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## SEMINAR ON PORT PROTECTION AND SECURITY

December 2 - 3, 2013

Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

### NEWSLETTER

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1. **Background:** Port protection encompasses securing port operations and services as well as port facilities as described by the amendment to the International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) Convention and the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code. The ISPS Code is a comprehensive set of measures developed to enhance the security of ships and port facilities in response to perceived threats to ships and ports. Because of the vast land space and water mass surrounding them, ports are vulnerable to threats that could affect their security, physically and economically. The main driver for port security management is to ensure strict and ongoing compliance with protection standards for ports, facilities and supply chains by, for example, mitigating risks, improving security and increasing their efficiency while seeking to implement these standards in a cost-effective way.

The main objective of the seminar is to focus on the critical areas of port security management. Some of these areas are:

- i. Understanding the International Ship and Port Facility Security (ISPS) Code;
  - ii. Maritime Freight Security;
  - iii. Review of the Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea;
  - iv. Threats to Maritime Security;
  - v. How to conduct a Port Facility Security survey and assessment
2. **Objectives:** The objectives of the seminar are:
    - i. To equip participants with the knowledge, skills and techniques necessary to deal with various port security challenges;
    - ii. To enable participants to understand the importance of port security as a means of protecting not just port facilities but as an issue of national security;
    - iii. To understand and implement the ISPS code;
    - iv. To be able to recognize the characteristics and behavioral patterns of persons who pose a threat to port security;
    - v. To understand key topics of the Convention on the Safety of Life at Sea;
    - vi. To identify and understand the threats to maritime security and how to mitigate them.
  3. **Name of the Activity:** Seminar on Port Protection and Security.
  4. **Technical Advisory Group (TAG):** Port Protection and Security.

5. **Organizers:** Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Port Authority, the Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), Inter-American Committee against Terrorism (CICTE) of the OAS and supported by the United States Coast Guard (USCG).
6. **Dates, City and Venue:** The seminar will take place from December 2 –3, 2013 in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines at the Sunset Shores Beach Hotel (Address: Villa, P. O. Box 849, Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Telephone: (784) 458-4411, Fax: (784) 457-4800, E-mail: [sunshore@vincysurf.com](mailto:sunshore@vincysurf.com); Website: [www.sunsetshores.com](http://www.sunsetshores.com))
7. **Language:** English
8. **Participants:** Participants shall be senior and middle managers of port companies, government officials responsible for port security, and/or senior staff of companies and organizations of port communities from Caribbean countries. Participants must also have two years of experience in the port sector
9. **Admission and Registration:** Interested applicants must complete the attached registration form and send it by e-mail or fax to the CIP/OAS Secretariat, with a copy to the National Coordinator (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines). The SVGPA will register local participants while the CIP/OAS will register international participants. Registration is required due to limited space. International participants must cover their own expenses (airfare and lodging).
10. **Preliminary Program:** To be determined in the following days
11. **Hotel:** We suggest that international participants stay at the following hotel where the seminar will be held:

<b>Sunset Shores Beach Hotel</b> Villa, P.O. Box 849 St. Vincent and the Grenadines Tel: (784) 458-4111 Fax : (784) 457-4800 E-mail: <a href="mailto:sunshore@vincysurf.com">sunshore@vincysurf.com</a> Website: <a href="http://www.sunsetshores.com">www.sunsetshores.com</a>	Single Rate:  USD \$ 100.00 Plus Tax 25%	Double Rate:  USD \$125.00 TBD Plus Tax 25%
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Please make reservations directly with the hotel by completing the attached hotel reservation form and sending it to the indicated recipient with a copy to [cip@oas.org](mailto:cip@oas.org), [bgomez@oas.org](mailto:bgomez@oas.org) and [ctappinjohn@svgpa.com](mailto:ctappinjohn@svgpa.com)

12. **Entry Requirements:** International participants must have a passport with no less than six months validity upon entry to Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. Please contact the Consulate or Embassy of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in your jurisdiction for visa requirements.
13. **Authorities of the Seminar:**  
*For the Government of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:*  

<b>Godfrey Pompey</b> Permanent Secretary	<b>Bishen M. John</b> Port Manager
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## **REGISTRATION FORM**

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**(To be completed by all participants)**

Country:	
First and Last Name:	
Title:	
Institution:	
Address:	
Telephone:	
Fax:	
E-mail:	
Companion (s):	
Emergency contact (Name, Tel and e-mail):	

Please, send this form to the CIP/OAS Secretariat via fax: (1-202) 458-3517 and/or e-mail to [cip@oas.org](mailto:cip@oas.org), [bgomez@oas.org](mailto:bgomez@oas.org) and [ctappinjohn@svgpa.com](mailto:ctappinjohn@svgpa.com)



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## **HOTEL RESERVATION AND FLIGHT INFORMATION**

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#### **PERSONAL AND HOTEL INFORMATION**

<b>Name:</b>			
<b>Address:</b>			
<b>City:</b>		<b>Country:</b>	
<b>Telephone:</b>		<b>Fax:</b>	
<b>E-mail:</b>			
<b>Credit Card:</b>			
<b>No.:</b>		<b>Expiration Date:</b>	
<b>Name of the Credit Card Holder:</b>			

#### **HOTEL**

<b>Hotel</b>	<b>Type of Room (single/double)</b>	<b>Arrival Date</b>	<b>Departure Date</b>
Hilton Sunset Shores Beach Hotel			

#### **FLIGHTS**

<b>Arrival Date</b>	<b>Airline</b>	<b>Flight Number</b>	<b>Departing From</b>	<b>Destination</b>
<b>Departure Date</b>	<b>Airline</b>	<b>Flight Number</b>	<b>Departing From</b>	<b>Destination</b>

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