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**2026 CIP Magazine “The Power of Technology and AI:
Promoting Secure and Sustainable Ports”**

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), is honored to announce the launch of

the 2026 CIP Magazine "The Power of Technology and AI: Promoting Secure and Sustainable Ports".

This issue features contributions by outstanding experts from the Association of Private Port Terminals of Ecuador (ASOTEP), the Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA), Drake Marine Environmental Services, the International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH), the Latin American Society of Maritime Oil Terminal and Single Point Mooring Operators (SLOM), Maritime Policy Bureau (MPB) and the Port Authority of Jamaica (PAJ).

To read the CIP Magazine, please click [here](#).
Read previous issues on [CIP Magazine - Inter-American Committee on Ports \(CIP\)](#).

For more information, please contact Monica Blanco from the CIP Secretariat at mblanco@oas.org

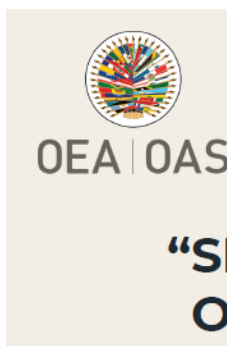


Online course "Introduction to the Maritime Transport of Dangerous Goods"

August 23 - September 3, 2026

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) is pleased to share information on the **Online course " Introduction to the Maritime Transport of Dangerous Goods "** in Spanish, organized by the Mexican Association of Shipping Agents A.C. (AMANAC), CIP Associate Member, to be held from August 25 to September 3, 2026 via Zoom.

For more information, please contact Paola Cardozo from AMANAC to coordinacionenlace@amanac.org.mx.



“SEGURIDAD E HIGIENE EN LAS OPERACIONES PORTUARIAS”

Online Course on Safety and Health in Port Operations

September 10,17,24 and October 1, 2026

The Institute for Training in Business Development in the Maritime Industry, S.C. (CEDEMAR), in collaboration with the CIP Secretariat, invites you to participate in the online course “Safety and Health in Port Operations,” a specialized training program designed for professionals in the port sector interested in strengthening

safety management, occupational health, and risk prevention at ports and maritime terminals. The course will take place on September 10, 17, and 24, and October 1, 2026, for a total duration of 10 hours, delivered virtually via the Zoom platform.

Over the course of four synchronous sessions, participants will gain knowledge of the main conventions and recommendations of the International Labor Organization (ILO) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), as well as the application of the IMDG Code for the safe handling of dangerous goods, the identification and mitigation of operational and psychosocial risks, the implementation of occupational safety and health management systems in accordance with ISO 45001, and the development of contingency plans for port operations.

The course combines lectures, case studies, practical exercises, midterm assessments, and a final project focused on developing action plans applicable to the participants' ports. Those who successfully complete the academic requirements will receive a digital certificate issued jointly by CEDEMAR and the Secretariat of the CIP/OAS.

The course fee is USD 295 per participant.

To pre-register, obtain information about the registration process, or ask any questions, interested parties can contact CEDEMAR by email at info@cedemar.com, visit www.cedemar.com, or call (+52) 99 99 01 13 25.



Winners: 2026 CIP – AAPA LATAM Port Industry Award of Excellence

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), in proud partnership with the Latin American Delegation of the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA LATAM), is pleased to share the results of the **2026 CIP – AAPA LATAM Port Industry Award of Excellence** a prestigious recognition for ports across the Americas.

Now in its fifth edition, this award continues to highlight innovation, operational excellence, and impactful collaboration within the port sector. Each submission showcased a deep commitment to improving port operations, fostering technological innovation, and building strategic partnerships.

Following a highly competitive evaluation process, we are proud to present the 2026 Award Winners:

- Technology and Innovation: **APM Terminals Lázaro Cárdenas, Mexico**
- Port Performance and Growth: **Puerto Ventanas S.A., Chile**
- Public-Private Partnerships: **DP World Posorja, Ecuador**

In addition, the *Administración Nacional de Puertos (ANP) of Uruguay*, the *Terminal Portuario de Manta TPM S.A. of Ecuador* and the *Administración del Sistema Portuario Nacional (ASIPONA) Progreso of Mexico* received Honorary Mentions. For additional details, please refer to the attached Winners' Announcement or click [here](#).



New Associate Member

The CIP Secretariat is pleased to welcome the National Federation of Port Operations (FENOP) of Brazil, who is the CIP Community's newest Associate Member.

FENOP is an organization based in Brasília, in the Federal District, whose purpose is to coordinate, defend, and represent, both in and out of court, the economic activities and interests of legal entities engaged in port operations.

This institutional approach represents a valuable opportunity to exchange

experiences and strengthen regional dialogue, contributing to the sustainable and integrated development of port activities in the Americas.

To learn more about FENOP, please click [here](#)



APEC and the SG-CIP sign a Memorandum of Understanding

The General Secretariat (GS) of the Organization of American States (OAS), with technical assistance from the CIP Secretariat and APEC - Antwerp/Flanders Port Training Center, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a framework for cooperation to enhance synergies in the implementation of programs, projects, and activities, as well as the exchange of experiences, knowledge, and best practices, with the aim of promoting the development of human capacity in the port and maritime sectors of the Americas.



TOC Americas, Cartagena, Colombia 2026

TOC Americas Cartagena 2026 will bring together the leading stakeholders from the maritime, port, and supply chain industries from 20–22 October in Cartagena, Colombia.

Under the theme "Conflict, Trade and (Dis)Connectivity... Where Is Growth?", the 2026 edition will examine the key challenges and opportunities shaping international maritime trade.. Industry leaders, port authorities, shipping lines, terminal operators, and specialists will discuss topics including supply chain resilience, infrastructure development, port-hinterland connectivity, sustainability, innovation, and the impact of geopolitical tensions.

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

CIP members will receive a 15% discount on the registration fee. To obtain the discount code, please contact Sabina Malnis from the CIP Secretariat at smalnis@oas.org

Get to Know the CIP Portal!

-Webinars-

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.

Looking to revisit an insightful discussion or catch up on a webinar you couldn't attend? The [Webinars](#) section of the **Events** tab on the [CIP Portal](#) is your one-stop resource for accessing the knowledge shared through the CIP's virtual events.

Explore a comprehensive collection of webinar recordings and presentations developed in collaboration with the CIP's National Port Authorities, Associate Members, and Strategic Partners. Covering topics ranging from port sustainability and digital transformation to security, innovation, and trade facilitation, these resources are available for online consultation and download, allowing you to learn from leading experts whenever it is most convenient.

Visit the CIP Portal and stay informed, connected, and engaged with the latest developments shaping the port sector in the hemisphere.

Closure of the Strait of Hormuz may trigger a bioinvasion super-spreader event

The CIP Secretariat would like to bring to your attention an article on the potential ecological effects of the closure of the Strait of Hormuz.

This article was written by Mario N. Tamburri · James T. Carlton · April M. H. Blakeslee · Alejandro Bortolus · João Canning Clode · Susana Carvalho · Andrew L. Chang · Ian C. Davidson · Sarah C. Donelan · Lisa A. Drake · Amy E. Fowler · Amy L. Freestone · Linsey E. Haram, Chad L. Hewitt, A. Whitman Miller, Jim R. Muirhead, Okko Outinen, Tamara B. Robinson, Gregory M. Ruiz, Christopher Scianni, Evangelina Schwindt, Carolyn K. Tepolt, Thomas W. Therriault, and Bella S. Galil, does not represent the views of the CIP, the Secretariat, or the OAS.

Below the abstract of the article

The ongoing conflicts in the Middle East are causing substantial humanitarian, economic, and geopolitical impacts and disrupting global trade. While the human and economic effects remain the focus of most immediate concern, a pending ecological crisis is also unfolding. The closure of the Strait of Hormuz on February 28, 2026, stranded an estimated 1500 ships in the Persian/Arabian Gulf, with hundreds more anchored in the Gulf of Oman. Prolonged stationary periods lead to substantial biofouling penalties for ships, as marine microbes, algae, and invertebrates rapidly colonize and grow on submerged surfaces.

A major concern is the high likelihood that these idle ships will facilitate the extensive spread of economically and ecologically damaging invasive species as they re-enter the global shipping network.

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

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