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Seminario Regional sobre Seguridad Portuaria

Regional Seminar on Port Protection

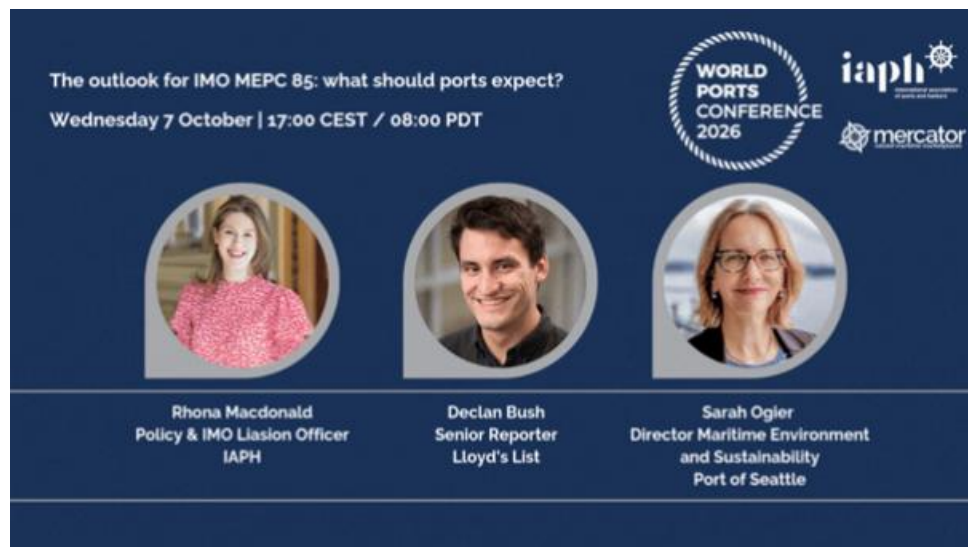
October 6, 2026

The Latin American Integration Association (ALADI) is pleased to announce its Regional Seminar on Port Security, to be held virtually from 10:00am to 12:00pm (GTM-3) on October 6.

The seminar addresses the interest of ALADI countries to promote regional dialogue on port security and its contribution to the efficiency and continuity of

logistics operations and to trade facilitation. The sessions will be organized around three main topics: (i) comprehensive risk management and prevention; (ii) physical security and access control; and (iii) prevention and combating of illicit activities in the port logistics chain.

To participate in this event, please click [here](#)



Webinar on the outlook for IMO MEPC 85: What should ports expect?

October 7, 2026

The International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) is pleased to invite you to their webinar “The Outlook for IMO MEPC 85: What Should Ports Expect?”, to be held on October 7th at 5:00 pm CEST / 11:00 am EST.

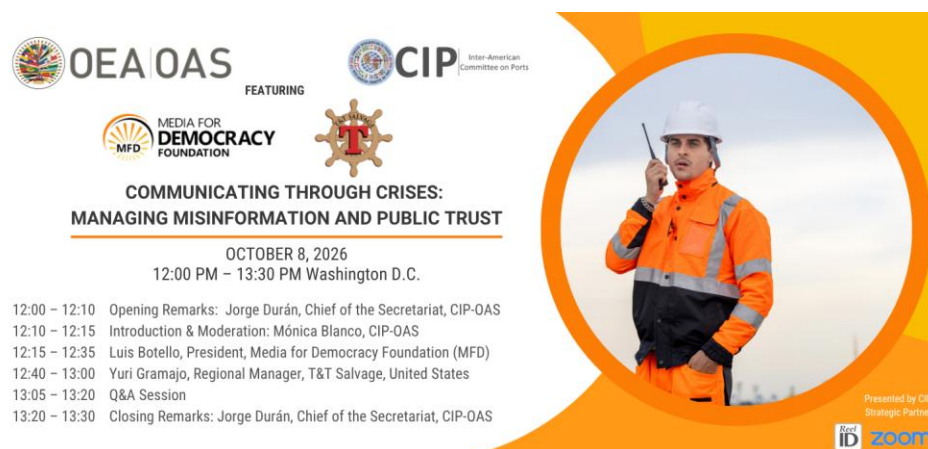
As the maritime industry awaits greater clarity on the IMO Net-Zero Framework,

the decisions leading up to MEPC 85 could have significant implications for shipping, cargo interests, and ports. For port authorities, understanding the potential outcomes is particularly important as they plan infrastructure investments, prepare for evolving compliance requirements, and navigate the transition toward lower- and zero-emission fuels.

During this webinar, experts from IAPH, Lloyd's List, and the Port of Seattle will discuss the latest developments from MEPC 84 and ISWG-GHG 22, including key areas of contention and convergence, and explore how different outcomes could affect compliance, infrastructure investment, and developing countries.

The discussion will also examine potential approaches to the GHG Fuel Intensity trajectory, compliance mechanisms, revenue management, and infrastructure funding, providing a forward-looking perspective on the road to MEPC 85.

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



The graphic features logos for OEA/OAS, CIP (Inter-American Committee on Ports), and the Media for Democracy Foundation (MFD). It includes a circular image of a port worker in an orange safety suit and white hard hat, holding a radio. The text provides details about the webinar, including the date, time, location, and a list of speakers and their roles.

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**COMMUNICATING THROUGH CRISES:
MANAGING MISINFORMATION AND PUBLIC TRUST**

OCTOBER 8, 2026
12:00 PM – 13:30 PM Washington D.C.

12:00 – 12:10 Opening Remarks: Jorge Durán, Chief of the Secretariat, CIP-OAS
12:10 – 12:15 Introduction & Moderation: Mónica Blanco, CIP-OAS
12:15 – 12:35 Luis Botello, President, Media for Democracy Foundation (MFD)
12:40 – 13:00 Yuri Gramajo, Regional Manager, T&T Salvage, United States
13:05 – 13:20 Q&A Session
13:20 – 13:30 Closing Remarks: Jorge Durán, Chief of the Secretariat, CIP-OAS

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Webinar Communicating Through Crises: Managing Misinformation and Public Trust

October 8, 2026

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) is pleased to invite you to the Webinar in English (available translation) "Communicating Through Crises: Managing Misinformation and Public Trust", on Thursday, October 8, 2026, at 12:00 pm Washington, D.C.

The webinar will feature the participation of the Media for Democracy Foundation (MFD), and T&T Salvage of the United States. The webinar will explore the critical role of strategic communication in times of crisis, with a particular focus on addressing misinformation and strengthening public trust. Through expert presentations and the exchange of practical experiences, participants will examine effective communication strategies, the importance of transparent and timely messaging, and the role of collaboration with the media and key stakeholders in supporting informed decision-making and institutional resilience.

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



22 SLOM Conference: New Energies and Technologies

October 14 - 16, 2026

SLOM is pleased to announce the 22nd SLOM Conference, *New Energies and Technologies: Challenges and Opportunities for Terminals in Transformation*, to be held October 14 to 16, 2026 in Cartagena, Colombia.

This event represents the best scenario for the exchange of knowledge and experiences in the operation of maritime oil terminals; as well as for the promotion of new technologies and the offering of specialized goods and services to the maritime, port and oil sectors of Latin America and the world.

To register to this event, please click [here](#)
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GOBIERNO DE COSTA RICA

Progress in Port Security in Costa Rica

During the International ISPS Forum, held in Puntarenas, Costa Rica, from September 9 to 11, 2026, the Ministry of Public Works and Transportation

(MOPT) presented the country's key progress in maritime and port security and the implementation of the ISPS Code. Among these, the Ministry highlighted the strengthening of governance and interagency coordination under a model that brings together government authorities, port administrations, and public and private operators to respond to risks that may affect ports, ships, people, cargo, and strategic infrastructure.

Among the key advances are the strengthening of the National Committee for Maritime and Port Protection and the promotion of the Maritime Protection Bill, aimed at consolidating the legal framework and institutional authorities. In addition, Costa Rica is moving forward with the modernization of the access points to Puerto Caldera to improve the control of people, vehicles, and goods; conducting joint audits with the Ministry of Public Security at ports on the Caribbean and Pacific coasts; and updating the security assessments and protection plans for port facilities.

Coordination with the Costa Rican Tourism Institute and cruise lines is also being strengthened to ensure safe operations during the cruise season, as is the Maritime-Port Division's quality management system to standardize procedures and improve traceability. These initiatives are part of a comprehensive vision that integrates protection, infrastructure, quality, and institutional coordination, with the goal of establishing safer, more efficient, and more competitive ports that contribute to trade, tourism, and development in Costa Rica.



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Get to Know the CIP Portal!

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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 better understand the legal and regulatory frameworks shaping the port sector? This month, we invite you to explore the [Documents](#) tab of the [CIP Portal](#), with special attention to the [Legislation](#) section.

This section brings together valuable resources to support policymakers, port authorities, and sector professionals, including the [E-Book “Compendium on Port Legislation of the Americas,”](#) which provides an overview of the diverse legal frameworks governing the port sector across CIP Member States. You can also find the [Essential Elements for Port Legislation](#), a practical guide outlining key legal provisions to promote legal certainty and facilitate private investment

and participation in the port sector through concessions, authorizations, contracts, and other mechanisms.

The section also features the [Study on the Legal Framework to Promote and Regulate the Digital Transformation of Latin American Ports](#), exploring the regulatory considerations needed to support ports as they embrace digital technologies and transform their operations.

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



International Congress of Maritime Law

November 3 - 5, 2026

The Ibero-American Institute of Maritime Law (IIDM) and the CIP Secretariat are pleased to announce the 27th International Congress of Maritime Law to be held

November 3 - 5, 2026 in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

The 27th Congress will bring together legal experts, academics, judges, and professionals from the maritime sector across Ibero-America to discuss the major issues facing the maritime industry and contemporary law. Topics in the agenda include oil spills, wreck removal, insurance, the interplay of P&I coverage, ports, decarbonization, autonomous ships, arbitration, oil & gas, fishing, waterways, and other current issues relevant to the industry's regulatory challenges.

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



IAPH World Ports Conference 2026

November 3 - 6, 2026

The International Association of Ports and Harbors (IAPH) is pleased to announce their World Ports Conference 2026 to be held in London from November 3 - 6, 2026.

This event will bring together senior port and maritime professionals from around the world for four days of high-level dialogue, strategic insights and networking.

The conference will address key issues including energy transition, port security, technological transformation, investment, competitiveness, sustainability and emerging cargo markets, with participation from port authorities, shipowners, cargo owners, investors, regulators and technology providers.

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