

The Secretariat of the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) is pleased to share the electronic bulletin "CIP Highlights".



### Available CIP Resources

Dear CIP Community, wishing you all an excellent start to the year, and looking forward to collaborating with you in upcoming activities, please see our ambitious 2024 calendar of activities [here](#).

Also, in 2023, the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) developed the following Webinars that can be consulted on the Secretariat's portal [here](#):

- "Port Cybersecurity: A Challenge for an Efficient Logistics Chain",
- "Closing the Gap: Gender Equality for Port Competitiveness",

- "Disaster Risk Management Strategies: A Comprehensive Approach to Emergency Preparedness and Response",
- "River Connectivity: Waterways and Inland Ports",
- "Legislative Modernization to Strengthen the Port-Maritime Sector",
- "Port Community System Implementation: Part I",
- "Industry 4.0 and its Advancement in the Port Sector",
- "Port Community System Implementation: Part II",
- "Best Practices in Port Protection and Security: Challenges and Solutions",
- "2023 Economic Closing Outlook and 2024 Projections",
- "Technical Cooperation Opportunities for Port Development Projects".



**The World Maritime University (WMU) Global Ocean Institute (GOI) will host  
WMU-BUGWRIGHT2 Forum 2024**

**February 16, 2024**

The WMU-Sasakawa Global Ocean Institute (GOI) at the World Maritime University (WMU) will host the WMU-BUGWRIGHT2 Forum 2024 in Athens on 16 February 2024. This important event will serve as a culminating gathering of national and international high-level experts to deliberate upon the strengths, weaknesses, obstacles and prospects stemming from the implementation of technology and/or techniques within the maritime and oceanic realm.

Mona Swoboda from the CIP Secretariat has been invited to join the Forum as panelist on “Global North v. Global South: Bridging the Digital Divide”.

To register for the Forum online, please click [here](#).



**UNCTAD invites you to the “TrainForTrade’s Building Port Resilience Against Pandemics (BPR)” online course**

**Deadline: February 16, 2024**

UNCTAD is pleased to announce the upcoming UNCTAD TrainForTrade's Building Port Resilience Against Pandemics (BPR) online course, to be held February 19 to March 13, 2024.

The online course will be held in Spanish, English and French and will provide participants with strategic information on how to support the implementation of measures and to prepare for and alleviate contingencies related to a pandemic in a port, port terminal, and other seaport environments.

UNCTAD, a CIP strategic partner, offers this course at no cost. Please note the deadline for registration is February 16, 2024.

For more detailed information, including registration, access, and course outline, [click here](#).



**Leaping into the Future: Challenges and Consequences in Maritime Operations**

**February 29, 2024**

The North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA) organizes the event: “Leaping into the Future: Challenges and Consequences in Maritime Operations” to be held February 29th in Houston, Texas.

This event will address topics such as decarbonization and digitalization, workforce development and more of today's challenges in the port-maritime sector.

For more information regarding how to be part of this event, you can consult the association's [website](#) [here](#).



**Call for Nominees Maritime Award of the Americas**

**Deadline: March 8, 2024**

The Inter-American Commission on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS) reminds you of the opening of the call for the Maritime Award of the Americas 2024 "a decade recognizing outstanding port management".

In this anniversary edition, the CIP Secretariat, in collaboration with the North American Marine Environment Protection Association (NAMEPA), the Latin American Society of Maritime Oil Terminal and Monobuoy Operators (SLOM), the Department of Sustainable Development of the OAS (DSD), and the Inter-American Commission of Women (CIM) will recognize contributions and successful practices in the maritime-port sector of the Hemisphere that demonstrate excellence, innovation, leadership, sustainability and replicability in the following categories:

- Technological transformation
- Port Cyber Security
- Green Management and Port Sustainability
- Women Empowerment and Equality
- Port Security and Risk Management

Furthermore, the category of Outstanding Woman in the Port and Maritime Sector will be reinstated, through which the career and achievements of a woman with leadership and dedication to the maritime-port sector of the Americas will be recognized.

The deadline to apply is Friday, March 8, 2023. For more information regarding the application to the call, [click here](#). If any doubt arises, please contact Mona Swoboda, from the CIP Secretary ([mwsoboda@oas.org](mailto:mwsoboda@oas.org)).

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## **VI Hemispheric Conference on Logistics, Innovation and Competitiveness – Presentations available**

The CIP Secretariat is pleased to announce that thanks to the invaluable support of the General Coordination of Ports and Merchant Marine and ASIPONA Veracruz of SEMAR, the 6th Hemispheric Conference on Logistics, Innovation and Competitiveness was held January 17-19 in Veracruz, Mexico.

With more than 250 participants from 17 different countries, the conference provided an international platform for dialogue at the highest level as well as the exchange of best practices on innovation, maritime single windows, human factor and talent in the sector, digitalization, among other topics.

To consult and download the presentations, please click [here](#)

To watch the videos of the speakers giving their presentations, please go to the General Coordination of Ports and Merchant Marine's Facebook page, [here](#)

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



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## **Suriname Maritime Institute (SMI) Promotes Capacity Building in Maritime Transport**

The Foundation for Logistic Training (SLO) was founded on the 19th of December 2008. One of its primary goals, is to establish educational institutions for all forms of transport, of which the Suriname Maritime Institute (SMI) is the first of such institutions, catering specifically to transport in the Maritime sector.

The SMI is a secondary level school that provides courses according to the International Convention on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers (STCW) codes, A-II/3; A-II/1 and A-III/1. The A-II/3 course, Officer in charge of Navigational Watch (Near Coastal), is set out for two years and encompasses various modules spread over 6 semesters. After completion of the A-II/3, students can opt to finish their studies or apply for either the A-II/1 or the A-III/1 course.

For more information, contact Lloyd Gemerts, Assistant Manager, [lgemerts@mas.sr](mailto:lgemerts@mas.sr)

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### **CIP's 3rd Regional Table-Top Exercise for Improved Disaster Risk Management in Caribbean Ports**

The CIP Secretariat, in collaboration with the United States Coast Guard (USCG), with the financial support from the United States Department of State through the United States Permanent Mission to the OAS (USOAS), and hosted by the Port Authority of Trinidad and Tobago (PATT), will hold the 3rd Regional Table-Top Exercise for Improved Disaster Risk Management in Caribbean Ports, March 19 & 20, in Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago.

This Table-Top Exercise is part of the CIP Project “Improved Disaster Risk Management for Caribbean Ports”, implemented with the financial support from the Government of Italy and the United States, and will provide the opportunity for participants to address various simulated port emergency scenarios with emphasis on natural disasters and formulate actionable risk management strategies in a non-threatening environment.

To date, in addition to several trainings, the project in-mention has produced a Model Emergency Operations Plan (MEOP) for Caribbean ports, available in all four OAS-CIP official languages [here.](#)

For more information on the project, contact Mona Swoboda from the CIP Secretariat, [mswoboda@oas.org](mailto:mswoboda@oas.org)

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### **Incorporation of the Frigate Commander C.G DEM Enrique Ochoa to the CIP**

The CIP Secretariat is pleased to inform that, thanks to the support of the Mexican Navy Secretariat (SEMAR), the Commander of the General Corps Diplomate of the General Staff, Enrique Armando Ochoa Parra, has joined the team of the Inter-American Committee of Ports (CIP) as an advisor to the Technical Advisory Group (TAG) on Port Protection and Security of the Organization of American States (OAS).

He is a graduate of the Heroica Naval Military School with a bachelor's degree in Naval Sciences Engineering. He completed specialization studies at the Center for

Higher Naval Studies in Weapons Systems, Naval Command, General Staff; and the Master's Degree in Naval Administration.

The Commander belongs to the Secretariat of the Mexican Navy and has served in different units and establishments of the Mexican Navy in both operational and administrative functions, in addition to the Traffic Control and Maritime Protection and Port Protection Sections of the Naval Port Protection Units, this being his last assignment.

For more information regarding the Commander, consult the CIP secretariat website [here](#).



**Natalia Pérez joins the CIP as a new intern**

The CIP Secretariat is pleased to welcome Natalia Miranda Pérez Nava as she joins the team as part of the internship program of the Organization of American States (OAS).

Natalia has a bachelor degree on International Relations by the Universidad Iberoamericana, and has worked at the Research Center for Peace Mexico (CIPMEX) where she has focused on the development of informative capsules and articles for various media outlets. Previously, she has been a research assistant at the Department of International Studies of the Universidad Iberoamericana and a research intern at the Berta Cáceres Socio-Environmental Justice Legal Clinic.

To know more about Natalia, please click [here](#)

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

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