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**June 18 - 20, 2018**

**II Hemispheric Seminar on Corporate Social Responsibility and Gender Equality: Creating a Competitive and Inclusive Port Sector**

The Women's International Shipping and Trading Association (WISTA) will hold its 1<sup>st</sup> Regional Conference in Buenos Aires, Argentina. Speakers of international renown will discuss and exchange best practices about the progress of the maritime industry, which is experiencing significant changes and that should be appraised to find us ready to face the industry's challenges. The program covers new trends and topics including the maritime auxiliary industry and its upcoming challenges, potential Issues of the global maritime transport, and environmentally sustainable ports, among others.

Representatives of shipping companies, charterers, shipping agencies, traders, logistics operators, ship suppliers, insurance and ship brokers, among others are expected to participate in the event. The conference will also include social events, providing networking opportunities. For more information about registration and program, [click here](#).

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**June 27 - 28, 2018**

### **21st Annual General Meeting and Conference - PMAC**

The Port Management Association of the Caribbean (PMAC) will hold its 21st Annual General Meeting and 20th anniversary celebrations in Jamaica.

Already attracting interest from all 18 PMAC member-ports and PMAC Associate members across the Caribbean, the Americas and Europe, the 3-day event will include discussions about diversification of ports and logistics, cybersecurity in the maritime sector, supply chain and connectivity, digital innovation, and port productivity, among others.

The PMAC Annual General Meeting has grown in stature over the years and, in the process, has gained the interest and support of governments, port authorities, terminal operators and port managers across all four language groups of the region. For further information about the Meeting and agenda, [click here](#).

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### **July 24 – 27, 2018**

Organized by the Central American Maritime Transport Commission (COCATRAM), the Port Meeting of the Central American Isthmus (REPICA, for its acronym in Spanish) provides a forum to exchange ideas to tackle regional challenges in port management and operations. In addition, REPICA allows participants to network and learn about strategies for the implementation of modernization, innovation, and legislation plans, among others.

In this XL edition that will take place in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, the main discussion panels will address:

- Cruise Industry;
- Port Environmental Management;
- Climate Change;
- Impact of the MARPOL Agreement in the Ports;
- Emergency Management;
- Quality Management;
- Port Security and Protection;
- Port Strategy of the Dominican Republic;
- Short Sea Shipping;
- Land Transportation and its Impact on the Supply Chain; and
- Experiences in Public-Private Partnerships, and the Role of Women in the Port Industry.

- REPICA is directed to Port Managers and Administrators, Representatives of the Ministries of Transport, Port Authorities, and the private sector. For more information about REPICA, please click [here](#).



**August 1 – 3, 2018**

Recognizing the importance of a three-dimensional sustainability strategy in ports, which includes environmental, social and economic aspects, the Eleventh Regular Meeting of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) adopts the theme: Sustainable Management for Port Competitiveness. This Meeting provides a forum for high-level public-private sector dialogue to promote the development of the 4th Generation ports, faster, smarter, cleaner and more interconnected. The Meeting will convene representatives from 34

National Port Authorities of the OAS member States, as well as from international organizations, the 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 sustainable ports in the hemisphere.

Organized by the Government of Mexico, as Chair of the CIP Executive Board 2016 – 2018, the Meeting will also assess progress in the commitments made during the Tenth Regular Meeting of the CIP, and approve the Resolution of Mexico City, a new Biennial Plan of Action and its corresponding budget.

The topics addressed include:

- Sustainable management for competitive port development;
- Security and integral port management;
- Risks mitigation and business continuity in the face of disasters and emergencies;
- Modern port legislation for efficient management;
- Sustainable regional connectivity; and
- Corporate Social Responsibility and inclusive policies in the maritime and port industries.

For more information, please contact the CIP Secretariat through: [cip@oas.org](mailto:cip@oas.org)

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## **Effects of climate change on the coasts of Latin America and the Caribbean**

The Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC), the Climate Change Office (part of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fishing, Food and Environment of the Government of Spain), and the Environmental Hydraulics Institute of the University of Cantabria have developed a methodology specifically for evaluating the impacts of climate change in coastal areas of Latin America and the Caribbean, which is now available for use by the countries of the region.

The methodology and related tools are outputs of the Regional study on the effects of climate change on the coasts of Latin America and the Caribbean which can be useful evaluating impacts, suggesting adaptation measures and performing an economic analysis of their implications in coastal areas. The findings of this study can also complement the local scale analysis provided by the Economic Studies of Climate Change (RECCS), whose technical aspects are coordinated by ECLAC, to help the countries to identify the implications of climate change over their economies and citizens.

The Regional study on the effects of climate change on the coasts of Latin America and the Caribbean includes six publications: four main publications and two supporting documents. For further information about this Methodology, [click here.](#)

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