

Maritime Award of the Americas

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I. About

The port sector is vital for global socio-economic development. In Latin America and the Caribbean, about 95% of exports are mobilized through ports. Recognizing the important role of the industry in boosting competitiveness and contributing to the integral development of the Hemisphere, the Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) promotes the development of competitive, secure, sustainable, and inclusive ports with efficient operations that have a low impact on the environment and bring prosperity to the societies in which they operate.

II. Objective

The **2023 Maritime Award of the Americas** is organized by the CIP Secretariat, in collaboration with the Latin American Society of Marine Oil Terminal Operators and Single-Buoy Mooring (SLOM), the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA), and other strategic OAS entities. It recognizes successful practices in the maritime and port sectors of the Hemisphere that demonstrate excellence, innovation, leadership, sustainability, and replicability.

III. Categories

In its 9th edition, the **2023 Award** will honor winning entries for their positive contribution to the modernization of the port sector in the Americas. The Award also includes a category that recognizes women port and maritime professionals who have demonstrated dedication, leadership, and innovation and empower others in the port sector.

1. Competitive Digitalization

For successful practices that digitalize processes in a secure, transparent, and competitive manner, promoting innovative information exchange, as well as time and resource optimization, among other benefits.

2. Cybersecurity in Ports and/or Terminals

For successful practices that bolster cybersecurity capacities and facilitate the detection, response, recovery, and general protection against cyberattacks.

3. Green Port Operations and Sustainable Management

For successful practices in sustainable port management that help reduce harmful environmental impacts and transform operations in an environmentally friendly manner.

4. Empowerment and Equality

For successful practices that promote capacity building, visibility, and leadership of women through the formulation and implementation of strategic actions and/or policies of inclusion, diversity, and equality.

5. Outstanding Woman in the Maritime and Port Sectors 2023

For the leadership and dedication of an outstanding woman through significant achievements, as well as professional contributions for the development of the maritime and port sectors in the Americas. This category is open to women at all public and corporate levels working in ports and/or terminals, National Port Authorities, as well as companies and institutions related to the maritime and port sectors in any of the CIP/OAS Member States.

IV. Evaluation Criteria

The Jury Committee will consider the following evaluation criteria:

Innovation and Leadership (40 points)

Does the practice/candidate:

- Promote the use of new technologies and include strategic actions that go beyond "traditional" approaches?
- Promote the creation of strategic alliances with partners from different entities/sectors?
- Promote knowledge exchange and lessons learned?
- Include initiatives that contribute to the community?

Sustainability (30 points)

- Does the practice/candidate promote training and/or capacity building initiatives?
- Does the practice/candidate promote instruments to monitor and evaluate impact?
- Are the accomplishments presented transferable?

Efficiency (30 points)

- Has the practice/candidate accomplished specific objectives?
- Is positive impact verified through measurable indicators?
- Is efficiency implemented as a cross-cutting concept?

V. Eligibility

The **2023 Maritime Award of the Americas** is open to both public and private ports, terminals, National Port Authorities, and/or companies and institutions of the maritime and port sectors from any of the [CIP-OAS Member States](#). Candidates in the *2023 Outstanding Woman in the Maritime and Port Sectors* category must be currently employed in one of the above.

VI. Guidelines

To be considered, each application must include the application form (NOTE: the Outstanding Woman category has its own form), as well as an executive PowerPoint presentation showcasing the entry. The presentation may include indicators, images, and/or promotional material (no videos). Documentation shall not exceed 10MB and must be submitted electronically (PDF and/or PowerPoint) in English or Spanish, to Mona Swoboda, CIP Program Manager, mswoboda@oas.org cc. Mónica Blanco, CIP Project Coordinator, mblanco@oas.org no later than **March 27, 2023**. You will receive a confirmation of receipt within three (3) business days.

In addition to the aforementioned, applications for the 2023 Outstanding Woman in the Maritime and Port Sectors category must also include:

- Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 pages), including a brief description of the current position the candidate holds (must have a minimum of eight years' experience in the maritime and port sectors);
- Essay to showcase the candidate's professional contributions, her impact in her institution, and how she empowers women to take leadership (1000 words);
- Letter from the candidate's organization/institution/company in support of her nomination (1 page);
- Additional documents such as certificates, diplomas, recognitions, etc. relevant to the candidate's nomination;
- Proof that the candidate is a citizen or permanent resident of any of the [CIP-OAS Member States](#).

VII. Jury Committee

The Jury Committee is comprised of representatives from:

- Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS);
- Latin American Society of Marine Oil Terminal Operators and Single-Buoy Mooring (SLOM);
- North American Marine Environmental Protection Association (NAMEPA);
- OAS Department of Sustainable Development (DSD-OAS);
- OAS Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM-OAS).

VIII. Evaluation Process

Each entry will be evaluated through a point system using the criteria outlined under item IV. The Jury Committee will recognize those submissions as winners that, in addition to a high point scale, show measurable impact through verifiable indicators. Once the evaluation process is concluded, the winners will be notified directly. The respective National Port Authority will be copied in this communication. All winning institutions will be recognized and announced through official CIP-OAS media outlets.

IX. The Prize

The most important part is the recognition and promotion of the winning entries and their institutions throughout the Western Hemisphere. The winning entries will be published on the CIP-OAS websites, as well as disseminated internationally through various communication and media channels. Awardees will be honored during the Thirteenth Ordinary Meeting of the CIP, to be held in June 2023, in Roatán, Honduras. Here, the winners, in addition to having the excellent opportunity to network with other industry leaders, will receive:

- ✓ Award Plaque;
- ✓ Participation without cost of admission in Thirteenth Ordinary Meeting of the CIP in June 2023, in Roatán, Honduras (please note that each winner is responsible for the cost of their air fare, accommodation, and per diem expenses);
- ✓ Recognition at the Award Ceremony;

- ✓ Hemispheric-wide recognition through CIP-OAS media outlets, as well as other regional press releases;
- ✓ Publication of the winning entries in the CIP Newsletter and website;
- ✓ One full year's associate membership in the CIP-OAS at no cost (value of up to US \$ 10,000), if applicable, with access to strategic industry information and capacity building opportunities through the CIP scholarship programs, among other benefits.

X. Timetable

Application Deadline	March 27, 2023
Winners' Announcement	April 24, 2023
Award Ceremony	June 8, 2023

XI. Questions?

For questions or concerns, please contact Mona Swoboda, CIP Program Manager at mwsoboda@oas.org cc. Mónica Blanco, CIP Project Coordinator, mblanco@oas.org