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The AAPA and CIP Secretariat announce the winners of the AAPA-CIP Port Industry Award of Excellence 2021

The American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) and the Secretariat of Inter-American Committee on Ports (S/CIP) of the Organization of American States (OAS), recognize the importance of a competitive port industry for the economic and social development in the region. Committed to promoting integrated port development, they partnered to recognize ports in the Americas that demonstrate excellence in their operations and contribute to the economic and social prosperity of the societies in which they operate by launching the AAPA-CIP Port Industry Award of Excellence.

The AAPA-CIP Award is open to both public and private ports, terminals, and port operators from the 35 sovereign nations of the Americas. In this first edition of the joint Award, the organizing institutions received over 26 nominations of the highest level from six (6) countries in North America, Latin America, and the Caribbean. In all cases, the nominees demonstrated great commitment to excellence in their operations, advancing the economic conditions of their communities and economies, and promoting strategic alliances with key stakeholders in their countries. After a highly competitive process, the winning entries of the AAPA-CIP Award showcased outstanding indicators together with clearly accomplished objectives in their respective categories:



Technology and Innovation: Kingston Wharves Limited, Jamaica, was recognized for integrating technology and innovative processes into their operations to boost efficiency, increasing competitiveness, and improving the quality of their services.



Port Infrastructure Development: Compañía de Puertos Asociados S.A. – COMPAS, Colombia, was recognized for expanding their physical port infrastructure with concrete and measurable positive (local) economic impacts.



Public-Private Partnerships: Terminal Internacional del Sur S.A. Peru, was recognized for promoting public-private strategic alliances with stakeholders from different entities or sectors for sustainable and efficient port development.



COVID-19 Pandemic Response: Santos Port Authority, Brazil, was recognized for effectively implementing international and national safety protocols for the wellbeing of their workers, executing additional innovative procedures to prevent contagion while maintaining competitive operations.

Awardees will not only receive recognition throughout the Western Hemisphere through various communication and media channels, including the publication on AAPA and CIP-OAS websites, but will also be honored during the 29th Latin American Congress of Ports, in Cartagena, Colombia, November 29, 30 and December 1, 2021.

The CIP Secretariat and AAPA wish to thank all the institutions that have participated in this edition of the Award for their important commitment to the port sector in the region and congratulate the winners for their outstanding accomplishments.

