

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".



A graphic announcement for the 14th Regular Meeting of the CIP. It features logos for OEA OAS, BARBADOS PORT INC., and CIP. The text reads: "SAVE THE NEW DATES", "14th Regular Meeting of the CIP", "The Scope of Artificial Intelligence: Reshaping Strategies for Sustainable and Secure Ports", and "June 8-10, 2026 | Bridgetown, Barbados". The background is dark with a teal and yellow geometric design and an aerial view of a port.

New Dates!
14th Regular CIP Meeting

June 8-10, 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 8- 10, 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



PRESENTA



JAPDEVA
Junta de Administración Portuaria
y de Desarrollo Económico de la Vertiente Atlántica

**PUERTOS Y COMUNIDADES:
HACIA UNA RELACIÓN PUERTO- CIUDAD EQUILIBRADA**

16 DE ABRIL, 2026
12:00 PM – 13:30 PM Washington D.C.

Agenda:

- 12:00 – 12:10 - Apertura: Mona Swoboda, Gerente de Programas, CIP-OEA
Moderadora: Mónica Blanco, Gerente de Proyectos, CIP-OEA
- 12:15 – 12:30 - Cristyan Peralta Leonardo, Director Comercial, HIT, República Dominicana
- 12:35 – 12:50 - Sussy Wing Ching, Presidente Ejecutiva, JAPDEVA, Costa Rica
- 12:55 – 13:10 - Sesión de Preguntas y Respuestas
- 13:15 – 13:30 - Clausura: Mónica Blanco, Gerente de Proyectos, CIP-OEA



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Webinar on “Ports and Communities: Towards a Balanced Port–City Relationship”

April 16, 2026

The CIP Secretariat is pleased to invite you to the Webinar in Spanish (translation available) on "Ports and Communities: Towards a Balanced Port–City Relationship " to be held on Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 12:00 pm Washington, D.C.

This webinar will feature the participation of Haina International Terminals (HIT) from the Dominican Republic and the Atlantic Port Administration and Economic Development Board (JAPDEVA) from Costa Rica. Speakers will address how ports and cities can build a more balanced and sustainable relation that promotes economic development, community well-being, and protect the urban and coastal environment.

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

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



Port Leaders - Port Mission to Spain 2026

April 20-24, 2026

Maritime Policy Bureau and PR Ports are pleased to announce Port Leaders 2026 - Port Mission to Spain.

This program offers an immersive experience combining port innovation, sustainability, and governance, with an emphasis on operational efficiency, public-private collaboration, and international standards.

The 2026 mission will focus on Madrid, Valencia, Tarragona, and Barcelona, with meetings with authorities from Puertos del Estado, high-level networking

sessions, and technical visits to ports and innovation centers.

This route addresses the latest trends and best practices in technology, the environment, and social responsibility.

Participation in this mission includes, among other things:

- 4*/5* hotel accommodation with breakfast included
- Transfers to cities visited
- Meetings with port authorities
- Networking activities
- Training and workshops
- Technical port visits

To learn more about this program, click [here](#).



28 Iberoamerican Course on Port Management

Deadline: April 24, 2026

The CIP Secretariat and Puertos del Estado from Spain are pleased to announce the 28th Iberoamerican Course on Port Management to be held from September 28 to October 30, 2026 in Madrid, Spain.

The organizing entities will award up to a maximum of twenty-two (22) scholarships to applicants who are citizens or permanent residents of an OAS Member State, Associate Members, or Strategic Partners of the CIP and who work in the public sector.

Each applicant must submit all documents required in the call for applications to the CIP Secretariat via email to mambriz@oas.org with a copy to cip@oas.org, **no later than Friday, April 24, 2026.**

For more information on this course, please contact Montserrat Ambriz from the CIP Secretariat at mambriz@oas.org

»»» SAVE THE DATE

**V Hemispheric Conference on Waterways,
Inland and Cruise Ports**
Strengthening security and resilience

- 📅 April 28th and 29th, 2026
- 🖥️ Virtual
- 🗣️ Spanish to English simultaneous interpretation

Day 1 and Day 2 links are provided below

OAS **CIP** Inter-American
Committee on Ports

5th Hemispheric Conference on Waterways Inland and Cruise Ports

April 28-29, 2026

The CIP Secretariat is pleased to inform about the upcoming *5th Hemispheric Conference on Waterways, Inland and Cruise Ports: strengthening safety and resilience*, organized in collaboration with Argentina's National Ports and Navigation Agency (ANPYN), in its capacity as Chair of the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on the subject matter of the event.

The conference will be held virtually on the mornings of April 28 and 29, 2026, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:40 p.m. (Argentina time), and will feature simultaneous interpretation in Spanish and English.

This event will provide an international platform for public-private dialogue, bringing together decision-makers from governments, international organizations, the private sector, and civil society to share experiences and best practices in inland waterway and cruise transport, with a focus on the economic benefits of an integrated and resilient port system.

Please find below the registration links to each day of the conference. Make sure to register for each day to receive the link to each session through email.

DAY **1:**
[https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89151951434?pwd=6VxpubBe4ZAuEluOyTy7Us8C
OL5bbZ.1](https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89151951434?pwd=6VxpubBe4ZAuEluOyTy7Us8COL5bbZ.1)

DAY **2:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87320183204?pwd=ucCFJxP9dQRT0386o3RZEzwtppOpEg.1>

Should you have any questions, please contact Sabina Malnis from the CIP Secretariat at smalnis@oas.org



Winners - Maritime Award of the Americas

In this twelfth edition of the Award, under the theme “Recognizing Outstanding Port Management,” the Jury Committee received 30 top-tier nominations from eleven (11) countries in the Americas. In every case, the nominees demonstrated a strong commitment to excellence in their operations, promoting comprehensive port development in their countries and the region.

After an exceptionally competitive process, the winning practices of the Maritime Award of the Americas demonstrated outstanding indicators along with clearly met objectives in the following three categories



- **Green Initiatives in Ports/Terminals**
 - Porto de Sao Francisco do Sul was recognized for their proactive climate adaptation strategy that promotes resilience and reduces the ecological footprint of port and terminal operations through sustainable dredging. This project is the largest integrated sustainable port infrastructure and coastal restoration initiative in Brazil.
 - To read more about this winning practice, please click [here](#)



BARBADOS PORT INC.

- **Digital Transformation**
 - Barbados Port Inc. (BPI) was recognized for adopting digital technologies through its national Port Community System (PCS) to improve operational efficiency, transparency,

sustainability and operational competitiveness. BPI's PCS now serves as scalable national digital infrastructure.

- To read more about this winning practice, please click [here](#).



- **Port Security and Risk Management**

- The National Port Commission of Guatemala was recognized for enhancing physical security, improving integrated risk management, and strengthening operational continuity in the face of emerging threats.
 - To know more about this winning practice, please click [here](#).
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Winner - Outstanding Woman in the Port Sector

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) is honored to announce and congratulate the winner of the Outstanding Woman in the Maritime-Port Sector category of the 2026 Maritime Award of the Americas.

This category seeks to recognize a female port official who demonstrates dedication, leadership, and innovation, empowering other women through significant achievements. On this occasion, we extend our sincere congratulations to Michelle Scipio-Hosang, Vice President of Port & Estate Management at National Energy in Trinidad and Tobago, for her leadership, achievements, and contributions to the development of the port sector in Trinidad and Tobago and the region.

To know more about Ms. Scipio-Hosang's trajectory and impact, please click [here](#)



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35 Master Program on Port Management and Intermodal Transport

Deadline: June 15, 2026

The CIP Secretariat and the ValenciaPort Foundation are pleased to announce the 35th edition of the Master's Degree in Port Management and Intermodal Transport (MGPT), which will take place from October 15, 2026, to July 1, 2027, in Valencia, Spain.

The organizing entities will award one (1) scholarship to a port professional who is a citizen of a CIP-OAS Member State, part of a National Port Authority,

Associate Member, or Strategic Partner of the CIP, and who meets all the requirements set forth in the terms and conditions of the call for applications.

Each applicant must submit all documentation in electronic format to Montserrat Ambriz of the CIP Secretariat, at mambriz@oas.org, **no later than June 15, 2026.**

For any questions, please contact mambriz@oas.org



Facilitation Committee Approves Digitalization Strategy and Cyber Security Measures

The [Facilitation Committee](#) (FAL) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) has approved a global strategy for maritime digitalization aimed at transforming global maritime operations as well as cybersecurity measures for maritime single windows.

IMO Strategy on Maritime Digitalization

The Strategy establishes maritime digitalization as an overarching IMO policy, to be integrated into the Organization's Strategic Plan and applied across all IMO bodies and processes. This includes engagement with maritime administrations, the shipping industry and seafarers.

The goal is to improve efficiency and reduce administrative burdens by facilitating the sharing, verification and renewal of seafarer credentials, passenger identification and ship certificates

Cybersecurity for Maritime Single Windows

As digitalization increases, so do cyber threats that could cause operational, safety, or security failures. To address this, the FAL Committee approved amendments to the Annex of the Convention on Facilitation of International Maritime Traffic, 1965 ([FAL Convention](#)).

The amendments aim to protect Maritime Single Windows, which are key to streamlining procedures for arrival, stay and departure at ports, from cyber risks.

To read the article, please click [here](#)



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Get to Know the CIP Portal!

-TAG on Port-City Relation, Social Responsibility and Gender Equality-

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 **Port-City Relation, Social Responsibility and Gender Equality** a space dedicated to the human and social dimensions of port operations, focusing on the vital synergy between terminals and their host communities.

Explore a rich collection of resources, including the [12th edition of the information bulletin](#), new insights into gender diversity within the port industry through the report of the [IMO-WISTA Women in Maritime Survey](#), and a [Guide to Tackling Harassment in the Waterway Transport Sector](#). These materials offer valuable insights into how ports can act as catalysts for inclusive growth and social well-being throughout the hemisphere.

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!

Join us!

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