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**Presentation by the Director of COCATRAM on the “Central American Commission on Maritime Transport – COCATRAM”**

**WHAT IS COCATRAM?**

- A specialised Organisation that is part of the institutionality of the Central American Integration System (SICA).
- Has a permanent nature, its own Board and headquarters in Managua, Nicaragua.
- Responds to the guidelines and policies of the Council of Ministers Responsible for Transport in Central America (COMITRAN).
- The Technical Secretariat of COMITRAN is the Permanent Secretariat of the General Treaty on Central American Integration (SIECA).

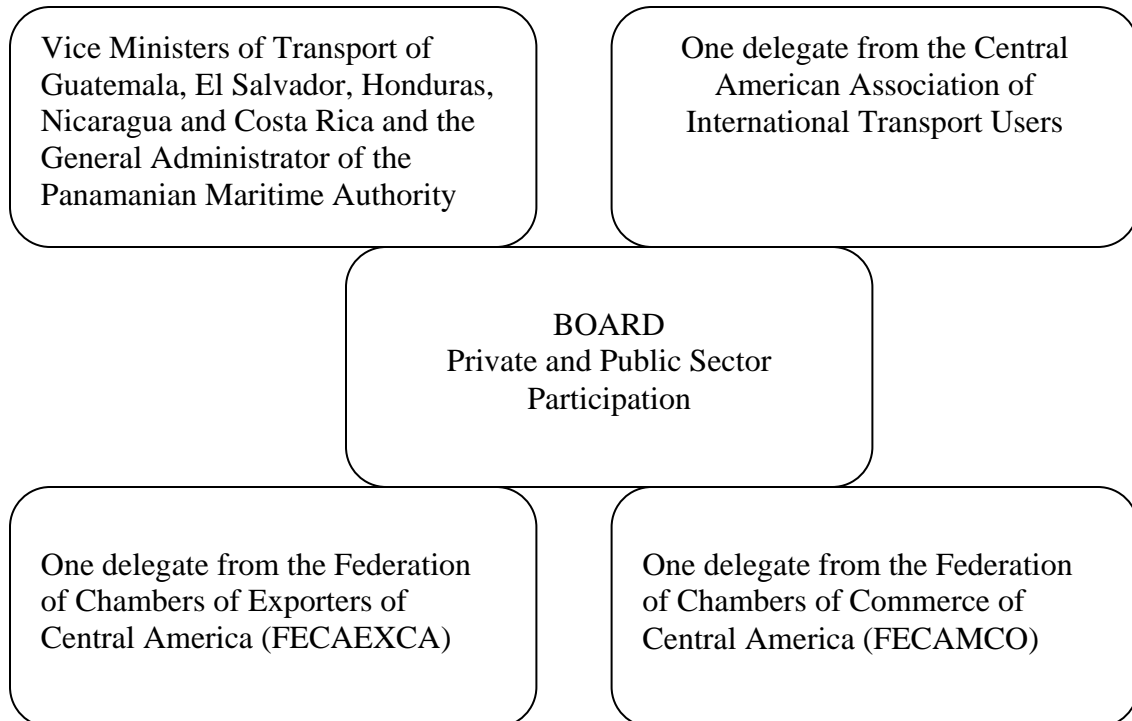
**PURPOSE AND OBJECTIVE**

- Handles matters related to the maritime and port development of Central America.
- Advises the COMITRAN and the member Governments, regarding the adoption of policies and decisions for the harmonious development of the sector.
- In that way, it seeks to satisfy the foreign trade needs of countries in terms of quality, economics and efficiency of maritime transport and port services
- Represents the interests of the region with extra-regional interests and organisations.

**Legally, COCATRAM is based on Resolution REMITRAN V-3-87, which establishes its composition and functioning.**

## WHAT DOES IT DO?

- Advises, promotes, facilitates, acts as a liaison
- Manages resources and trains: The actors involved in maritime transport, Ministries of Transport, Maritime Authorities, Port Companies, Users and Providers of International Transport Services.
- Identifies the needs of the sector through assessments, studies, research



## CONTRIBUTIONS OF MEMBER COUNTRIES

### Resolution 5-80 (ROMRIECA XXIII)

Financing for the Commission may come from the application of a port tax charged to the vessels that move cargo at the ports of the countries belonging to the Central American Isthmus, equivalent to five United States cents (US\$ 0.05) per metric tonne mobilised, with the exception of oil and banana, or from the application of financing mechanisms determined by each government.

## PROJECTS

- Central American Regional Maritime Port Strategy and Plans of action. (Own funds /IMO support).
- Environmental Protection and Maritime Transport Pollution Control in the Gulf of Honduras. (GEF-BIF, US\$4.8 million / Non-monetary contributions amounting to US\$ 2.4 million)
- Mesoamerica: Short Distance Maritime Transport in Central America (TMCD) (IDB-AMP, US\$ 1million).
- Maritime Routes of the Greater Caribbean (Phase 3) (ACS/COCATRAM – US\$ 20,000.00)
- FOMCRECE: Creation of a fund to facilitate scholarships for marine training (US\$ 5 million).

## **PROJECTS**

IMO: Training programme for ROGRAM-CA (US\$ 350,000.00)

## **INITIATIVES**

- Technical support: National Contingency Plans and OPRC Agreement. (Own Funds)
- Promotion of the initiative on Safe Cargo in Central American Ports. (Own Funds).
- Publications: Summary of Statistics, Information bulletins, among others. (Own Funds).
- Nautical Charts. (Own Funds).
- Central American Maritime Port Training Programme (Horizontal co-operation funds– membership).

## **PERMANENT FORUMS**

### Repica

- Port Meeting of the Central American Isthmus

### ROGRAM-CA

- Operational Regional Co-operation Network of Maritime Authorities in Central America

### Training

- Central American Maritime Port Training Network

## REMARPOR

- Network of Central American Port Statistics

## Navigation Assistance (Initiative in progress)

- Central American Committee on Navigation Assistance

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

### IMO

- COCATRAM is the focal point for technical coordination for the region and for the actions and programmes of the International Maritime Organisation

### ILO

- International Labour Organisation (PDP)

### RAC/REMPEITC-Carib

- Regional Centre for Information and Training on Marine Pollution in cases of Emergency in the Greater Caribbean Region

### CIP-OEC

- Inter-American Port Commission

### ACS

- Association of Caribbean States

### UNCTAD

- United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

## **FINANCIAL RELATIONS**

### IDB

- Inter-American Development Bank

### BCIE

- Central American Integration Bank

### WB

- World Bank

## **INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

### Valencia PORT

- Valencia Port Authority, Spain

### ECLAC

- Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean

### ATAS

- South American TRAINMAR Association

### NAVAL PREFECTURE

- Argentine Naval Prefecture

### DIRECTEMAR

- General Directorate of Maritime Territory and Merchant Marine

**THANK YOU VERY MUCH**