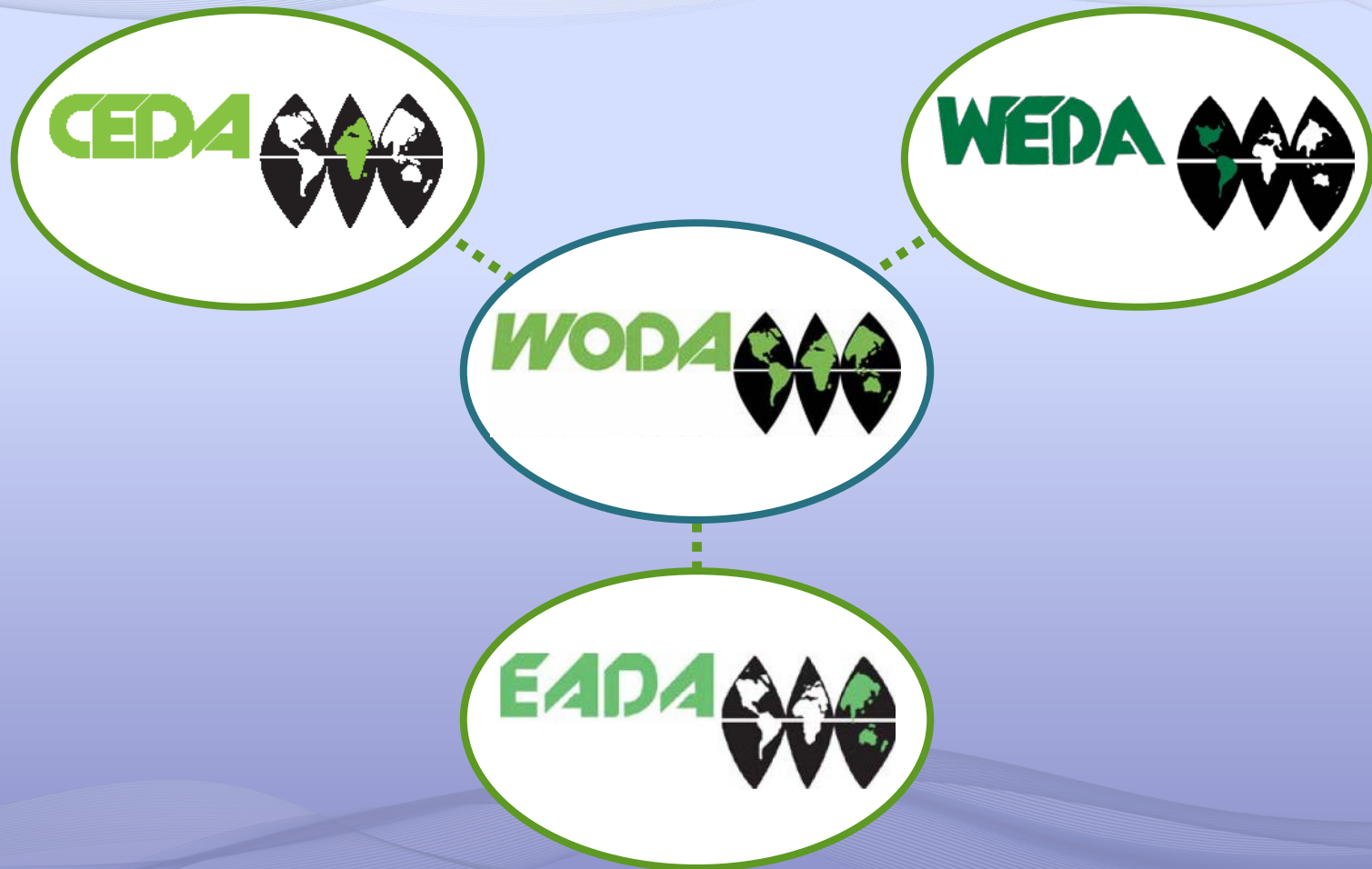


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# The Mexican Port System



# WORLD DREDGING ORGANIZATION



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## WEDA'S GOALS AND OBJECTIVES

- *Exchange knowledge* in fields related to dredging, navigation, marine engineering and construction
- *Improve communications, technology transfer, and cooperation* among associations, societies, and organizations
- Emphasize the importance of *understanding and development of solutions* for problems related to the protection and enhancement of the marine environment
- *Support educational institutions* for students interested in pursuing dredging and marine engineering as a career
- Promote membership in and furtherance of WEDA through *establishment and support of Chapters*
- *Recognize individuals and organizations* for outstanding engineering and operational achievement

## CURRENT INITIATIVES

- *Improved communication with membership*
- *Improved annual conferences*
- *Renewed technical focus*
  - *Short courses, post-conference technical tours*
  - *Invited technical sessions on major projects*
  - *Journal of Dredging*
- *Increased collaboration with OAS, NAMEPA, and USACE*
- *Focus on Central and South America*
- *Improvements on the website: [www.westerndredging.org](http://www.westerndredging.org)*

## FUTURE PRIORITIES

- *Planning for WODCON 2016 (Miami, Florida)*
- *Facilitating access to new business opportunities for WEDA members in Central and South America*
- *Increased focus on Canada and Mexico*
- *Continued educational outreach partnerships*
- *Selective collaboration with other organizations (e.g., OAS, NAMEPA, PIANC, ASCE), when beneficial*



**HYATT REGENCY MIAMI**



**OUTSIDE EXHIBITORS HALL**



**LOBBY**



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## WORLD FAMOUS MIAMI BEACH

**WODCON XXI**

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# HAVE A WONDERFUL CONFERENCE!

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