

National Workshop on Tourism Security: The Role of Ports for Critical Infrastructure Protection in the Tourism Industry

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1. Political Dialogue



Strengthen Inter-American port dialogue as the **only permanent inter-governmental forum** at the highest level.

2. Capacity Building



Promote and **enhance management and technical capabilities** of port officials and personnel.

3. Technical Assistance



Assist Member States on port matters or **specific projects** upon request and in line with CIP-OAS mandates.

4. Private Sector Collaboration



Promote **win - win partnerships** with private sector to foster **strategic alliances** among relevant port stakeholders.





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Resources and Documents



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Logistics, Innovation, and Competitiveness	Port Security and Protection	Sustainable Port Management	Port Legislation, Public Policy, and Regulation	Waterways, Inland, and Cruise Ports	Port-City Relation, Social Responsibility, Gender Equality
<u>Compilation of Best Practices: Logistics, Innovation, and Competitiveness</u>	<u>Contact Data Base of Port Facility Security Officers in the Americas</u>	<u>Guide to Environmental Certification and Sustainability Reporting for Ports of the Americas</u>	<u>Essential Elements for Port Legislation</u>	<u>Information Bulletin on Waterways, Inland and Cruise Ports</u>	<u>Guide to Tackling Harassment in the Waterway Transportation Sector</u>
<u>Study on economic and competitiveness gains from the adoption of best practices in intermodal maritime and road transport in the Americas</u>	<u>Compilation of Best Practices, Handbooks, and Guidelines: Port Security and Protection</u>	<u>Compilation of Best Practices: Sustainable Port Management and Environmental Protection</u>	<u>Compilation of Best Practices, Documents, and Studies: Port Legislation, Public Policy and Regulation</u>		<u>Information Bulletin: Port-City Relation, Social Responsibility, Gender Equality</u>
<u>Comparative Study on Maritime Port Concession Management Systems in Latin America and the Caribbean</u>	<u>Risk Analysis Matrix for Port Facility Security Officers</u>	<u>Information Bulletin on Sustainable Port Management</u>			
<u>Information Bulletin: Logistics, Innovation, Competitiveness</u>	<u>CIP Model Emergency Operations Plan (MEOP) for Ports in the Caribbean</u>				

1. Why Ports Matter to Tourism Security

- Ports are gateways for both **cargo and cruise tourism** in Caribbean SIDS.
- Over **80% of global trade** in goods is handled by maritime transport (shipping & ports) by volume.
- Resilient and secure port operations **ensure a reliable supply chain** for hotels, restaurants, etc.

→ *Disruptions to port infrastructure threaten tourism continuity and visitor safety.*



Cargo operations at the Port of Bridgetown, BPI 2025

2. Multipurpose Ports: Cargo & Cruise Operations

- Many SIDS rely on **multipurpose ports**, serving cargo vessels and cruise ships simultaneously.
- Shared infrastructure increases the need for:
 - Coordinated access control, as per international standards (ISPS code)
 - Separation of cruise and cargo operations
 - Enhanced surveillance to avoid cross-sector risks



Port of Bridgetown, CDB 2021

→ *Effective management reduces congestion and improves emergency response.*

3. Cruise Tourism



Cruise vessel at the Castries Cruise Port, SLASPA 2025

- Cruise arrivals **represent millions of visitors** annually in Caribbean SIDS.
- Cruise and multipurpose ports with cruise operations require **strong security** for:
 - Passenger screening
 - Crowd management
 - Safe disembarkation and movement

→ *A secure port environment enhances destination reputation and traveler confidence.*

4. Critical Infrastructure for Disaster Risk Management



CIP-OAS & BPI Regional Table-Top Exercise, Bridgetown 2023

- Ports are **front-line infrastructure** during hurricanes and storms.
- Damage to port infrastructure can strand tourists or disrupt emergency response.
- **Climate-resilient port design and management** enhances tourism disaster safety & business continuity.
- Gender equality and social inclusion are critical.

→ *Resilient ports help maintain a safe environment for visitors in the face of a disaster.*

→ *CIP Model Emergency Operations Plan for Caribbean Ports (MEOP), available [here](#)*

5. Inter-Agency Coordination in Port & Tourism Security

- Port security relies on **cooperation** among:
 - National Port Authorities
 - Coast Guard / Port Police
 - Customs and Immigration
 - Tourism Authorities
 - Private Sector
 - Public Health, National Disaster Agencies, etc.
- Inter-agency coordination ensures:
 - **Unified** emergency and incident response
 - **Harmonized** security protocols
 - **Faster** intelligence sharing
 - **Stronger** crisis communication

→ *Joint operations strengthen overall critical infrastructure protection and resilience.*



CIP-OAS & PATT Regional Table-Top Exercise, Port of Spain 2024

6. Recommendations to Enhance the Role of Ports in Tourism Security

- Continue to strengthen ISPS compliance
- Conduct security risk assessments regularly
- Invest in climate-resilient port design and management
- Expand joint training across port and tourism agencies
- Develop and implement multi-agency emergency and incident management plans

→ Visit www.portalcip.org for Port Security resources and documents [here](#)



CIP-OAS & PAJ Regional Table-Top Exercise, Kingston 2023

7. Conclusion and Takeaways



Cruise vessels in the Port of Bridgetown, Barbados Today 2025

- ✓ Ports are **critical hubs** that help bolster Caribbean tourism
- ✓ Protecting port infrastructure **protects visitors, communities, and national economies**
- ✓ Inter-agency coordination is essential for **secure, resilient, and safe tourism.**

Thank you!

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