



## ***III Hemispheric Conference on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Logistics: Comprehensive Port Management for Increased Efficiency***

Hotel Hard Rock Panama - Megapolis Convention Center  
Panama City, Panama  
October 3-6, 2017

### **ABOUT**

The *III Hemispheric Conference on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Logistics: Comprehensive Port Management for Increased Efficiency* will provide an international platform for public-private dialogue on efficient and innovative port operations with a holistic vision that promotes increased competitiveness in the region.

Organized by the Panama Maritime Authority and the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), the event will focus on the key aspects of efficient logistics, multimodal transport, competitive port security operations, and environmental innovation, all in line with the development of a competitive, secure, and sustainable port sector. Decision-makers from public and private entities will present successful practices on the following topics:

- Technological Innovation for a Competitive Port Sector;
- Regional Connectivity: A Key Factor for Economic Development;
- Automation of Port Operations: Port Community Systems;
- Strategic Actions in Competitive Port Security;
- Green Ports - Competitive Ports: Successful Practices in Environmental Protection.

### **DATE & PLACE**

October 3-6, 2017  
Panama City, Panama

### **VENUE**

Hotel Hard Rock Panama  
Megapolis Convention Center,  
Centro Comercial Multicentro,  
Avenida Balboa

### **PARTICIPANTS**

Port Authorities of CIP-OAS Member States; CIP Associate Members; port managers and executives, industry experts, private sector representatives, and special guests from the port sector, academia and the public interested in the subject

### **CONFERENCE COORDINATION**

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## **ADMISSION**

The conference is free of charge. Those interested in attending must fill out the attached registration form and send it no later than September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, to the Secretariat of the CIP ([mswoboda@oas.org](mailto:mwoboda@oas.org)), cc. Department of Control and Compliance of the Panama Maritime Authority ([mpinedo@amp.gob.pa](mailto:mpinedo@amp.gob.pa)). Space is limited and notifications of registration will be sent out accordingly.

## **AGENDA**

Find the most recent version of the agenda on our website <http://portalcip.org/es/events/> or click [here](#).

## **DRESS CODE**

The dress code is business casual.

## **LANGUAGE**

The Conference will be held in Spanish with simultaneous English interpretation.

## **CURRENCY**

The currency in Panama is the Balboa and the US Dollar. Foreign currency can be exchanged at Tocumen International Airport (PTY), banks and/or exchange bureaus.

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR PANAMA**

All foreigners must carry a valid passport to enter the country. Please be advised that visa requirements may vary depending on your country of origin and could imply several administrative processes. Please plan accordingly and consult the *Panamanian Embassy* or *Consulate* in your country for further information.

## **TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS**

Travel arrangements and travel expenses must be covered by each participant individually and/or their respective governments, institutions/organizations.

## **AIRPORT**

Attendees shall arrive at Tocumen International Airport (PTY) located approximately 35 km (22 miles) from the city center. Ground transportation to the city center via taxi is approximately US \$ 50.

## **CUSTOMS**

Attendees must clear customs individually at their first point of entry.

## **HOTEL ACCOMODATION**

Please find a list of recommended hotels further below (page 3). Attendees must arrange their hotel stay individually.

## **CLIMATE**

Panama City has tropical climate. In the month of October, rainy season, temperatures range between 20° and 30° C (68° F y 86° F) with occasional rain showers.

## **LOCAL TIME**

Panama City is located in the Eastern Standard Time Zone (EST).

## **TOURISTIC INFORMATION**

For touristic and cultural information on Panama City, please visit:

<http://www.visitpanama.com/>

Hotel	Preferential Rate*
	(US\$)
<p><b>Hard Rock Hotel Panama Megapolis (VENUE)</b></p> <p>Ave. Balboa near Multicentro Panama City, Panama Tel.: +507 294-4000</p> <p><b>For reservations with preferential rate access:</b> <a href="https://aws.passkey.com/event/49175543/owner/13964321/home">https://aws.passkey.com/event/49175543/owner/13964321/home</a></p>	<p><i>US\$ 145.00 per night</i></p> <p><i>Tax and breakfast included</i></p>
<p><b>Radisson Decapolis</b></p> <p>Avenida Balboa-Multicentro Panama City, Panama Tel.: +507-380-1111</p> <p><b>For reservations with preferential rate access:</b> <a href="https://aws.passkey.com/event/49175543/owner/13964321/home">https://aws.passkey.com/event/49175543/owner/13964321/home</a></p>	<p><i>US\$ 124.00 per night</i></p> <p><i>Tax and breakfast included</i></p>
<p><b>Holiday Inn Express Panama Distrito Financiero</b></p> <p>Calle Ricardo Arango y calle 53E Detras del Santuario Nacional Obarrio Panama City, Panama Tel.: +507 3 058800</p> <p><b>For reservations <a href="#">click here</a></b></p>	<p><i>US\$ 85.00 per night</i></p> <p><i>Tax and breakfast included</i></p>

*\*Please note that these rates are estimates and subject to change and availability. The organizers cannot guarantee the indicated fare.*

## REGISTRATION FORM

### ***III Hemispheric Conference on Competitiveness, Innovation, and Logistics: Comprehensive Port Management for Increased Efficiency***

Please send this form no later than September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017, to Mona Swoboda, Project Coordinator of the CIP Secretariat, [mswoboda@oas.org](mailto:mswoboda@oas.org) cc. Meredith Pinedo, Chief of the Department of Control and Compliance, AMP, [mpindo@amp.gob.pa](mailto:mpindo@amp.gob.pa)

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**Name and last name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Institution:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact:**

**Name and last name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Date** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_