

New collaboration between the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) and Empresa Multimodal S.A.S. from Colombia and Panama

The CIP Secretariat and Empresa Multimodal S.A.S. successfully delivered the online course on *Port Planning* through the Virtual Platform of the National Port Authority (APN) of Peru in September 2022, where 32 port personnel from the hemisphere benefited. As a result, and in order to strengthen and increase training activities for the benefit of port authorities in the region, both institutions have formalized this collaborative and productive relationship through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in April 2023.

The purpose of the foregoing is to join efforts to promote the integral development of the ports of the Americas and to lay the legal foundations for the joint implementation of training activities, including virtual events, online learning courses and studies on topics relevant to the port community.

The Managing Partner of Empresa Multimodal, Carlos José Gonzalez España, said: "We are convinced that joining efforts in favor of training and generating soft skills with knowledge and practice will allow us, with projects like this one, to strengthen the port logistics community and its relationship with good practices and success stories".

For his part, Jorge Durán, Chief of the CIP Secretariat, said: "In addition to thanking Multimodal for the support and trust that they have placed in the CIP Secretariat, it is the collaborative spirit and generosity that characterizes our relationship with them and all for the benefit of our members. Beyond continuing with courses and virtual events, we are contemplating creating synergies with other organizations such as Red MAMLa (Women of Maritime Authorities in Latin America), always seeking to offer concrete benefits and raise awareness on relevant issues. We are very fortunate to have their support."

It is only thanks to donor partners and cooperative relationships such as this one with Multimodal that the plans for the remainder of this year and 2024 will incorporate a vision that is not only greater, but better integrated for the benefit of the CIP community.