CICTE PROGRAM:
MARITIME AND PORT SECURITY

Description

The Maritime and Port Security Program seeks to strengthen the security-related capabilities of OAS member states, according to their needs and vulnerabilities, from a national and regulatory/legislative perspective to port and operational levels.

This initiative is carried out through a combination of innovative national, sub-regional and regional activities, developing, and conducting workshops and conferences containing a wide range of maritime protection issues, with the support of a highly qualified international technical body, to address fundamental issues in the maritime domain.

The OAS/CICTE has extensive experience addressing the Maritime and Port Security needs in the region by working with government partners in general, as well as with specific Member States law enforcement agencies. Furthermore, close ties with other international and regional organizations, such as International Maritime Organization (IMO), Regional Security System (RSS), U.S. Coast Guard (USCG), Transport Canada, U.K Department of Transport, CARICOM IMPACS, UN agencies, National Maritime Intelligence-Integration Office (NMIO) and the OAS Inter-American Port Commission, among others, to enhance expertise and multidisciplinary approaches to identify and combat threats to maritime and port security in the Americas.

The OAS/CICTE network of National Points of Contact, with dedicated officer appointed in each Member States, ensures direct and expedite coordination with national governments, who facilitates logistics and provide valuable insights to tailor and organize all capacity building efforts.

Goals

> Strengthen the capacity of member states to secure their maritime domain, their supply chain, means of maritime transportation infrastructure, system, process, and people.

→ Advise Member States authorities on the development of plans and policies related to maritime and port security, including those related to inter-agency coordination, crisis management and capacity-building.

→ Increase awareness of potential cybersecurity threats in ports and the maritime domain, through education and training.

→ Ensure that Member States are conducting practices and drills, to test, maintain and improve maritime protection capabilities, in accordance with the general guidelines of the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS) and other international standards.

→ Advise on maritime security and response capacities at the regional, national and/or local level.

→ Promote the exchange of information, best practices, lessons learned and gender equality awareness among authorities, stakeholders and countries.

Beneficiary countries

Antigua and Barbuda

Jamaica

Barbados

Mexico

Belize

Panama

Chile

Peru

Colombia

Saint Kitts and Nevis

Costa Rica

Saint Lucia

Dominica

Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

Grenada

The Bahamas

Guatemala

Uruguay

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Activities

→ Facilitation of the development on national and regional maritime security strategies.

→ Port security needs assessments and follow-on training in key ports.

» Strengthening ports, national and regional frameworks for improved information-sharing and coordination.

→ Seminars and workshops to promote best practices in the key aspects of maritime and port security, including risk assessment methodology, identification of risk mitigation initiatives, and the empowerment of women and gender equality in the maritime and port sectors.

Results

+41 workshops and seminars to promote dialogue around maritime and port security

+750 Officials and stakeholders trained in key aspects of maritime and port security

+100 Authorities and Organization participating in the strengthening of port frameworks and networks

3 publications Maritime Cybersecurity, Women in Maritime and Port Security, Verification and Compliance Manual for Port Security Officers

Strategic partners

Government of Canada

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