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## Secretariat of OAS Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) Celebrates a Decade of its Maritime Award of the Americas by Recognizing the 2024 Winners

The Secretariat of Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) promotes the development of competitive, secure, sustainable, and inclusive ports with efficient operations that have a low impact on the environment and bring prosperity to the societies in which they operate. Since its launch in 2014, the CIP Maritime Award of the Americas is organized by the CIP Secretariat, in collaboration with strategic partners such as the Latin American Society of Marine Oil Terminal Operators and Single-Buoy Mooring (SLOM), the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA), the OAS Department of Sustainable Development (DSD), and the OAS Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM).

The CIP Maritime Award of the Americas is open to National Port Authorities, both public and private ports, terminals, port operators, and maritime organizations from the 35 Member States of the OAS-CIP and recognizes outstanding contributions and successful practices in the maritime and port sectors of the Hemisphere that demonstrate excellence, innovation, leadership, sustainability, and replicability. In this 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition of the Award under the theme “*A Decade of Recognizing Outstanding Port Management*”, the Jury Committee received 20 applications of the highest caliber from across Latin America and the Caribbean. In all cases, the applicants demonstrated great commitment to excellence in their operations, promoting integral port development in their countries and region.

After an exceptionally competitive process, the winning entries of the CIP Maritime Award showcased outstanding indicators together with clearly accomplished objectives in the following five (5) categories:

Technological Transformation: **Petrobras Transporte S.A. – Transpetro – Brazil** is recognized for successful practices that are technology driven and bolster secure, transparent, and competitive operations, as well as promote time and resource optimization, among other benefits.

Cybersecurity in Ports and Terminals: **Portonave S.A. Terminais Portuários de Navegantes – Brazil** is recognized for successful practices that enhance cybersecurity capacities and facilitate the detection, response, recovery, and general protection against cyberattacks.

Green Port Operations and Sustainable Management: **Compañía de Puertos Asociados S.A. (COMPAS) – Colombia**, is recognized for successful practices in sustainable port management that help reduce harmful environmental impacts and transform operations in an environmentally friendly manner.

Empowerment and Equality: **APM Terminals Moín, Limón – Costa Rica**, is recognized for successful practices that promote the participation and visibility of women through the formulation and implementation of strategic actions and/or policies of inclusion, diversity, and equality.

Port Security and Risk Management: **Kingston Wharves Limited – Jamaica**, is recognized for successful practices that demonstrate excellence and efficiency in mitigating physical threats and managing risks in an integral manner to promote business continuity.



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Additionally, the CIP Maritime Award of the Americas recognized the *2024 Outstanding Woman in the Port and Maritime Sector* Valrie Campbell, Chief Operating Officer, Kingston Wharves Limited, Jamaica, for her leadership and dedication through significant achievements as well as professional contributions to the development of the maritime-port sector in Jamaica and the region.

Valrie Campbell in 2016 became the first woman to lead operations at a terminal in Jamaica and her trajectory reflects a remarkable rise, having started as a receptionist and telephone operator at the terminal. In addition to her role at the terminal, Valrie Campbell serves as the Chief Port Security Officer, demonstrating her ability to break through the glass ceiling and break gender barriers in a male-dominated field.

All awardees will receive international recognition throughout the Western Hemisphere via various communication and media channels, including the publication on [www.portalcip.org](http://www.portalcip.org), and will be honored during the *V Hemispheric Seminar on Port Legislation* to be held in Guatemala, November 6 – 8, 2024.

The CIP Secretariat wishes to thank all the institutions that participated in this edition of the Award for their important commitment to the port sector in the region and extend their most heartfelt congratulations to the winners for their outstanding accomplishments.

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About:

The OAS Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) is the only permanent inter-governmental forum that brings together the National Port Authorities of the 35 OAS Member Countries and leaders of the maritime-port industry to promote the development of a secure, competitive, sustainable, and inclusive sector in the Americas. The CIP works under four mandates and six priority areas, constantly monitoring the gaps in a continuously changing maritime and port sector to bring concrete results to regional matters and challenges. CIP Mandates are: Policy dialogue; Capacity building; Technical assistance; and Cooperation with the private sector. The CIP's six priority areas are: Logistics, Innovation, and Competitiveness; Port Protection and Security; Sustainable Port Management and Environmental Protection; Public Policy, Legislation and Regulation; Waterways, Inland and Cruise Ports; Port-City Relation, Social Responsibility and Gender Equality.

