

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) is pleased to share the electronic bulletin "CIP Highlights".



Save the Date!
14th Regular CIP Meeting

June 16-18, 2026

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), in collaboration with Barbados Port Inc. in its capacity as CIP Executive Board (CECIP), have the honor of inviting you to the 14th Regular Meeting to be held from June 16 - 18, 2026 in Bridgetown, Barbados.

The presence of the Secretary General of the Organization of American States (OAS), Alberto Ramdin, underscores the high-level importance of this meeting.

The Meeting is of critical strategic importance for the future of the CIP, as key decisions that will guide our work over the next three years will be made. In this context, your active participation is of utmost importance, as the outcomes of this meeting will directly shape regional port development.

With the main topic "The Scope of Artificial Intelligence: Reshaping Strategies for Safe and Secure Ports", this Meeting will convene National Port Authorities of OAS Member States, international organizations, private sector and civil society.

Industry decision-makers and change makers will tackle challenges and discuss trends, policy with best practices and technical solutions, to achieve a successful digitalization of port processes.

For more information, please contact Montserrat Ambriz of the CIP Secretariat at mambriz@oas.org



Call for Entries: CIP Maritime Award of the Americas 2026

Deadline: March 4, 2026

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), is pleased to announce the Call for Entries for the 12th Edition of the CIP Maritime Award of the Americas “Recognizing Outstanding Port Management in the Americas”.

The Award will honor winning entries from CIP National Port Authorities, public and private ports/terminals, and/or companies and organizations of the port sector from any of the [CIP-OAS Member States](#), for their positive contribution to port sector modernization in the Americas, in the following **categories**:

- [Green Initiatives in Ports/Terminals](#)
- [Digital Transformation](#)
- [Port Security and Risk Management](#)

Importantly, the Award will also recognize the 2026 Outstanding Woman in the

Maritime and Port Sectors for her demonstrated leadership and empowerment of other women in the port sector of the Americas.

To download the award guidelines and application forms, please use the following links.

[Award guidelines](#)

[Application Form - 2026 Maritime Award of the Americas](#)

[Application Form - 2026 Outstanding Woman](#)

Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Mona Swoboda at mswoboda@oas.org



**Revised and Relunched CIP Model Emergency Operations Plan (MEOP)
for Caribbean Ports**

Deadline: April 13,2026

The North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA), the United States Coast Guard (USCG), and the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), invite students in grades K-12 to participate in the annual calendar art contest for the 2027 calendar.

The theme for this year's contest is "From Policy to Practice: Powering Maritime Excellence" reflecting the International Maritime Organization's World Maritime Day themes for both 2026 and 2027. This theme highlights the importance of turning global maritime policies and regulations into real-world actions that improve safety, efficiency, innovation, and environmental protection across the maritime industry.

Submissions will be accepted from students across the Americas (North America, Central America, South America, and the Caribbean). Students living outside the Americas are welcome to apply, provided they have one or more parents on active duty with the U. S. Coast Guard.

For more information, please click [here](#).



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**CIP - CSA Joint Project "Improved Disaster Risk Management for
Caribbean Ports - Phase 2"**

Building on the long-standing partnership established through the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA), the joint project “Improved Disaster Risk Management for Caribbean Ports – Phase 2” aims to strengthen port resilience and disaster preparedness across the Caribbean region.

This joint phase combines institutional expertise, regional networks, and a shared commitment to building a more resilient port-maritime community.

Key Components:

1. Development of a Regional Disaster Risk Management (DRM) Framework
2. Regional Training Workshops and Tabletop Exercises (TTX)

Expected Outcomes:

- Enhanced disaster preparedness and response capabilities among Caribbean ports;
- Strengthened regional coordination and collaborative DRM practices;
- Expanded collaboration between CIP, CSA, and key port and disaster management entities.

For more information on this Project, please click [here](#).



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Get to Know the CIP Portal!

-TAG on Sustainable Port Management and Environmental Protection-

The CIP Portal is your gateway to the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) — a comprehensive online platform designed to connect the port community, share knowledge, and promote collaboration across the Americas. Through the portal, users can access exclusive resources, publications, event information, and updates that support the sustainable and innovative development of the port sector.

This time, the Secretariat would like to highlight the page of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on **Sustainable Port Management and Environmental Protection** a space that brings together practical resources to support ports in advancing sustainability and environmental performance across the Americas.

Among the key materials available are the Updated [Guide to Environmental Certification and Sustainability Reporting for Ports of the Americas](#), an [information bulletin](#) containing articles of interest throughout the hemisphere, and a [comprehensive compilation of port sustainability best practices](#) from across the hemisphere. These resources offer valuable guidance for ports seeking to

strengthen environmental management, enhance transparency, and align operations with international sustainability standards.

Discover, learn, and stay connected through the CIP Portal — and stay tuned for more notes as we continue to explore all the valuable tools and features this platform has to offer!

INFOPORT

Infoport Joins the CIP as its Newest Associate Member

The CIP Secretariat is pleased to welcome Infoport as its newest Associate Member.

Infoport is a Spanish technology company specializing in digital solutions to improve competitiveness in the port and logistics sector.

With this incorporation into the CIP, Infoport reaffirms its commitment to acting as a technological and strategic partner for Latin American ports, contributing to the construction of a more integrated and collaborative port-logistics chain that is better prepared for the challenges of global trade.

For more information on Infoport, please click [here](#)



CIP Secretariat joins forces to support OAS Roadmap for Haiti

The [OAS Roadmap for Haiti](#) focuses on five key pillars: Security Stabilization, Humanitarian Response, Political Consensus, Electoral Legitimacy, and Sustainable Development.

At the core of this vision is Security Stabilization, which is seen as the essential first step toward long-term recovery. Recognizing the strategic importance of ports to both national security and economic resilience, OAS Secretary General Albert Ramdin has convened several OAS bodies, including the CIP Secretariat, to support efforts related to Maritime and Port Security in Haiti. In this context, the CIP Secretariat will provide guidance as needed and assist in coordinating efforts in line with the OAS Roadmap for Haiti to bolster Port Security in Haiti.

A fact sheet on the Roadmap is available [here](#).

Join us!

To receive information on collaboration opportunities, please click [here](#) or communicate directly with the CIP Secretariat.

