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14th Regular Meeting of the CIP

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

June 8-10, 2026 | Bridgetown, Barbados

By invitation only

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Only 7 Days Left Until the 14th CIP Regular Meeting!

The most important hemispheric gathering of the port sector is almost here. From June 8–10, 2026, Bridgetown, Barbados will welcome Ministers, National Port Authorities, international organizations, private sector leaders, and port experts from across the Americas for the 14th Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP).

Over two days, participants will engage in high-level discussions on the future of ports and the challenges and opportunities shaping the region, including:

- Sustainable and resilient port development
- Digitalization, innovation, and data sharing
- Public-private collaboration and stakeholder coordination
- Port security and risk management
- Human-Driven AI

The meeting will also provide a unique platform for networking, technical cooperation, and political dialogue among the Hemisphere's leading port stakeholders. Significantly, the Resolution of Bridgetown and its corresponding Plan of Action of the CIP will be approved making key decisions that will guide the CIP's work over the next three years.

[Register](#) today and join the conversation shaping the future of ports in the Americas.

For any questions, please contact Montserrat Ambriz from the CIP Secretariat at mambriz@oas.org



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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



Handbook on Gender Mainstreamin in the Maritime Sector

The World Maritime University (WMU) and the International Maritime Organization (IMO), both are key strategic partners of the CIP, released a new [*Handbook on Gender Mainstreaming in the Maritime Sector*](#), calling for action to address persistent gender inequality across the global maritime industry.

The publication provides practical guidance for maritime administrations, shipping companies, ports, shipyards and maritime education institutions on how to integrate gender considerations into policies, recruitment, training, workplace safety and leadership development. It includes tools tailored to maritime organizations for gender analysis, the development of gender equality action plans, and monitoring and evaluation.

The Handbook was authored by WMU Professor, Dr Momoko Kitada, recipient

of the 2026 IMO Gender Equality Award and is available here: ["Handbook on gender mainstreaming in the maritime sector"](#)



IMO Maritime Safety Committee reviews ISPS code

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) Maritime Safety Committee met for its 111th session at IMO Headquarters in London from 13-22 May 2026, to consider, among other issues, a proposal to review the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code, and how the ISPS Code could be used to address the broader security risks faced by ships and port facilities including those associated with illicit and criminal activity.

The Committee agreed to further consider proposals to strengthen the ISPS Code in response to growing maritime security risks linked to illicit trade and organized crime. Views differed on whether existing IMO guidance was sufficient, and further proposals are expected at the next session in December. For more information visit: [Maritime Safety Committee - 111th session \(MSC 111\), 13-22 May 2026](#)



Call for Entries: 2026 CIP – AAPA LATAM Port Industry Award of Excellence

Deadline: July 8, 2026

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) and the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) LATAM are pleased to announce the **2026 CIP – AAPA LATAM Port Industry Award of Excellence.**

Committed to the promotion of integrated port development, in this 5th edition of the award, the CIP Secretariat and AAPA LATAM will recognize those ports in the region that demonstrate excellence in their operations and contribute to economic and social prosperity, in the following categories:

1. Technology and innovation

2. Port performance and growth
3. Public-private partnerships

In this edition, facilitating a more streamlined and efficient application process, we are pleased to announce that, thanks to the support of AAPA LATAM, the application form can now be completed securely online through the following link: [AAPA Latin America | CIP-OAS Award 2026](#)

The application deadline is July 8, 2026.

For additional information, please consult the award guidelines [here](#)

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Get to Know the CIP Portal!

-CIP in other events-

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 a past seminar or catch up on the latest hemispheric discussions? Explore the **Events** tab on the [CIP Portal](#), with special attention to the [CIP in other events](#) section, your central hub for all hemispheric events.

Discover the conferences, forums, and regional and international events where the CIP has shared its expertise, strengthened partnerships, and promoted cooperation beyond its own hemispheric activities. Each entry provides access to event presentations and other valuable materials, available for consultation and download, allowing you to benefit from the knowledge and discussions even if you were unable to attend.

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



IPCSA launches Advanced PCS Masterclass Program

IPCSA launched a comprehensive training initiative aimed at providing participants with in-depth expertise and best practices in Port Community Systems (PCS) development, implementation, and operations.

The IPCSA Masterclass is tailored for professionals across logistics, transport, IT, finance, and port operations who are looking to strengthen their understanding of Port Community Systems and their role in enabling efficient, connected, and future-ready trade ecosystems.

Participants will gain broad knowledge of how to successfully operate and optimize a PCS while understanding the wider digital transformation landscape of ports and logistics.

The program is designed to equip professionals with the knowledge and skills required to fully understand and implement a PCS strategy that delivers measurable value to the wider port community.

For more information about the IPCSA Masterclass program, please contact

IPCSA's Secretary General [Nico De Cauwer](#) or through IPCSA's communication channels.

Join us!

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