

OUTSTANDING WOMAN IN THE MARITIME AND PORT SECTORS 2021

FIFTH EDITION

Maritime Award of the Americas 2021

*"Integral Port Management for the
Socioeconomic Development of the Americas."*



OAS | More rights
for more people



CIP | Inter-American
Committee on Ports



North American Marine Environment Protection Association
NAMEPA



SLOM
Sociedad Latinoamericana de
Operadores de Terminales
Marítimo Petroleros y Monoboyas

dim
Comisión Interamericana de Mujeres



AUGUST 2021

2021 Maritime Award of the Americas

The 2021 Maritime Award of the Americas includes the category Outstanding Woman in the Maritime and Port Sectors 2021, organized by the CIP Secretariat S/CIP, in collaboration with Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) of the Organization of American States.

Now in its' 5th edition, the Award recognizes a female port and maritime professional who demonstrated dedication, leadership and innovation, empowering other women through significant achievements, as well as professional contributions for the development of the maritime and port sectors of the Americas.

MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARIAT

Jorge Duran

Chief of the Secretariat
Inter-American Committee on Ports



The CIP / OAS Maritime Award of the Americas, now in its seventh edition, was designed to recognize successful practices in various aspects of port activity carried out by public or private institutions. Over the years the categories have been mutating to reflect current affairs. Additionally, the CIP grants a special Award with the sole purpose of recognizing the trajectory of women in the port sector. In this regard, we allow ourselves to extend our most sincere congratulations to the winners of the Maritime Award of the Americas 2021.

Mona Swoboda

Program Manager
Inter-American Committee on Ports



The strategies that promote integral port management, including automation and technological transformation, port-city integration, and disaster risk management to facilitate the continuity of operations, among other aspects, are fundamental for a modern and competitive port sector. In the same way, recognizing and integrating with greater impact the fundamental role that women play in port development contributes significantly to the efficiency of the industry. In this context, it is an honor to congratulate our winners of the Maritime Award of the Americas 2021 for their leadership, dedication, and invaluable contributions to the port and maritime sector of the Americas.

INDEX

04

OUTSTANDING WOMAN

Captain Ana
Laura López
Bautista



08

HONORARY MENTION

M. Eng. Mariela
Gutarra Ramos



OUTSTANDING WOMAN IN THE MARITIME AND PORT SECTORS 2021

Captain, Ana Laura López Bautista **General Coordinator of Ports and Merchant Marine -** **Secretary of the Navy, Mexico**



"The position I represent involves promoting the development of Mexican ports, as well as planning to encourage the country's Merchant Marine."



CAPTAIN ANA LAURA LÓPEZ BAUTISTA

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) is pleased to announce Captain Ana Laura Lopez Bautista, General Coordinator of Ports and Merchant Marine of the Secretary of the Navy of Mexico as the Outstanding Woman in the Maritime and Port Sectors 2021. Her leadership and dedication throughout her professional life have distinguished her as an exemplary woman devoted to promote the competitiveness and development of both ports and the merchant navy.

She began her training as a Technician in Navigation and Fishing, graduating from the Center for Technological Studies of the Sea as the only woman of her generation.



She has served on board ships and as a Marine Weather Router for the General Directorate of Ports and Merchant Marine.

In 2018 she obtained the International Master's Degree in Maritime and Port Administration from the Business School of the Canary Islands-Official Chamber of Commerce, Industry, Services and Navigation of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Spain.



On the other hand, her role as head of the Captaincies of the Port of Isla Mujeres, Quintana Roo; Puerto Escondido, Oaxaca and Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, gave her the opportunity to experience the activities developed within port communities, acting as the executing authority of the maritime navigation and trade law.

Moreover, she was entrusted with the task of transferring the powers of control and administration of the country's ports from the Secretariat of Communications and Transportation (SCT) to the Secretariat of the Navy (SEMAR for its acronyms in Spanish) in order to combat corruption and smuggling of drugs and other chemical precursors in the country's 102 ports and 15 out-of-port terminals.

"Since December 2020, she serves as Head of the General Coordination of Ports and Merchant Marine, attached since June 2021 to the Secretariat of the Navy of Mexico"

In this sense, the transfer implied the inter-secretarial transfer of four administrative units, in addition to the Mexican Trust for Training and Education of Merchant Marine Personnel of (FIDENA for its acronyms in Spanish), its human resources (710 people), materials and finances; the modification of six regulations; more than 50 work meetings; as well as the necessary actions to continue the daily operations of the country's ports and merchant marine under a pandemic scenario due to SARS-CoV-2.



After several months, thanks to Captain Ana Laura's management and determination, the transition was concluded in an orderly, methodical manner and with a broad disposition of the parties, thus complying with the presidential commitment that opens the way to a new stage in the Mexico's port operations.

As part of the objectives of her leadership is to continue promoting the equitable participation of women in the maritime sector through programs that facilitate their inclusion and promote gender equality from their formation.

Even though, there has been significant progress in the objectives set for the new course for the maritime and port administration where consensus with various national and international entities stand out, she now focuses on the development of public policies aimed at seeking the well-being of people.

The modifications that are formulated to the current legal framework will unequivocally seek to strengthen efficiency, security, and protection in Mexican ports, vessels and coastlines, contributing to the region's port sector.



Honorary Mention

M. Eng. Mariela Gutarra Ramos

Head of the Information Technology Office of the
National Port Authority - APN, Peru



For her outstanding work promoting digital transformation in the port of Callao, through the implementation of the Document Management Model - Zero Papers, with digital signatures and interoperability (PIDE); virtual roundtables with government entities; diagnosis and strategic guidelines development for port community systems; interoperability with the DPW Appointment System; automated license authorization management system with BPM and interoperability with VUCE.0, among others, which led to the systematization of various projects to benefit the technological development of the National Port System in Peru.



**This publication has been prepared by the Secretariat of the
Inter-American Committee on Ports of the OAS**

CIP Secretariat

Jorge Duran, Chief of the CIP Secretariat
Mona Swoboda, Program Manager
Montserrat Ambriz, Program
Coordinator
Paola Beltrán, Project Coordinator
Sabina Malnis, Project Coordinator

Editor

Secretaría de la Comisión
Interamericana de Puertos

**Assistant Editor and
Graphic Design**

Virginia Natalia del Campo
Sánchez