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14th Regular Meeting of the CIP

*The Scope of Artificial Intelligence:
Reshaping Strategies for Sustainable and Secure Ports*

June 16-18, 2026 | Bridgetown, Barbados

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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 Chair

of the CIP Executive Board (CECIP), have the honor of inviting you to the 14th Regular CIP 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), Amb. Albert 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 is of the utmost importance, as the outcomes of this meeting will directly shape regional priorities.

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

Industry decision-and-change makers will tackle challenges and discuss trends, blending 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 mwsoboda@oas.org



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

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), is pleased to to share the **revised and relunched CIP Model Emergency Operations Plan (MEOP) for Caribbean Ports**, developed within the framework of the CIP project "Improved Disaster Risk Management for Ports in the Caribbean – Phase 1", implemented 2021 - 2024.

Originally launched in 2021 with financial contributions from the Governments of Italy and the United States, the MEOP development was led by the CIP Secretariat and prepared by a team of experts from Shoreline Hudson, a CIP Associate Member, in consultation with the Caribbean Disaster Emergency Management Agency (CDEMA), the Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA), the OAS Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) Risk Management Division, the Port Management Association of the Caribbean (PMAC), and the United States Coast Guard (USCG).

For the Plan update, the CIP Secretariat invited stakeholders to provide their feedback.

Following a comprehensive review, the OAS SEDI Risk Management Division, Shoreline Hudson, and the USCG International Port Security Program (IPSP) shared valuable comments and recommendations, which have been incorporated in the now updated Plan.

The revised MEOP provides a robust framework that can be adapted to the unique operational and risk management needs of each Port, and focuses on:

- Ensuring the safety of human life;
- Minimizing damage caused by disasters or emergencies;
- Enabling rapid resumption of operations;
- Establishing clear procedures and lines of authority for decision-making during crises; and
- Protecting vital business information from cyber threats.

Please note that, while most updates to the Plan were minor, Annex K: Cybersecurity now includes more substantial edits.

To access the revised MEOP, please click [here](#)



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Get to Know the CIP Portal!

-TAG on Public Policy, Legislation and Regulation-

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 **Public Policy, Legislation and Regulation** a space that brings together essential resources to support informed decision-making and effective port governance across the Americas.

Highlights include the [Comparative Study on Maritime Port Concession Management Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean](#), which analyzes, compares, and proposes improvements to port concession models in ten countries in the region. You'll also find the [Port Reform Toolkit](#), an enhanced set of practical tools designed to help policymakers and industry professionals navigate port reform and modernization processes. Explore these and other valuable resources to strengthen regulatory frameworks and advance port development.

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!



Guatemala's National Port Commission (CPN) Celebrates First Anniversary as Designated Authority of the National Port System

Guatemala's National Port Commission (CPN) proudly marks the first anniversary of its designation as the Authority of the National Port System.

Over the past year, the Commission has played a key role in strengthening institutional coordination, promoting efficiency, and advancing strategic planning across the country's port sector. This milestone reflects Guatemala's commitment to modern, competitive, and sustainable ports that support trade, economic growth, and regional connectivity.

As it enters its second year in this important role, the National Port Commission reaffirms its dedication to transparent governance, continuous improvement, and collaboration with public and private stakeholders to further enhance the performance of the national port system.

To watch the commemorative video, please click [here](#)

Join us!

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

