



## Enhancing Border Security: New Initiatives to Improve Control

Border security is a critical concern for nations across the Americas, impacting everything from national security to economic prosperity. The Organization of American States (OAS) recognizes that effective border security requires a comprehensive, multidimensional approach that addresses vulnerabilities across various sectors. From aviation and maritime security to cargo screening and supply chain integrity, each aspect plays a crucial role in creating a robust defense against terrorism, smuggling, and other illicit activities. By strengthening these interconnected areas, through targeted programs in aviation, maritime, cargo, supply chain, and crowded spaces security, the OAS helps member states build a more secure hemisphere. This comprehensive approach is implemented by the Secretariat for Multidimensional Security through the Inter-American Committee Against Terrorism (CICTE).

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## 1 Bolstering Aviation Security Across the Americas

The Aviation Security program strengthens OAS Member States' capacity to identify, prevent, and mitigate threats to civil aviation and comply with standards and recommended practices set out by the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) with respect to safeguarding international civil aviation and its facilities against acts of unlawful interference.

### OUR MISSION

To prevent terrorist and criminal groups from disrupting civil aviation operations.

### WHAT WE OFFER

- We offer specialized security courses and workshops, for example in countering Aviation Security Ecosystem Threats (CASET), Insider Threats, Access Control or Cargo Security.
- These programs span national, subregional, and hemispheric levels, ensuring a robust defense against aviation threats across the Americas.

## 3 Strengthening Cargo and Container Security Across the Hemisphere

The comprehensive approach of the Cargo and Container Security Program strengthens border security capacities of OAS Member States, focusing on training of authorities responsible for securing and inspecting commercial cargo at marine, air, and land-based ports of entry. We promote cooperation between Customs, Border Police, and other agencies.

### OUR MISSION

To support risk assessment and management for secure cross-border goods flow, enhance safe working procedures, strengthen national capacities to address security threats, and combat smuggling and trafficking of illicit goods.

## 2 Securing the Seas: Enhancing Maritime and Port Security

The Maritime and Port Security Program bolsters OAS member states' security capabilities from national regulatory levels to operational port management. Through innovative activities, workshops, and conferences, we address a wide range of maritime protection issues with support from highly qualified international experts. Our team collaborates with government partners, specific agencies, and international organizations to meet regional needs.

### OUR MISSION

Strengthen member states' capacity to secure their maritime domain, supply chain, transportation infrastructure, and personnel.

### WHAT WE OFFER

- Develop national and regional maritime security strategies.
- Conduct port assessments and follow-up training.
- Host seminars on best practices, including risk assessment, mitigation initiatives, and promoting gender equality in the sector.

### WHAT WE OFFER

- Conduct technical analysis and assessment visits.
- Optimize security and inspection procedures at ports of entry.
- Facilitate dialogue through high-level meetings and conferences.
- Deliver targeted training courses and technical assistance.
- Train-the-trainer approach for the development of a regional roster of experts.
- Specialized Publications.

## 4 Championing Supply Chain Security Through AEO Programs

The CICTE Supply Chain Security Program focuses on the Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) initiative, a globally recognized best practice in risk management and trade facilitation. This public-private partnership benefits both companies and governments by enhancing security standards while streamlining trade processes. By certifying trade operators who meet rigorous security standards, governments can better allocate resources to high-risk shipments, bolstering overall supply chain integrity across the Americas.

### OUR MISSION

To strengthen member states' supply chain security through the creation, update, and promotion of national AEO programs.

### WHAT WE OFFER

- Conduct evaluation visits and stakeholder meetings.
- Provide technical recommendations and establish monitoring processes.
- Promote AEO benefits through private sector engagement workshops.
- Facilitate interagency coordination and Mutual Recognition Agreements.

## 5 Enhancing Security for Crowded Spaces and Major Events

The Crowded Spaces Security program provides OAS member states with a methodology to protect crowded spaces and vulnerable targets, including major events and tourism sites. We combine information sharing, national networks, and inclusive capacity building to help develop integrated security plans. We work with law enforcement and private sector partners to enhance prevention, detection, and response capabilities for incidents at major events and tourist destinations.

### OUR MISSION

Enhance member states' ability to implement non-invasive security policies and improve coordinated stakeholder responses in protecting crowded spaces.


### WHAT WE OFFER

- Sub-regional training on how to develop integrated security plans for major sporting events and tourism destinations.
- Country needs assessments for major sporting events and tourism security plans.
- Security protocol and action plan implementation training for countries planning for a major sporting event.
- Hemispheric workshops to share lessons learned and recommendations.
- Exchange of information and resources through a Network of National Focal Points.





## COUNTRIES WHERE WE HAVE WORKED

-  Antigua and Barbuda
-  Argentina
-  Barbados
-  Belize
-  Bolivia
-  Brazil
-  Canada
-  Chile
-  Colombia
-  Costa Rica
-  Dominica
-  Dominican Republic
-  Ecuador
-  El Salvador
-  Grenada
-  Guatemala
-  Honduras
-  Jamaica
-  Panama
-  Paraguay
-  Peru
-  Saint Kitts and Nevis
-  Saint Lucia
-  Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
-  Suriname
-  The Bahamas
-  Trinidad and Tobago
-  United States
-  Uruguay

## OUR IMPACT

**560 officers** trained in 13 countries on vessel inspection and cargo and container inspection.

**750 officials** and other stakeholders trained in key aspects of maritime and port security.

**4** National Tourism Security Strategy finalized, approved and adopted in Chile, Jamaica, Costa Rica and Ecuador.

**2500** public and private sector officials trained on supply chain security.

**6000** public and private sector officials trained on the protection of vulnerable targets and crowded spaces.



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