

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 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.

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



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**4th Hemispheric Seminar on
Port-City Relation, Social
Responsibility, and Gender
Equality**

November 13 & 14, 2025
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The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), is pleased to inform about the 4th Hemispheric Seminar on Port-City Relations, Social Responsibility, and Gender Equality, co-organized with the Latin American and Caribbean Economic System (SELA), and the Network of Women in Maritime Authorities of Latin America (Red MAMLa), which will be held virtually on November 13 and 14, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. (Caracas, Venezuela time),

Over the course of two days, the seminar will address key topics such as port-city integration, social responsibility toward seafarers, social innovation, port environmental management, human capital development, and gender equality. This space seeks to promote the exchange of experiences and best practices, as well as to strengthen strategic and institutional partnerships that reinforce the relationship between ports and their surrounding communities, in line with the hemispheric mandates of the OAS-CIP on sustainability, inclusion, and port resilience.

To register for this event, please use the following link:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_1LkLRXLFQzyi07qddV1uNQ

For more information, please contact Sabina Malnis from the CIP Secretariat, smalnis@oas.org



FEATURING:



MTCC CARIBBEAN
Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre



INVESTING IN THE FUTURE: TECHNICAL AND FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS FOR PORT DECARBONIZATION IN THE CARIBBEAN

Thursday, November 20, 2025
12:00 PM Washington D.C.

Agenda:

- 12:00 – 12:10 - Opening Remarks: Jorge Durán, Chief of the Secretariat, CIP-OAS
- 12:10 – 12:15 - Introduction: Mona Swoboda, Program Manager, CIP-OAS
- 12:15 – 12:30 - Suzette Balkaran, Energy Efficiency Advisor, MTCC Caribbean, Trinidad and Tobago
- 12:35 – 12:50 - Michael Wardwell, AVP for Marine Operations, Tropical Shipping
- 12:55 – 13:10 - Dwayne Squires, Portfolio Manager (Ag), Economic Infrastructure Division, CDB
- 13:10 – 13:20 - Q&A Session
- 13:20 – 13:30 - Closing Remarks: CIP Secretariat



Webinar on Investing in the Future: Technical and Financial Instruments for Port Decarbonization in the Caribbean

November 20, 2025

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) is pleased to invite you to the Webinar in English "Investing in the Future: Technical and Financial Instruments for Port Decarbonization in the Caribbean", on Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 12:00 pm Washington, D.C.

This webinar will address the key challenges Caribbean ports face in decarbonizing and adapting to climate change. Featuring the Maritime Technology Cooperation Centre for the Caribbean (MTCC-Caribbean), Tropical Shipping, and the Caribbean Development Bank (CDB), the event will examine measures from the IMO and discuss the region's urgent need to modernize port infrastructure in the face of rising climate risks, limited access to financing, and increasing international regulatory pressures. Experts will examine strategies to unlock the capital required to support energy transition initiatives in Caribbean to

enhance the sustainability, resilience, and competitiveness of the region's port infrastructure.

To register the virtual seminar, please click [here](#). To access the agenda, please click [here](#).



Get to Know the CIP Portal!

-TAG on Logistics, Innovation and Competitiveness-

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 **Logistics, Innovation and Competitiveness**, a section packed with valuable resources to help ports stay ahead of the curve.

From the [Port Reform Toolkit](#), an enhanced toolbox for policy-makers and industry professionals to manage port reform and improvement processes effectively, to **Lessons from Global Experience on Port Community Systems (PCS)** and a **Compilation of Best Practices**, you'll find insights and tools designed to inspire smarter, more efficient, and more competitive ports.

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!



19th Port Maritime Congress

November 25-26, 2025

The CIP Secretariat is pleased to announce the 19th Port Maritime Congress to be held November 25 and 26, 2025 in Guatemala City, Guatemala.

Organized by the National Port Commission (CPN) of Guatemala with the institutional support of the CIP, this event will provide a unique platform for the exchange of best practices in logistics development in the Pacific basin.

To register for the event, please click [here](#)

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



ADMINISTRACIÓN NACIONAL DE PUERTOS
República Oriental del Uruguay

Port of Montevideo obtains recertification of the Port Environmental Review System (PERS) standard

The port of Montevideo, managed by the National Port Administration (ANP), has obtained international recertification under EcoPorts' Port Environmental Review System (PERS) standard.

This recognition, valid until 2027, consolidates the Port of Montevideo's position within the ECcoPorts network, reaffirming the ANP's institutional commitment to sustainable environmental management, transparency, and continuous improvement of its operations.

The CIP Secretariat congratulates the Port of Montevideo and the ANP on their achievement, which not only constitutes international recognition of the ANP's work but also an opportunity to generate value and reaffirm its commitment to the sustainable development of its activities.



From Trinidad and Tobago with Love

In a show of regional solidarity, PLIPDECO has sent its first humanitarian relief shipment to Jamaica following the devastating impact of Hurricane Melissa. The shipment includes essential supplies to support communities affected by the storm.

This initiative reflects Trinidad and Tobago's enduring commitment to compassion, cooperation, and unity within the Caribbean family—values highlighted by Prime Minister Kamala Persad-Bissessar, who emphasized that the nation's response to regional crises is a true reflection of its character.



CSA shares report findings on the Caribbean's logistics landscape

The “Beyond the Bottlenecks: Rebalancing Caribbean Logistics in 2026” Report, developed by Americas Market Intelligence (AMI), on behalf of the Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA), a CIP Strategic Partner, presents a forward-looking analysis of the Caribbean’s logistics landscape.

It identifies key opportunities to enhance connectivity, competitiveness, and resilience across the region, offering valuable insights to guide future strategies and investments.

You may access and download the report findings, which begin on slide 7, [here](#).



The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States, is pleased to share with you that the World Bank is conducting a global survey on cybersecurity in ports.

The survey will assess the state of cybersecurity capabilities in port authorities and port operators globally. It focuses on key areas including governance and strategy, incident protection and detection capabilities, awareness and training initiatives, incident response and recovery processes, and external engagement practices.

Importantly, the results will be published in a report discussing trends, opportunities, and challenges of cybersecurity in ports. This report will likely be available in spring 2026.

To participate in this important survey, please access the 7-minutes questionnaire here: <https://forms.office.com/r/kGF8qMWv01>

The deadline for responding to the survey is **Friday, November 14th, 2026.**

Join us!

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