





## The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Institute of Higher Education in Diplomatic and Consular Training (INESDYC) Sign a Memorandum of Understanding to Promote Regional Port Cooperation

**WASHINGTON, D.C.** – The General Secretariat of the Organization of American States (OAS) through the Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI), with the technical assistance of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP), and the Institute of Higher Education in Diplomatic and Consular Training (INESDYC), formalized a strategic Alliance through the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in June 2025. This marks a milestone in collaboration for the Development and efficiency of the port sector in Latin America.

This agreement lays the foundation for a close collaboration between both organizations, enabling the implementation of joint initiatives and the exchange of knowledge and best practices in key areas for the strengthening of human and institutional capacities to support the development of Latin American ports.

This strategic alliance with INESDYC is essential to our mission of strengthening port cooperation in the Americas in terms of high-level training for specialized human resources," said Jorge Durán, Chief of the CIP Secretariat. "We firmly believe that combining our strengths will help drive a more efficient port development for the benefit of all Member States"

As for, José Rafael Espaillat, Ambassador-Dean, stated that "INESDYC continues to build bridges with the most influential regional organizations, and this alliance with the CIP-OAS reaffirms our commitment to quality in higher education that is, at the same time, relevant and connected to the most important topics on hemispheric development."

The signing of this MoU underscores the commitment of both the CIP-OAS INESDYC to strengthening the port sector in Latin America as a key driver of socioeconomic development. It is expected that this collaboration will generate tangible results and benefits for the Latin American port community.

About the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP): The Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) is an intergovernmental forum of the Organization of American States (OAS) that brings together port authorities from Member States to strengthen cooperation and promote the development of the port sector in the Americas.

About the Institute of Higher Education in Diplomatic and Consular Training (INESDYC): INESDYC is the academic body of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Government of the Dominican Republic, responsible for comprehensively training, updating, and specializing, through teaching, research, and outreach, the personnel of the Foreign Service, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and other related institutions, in order to contribute effectively to the goals and objectives of the Dominican Republic's foreign policy.