



CSA 56th AGM, Conference and Exhibition unveil with official Launch



Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Mark Phillips delivering the feature address

As Guyana prepares to host the Caribbean Shipping Association's (CSA) 56th Annual General Meeting, Conference and Exhibition from October 25-28, 2026, there was an unveiling ceremony on July 15th at Aiden By Best Western.

Prime Minister Brigadier (Ret'd) Hon. Mark Phillips delivered the feature address at the Launch. There were also remarks by Hon. Thandi McAllister, Parliamentary Secretary in the Ministry of Public Utilities and Aviation and Dr. Komal Singh, Chairman of the Shipping Association of Guyana (SAG). Over 450 delegates in the maritime industry from across the region are expected to attend the Conference.

Ministers briefed on preparation for CSA 56th AGM, Conference and Exhibition to be hosted in Guyana



Minister Oneidge Walrond with the SAG delegation



Minister Juan Edghill with the SAG delegation



Minister Susan Rodrigues with the SAG delegation

Executives of the Shipping Association of Guyana (SAG) have held a series of government ministerial meetings to garner assistance for the forthcoming 56th Annual General Meeting, Conference and Exhibition to be hosted in Guyana from October 25th-28th, 2026 at the Marriott Hotel. Meetings were held with Minister of Home Affairs

Hon. Oneidge Walrond, Hon. Bishop Juan Edghill, Minister of Public Works and Hon. Susan Rodrigues, Minister of Tourism, Industry and Commerce. Minister of Public Utilities and Aviation Hon. Deodat Indar was previously briefed. The event is expected to attract over 450 delegates from across the Caribbean and further afield.

SAG Supports MATPAL Marine Institute Career Forum

The Shipping Association of Guyana (SAG) joined the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport in support of MATPAL Marine Institute Career Forum held on June 19th at the National Cultural Centre Tarmac. Scores of job seekers attended the exercise where organisations in the maritime industry and other key stakeholders provided booths where officials were present to answer questions on employment opportunities. SAG Chairman Dr. Komal Singh was one of several speakers at the opening ceremony.



MATPAL cadets with SAG staff at the Career Forum

SAG Chairman addresses IMO Fifth Regional Meeting of Directors in Guyana



Dr. Komal Singh

President of the Shipping Association of Guyana, Dr. Komal Singh highlighted Guyana's growing role in driving maritime activity, not only nationally but across the Caribbean region in his address to the IMO Fifth Regional Meeting of Directors and Heads of Maritime Administrations (DIHMAR) held from June 21-26 in Guyana. He encouraged delegates to move beyond dialogue and focus on practical outcomes. Dr. Singh proposed several key areas for consideration during the meeting, including strengthening maritime domain information sharing, investing in resilient and climate-ready port infrastructure, and developing a regional emergency contingency framework.

Guyana represented at 24th Caribbean Shipping Executives Conference in Curacao

A delegation from Guyana attended the 24th Caribbean Shipping Executives Conference (CSEC) organized by the Caribbean Shipping Association (CSA) in Curacao. The Conference, from June 17-19, 2026 was hosted by Curacao Port Authority. In photo some members of the Guyana contingent at the event.



Members of the SAG contingent in Curacao



SAG Celebrates 30 Years of Service to the Shipping Industry

The Shipping Association of Guyana (SAG) celebrates 30 years of service to the local shipping industry. Established in April 1996, the SAG serves as the advocate for the entire shipping industry in Guyana and represents Ship owners, Shipping agents, Terminal Operators, Transportation and Logistic operators.

SAG Holds First Tripartite Committee Meeting



Hon. Minister Deodat Indar

The Shipping Association of Guyana held its first Tripartite meeting with the Hon. Minister Deodat Indar on the 11th of June, 2026 in the Ministers' Board room at the Ministry of Public Utilities and Aviation. It was the inaugural meeting of the reconstituted MARITIME TRIPARTITE COMMITTEE.

The Hon. Minister met with teams from the Shipping Association, the Maritime Administration Department and the Guyana Revenue Authority. Key areas of discussion included, Demurrage Charges and Free time in Guyana, Customs Port efficiency initiatives and River Pilotage Services. Chairman of the Association Dr. Komal; Singh thanked the Minister for leading the engagement and noted that "The Tripartite meeting between the Shipping Association, Maritime Authorities, and Customs is a critical step in aligning policy, operations, and service delivery and will enable the removal of trade bottlenecks, reduce shipping costs, and build trust.

Guyana Tourism Authority to assist SAG for CSA Conference

The Guyana Tourism Authority (GTA) to provide support the Shipping Association of the Guyana (SAG) for the 56th CSA Annual General Meeting, Conference and Exhibition to be held from October 25-28, 2026 at the Marriott Hotel. Mr. Andrew Astwood, Trustee and Secretary Mr. Ian D'Anjou led a delegation for talks with the GTA at its Head office at the Sophia Exhibition Complex. Deputy Director Liloutie Amanda Mangra led the GTA team.



Ms. Dernique Vieira

SAG Appoints new Admin/PR Officer

Ms. Dernique Vieira was appointed Administrative/ Public Relations Officer of the Shipping Association of Guyana with effect from 1st May, 2026.

Ms. Vieira, who is no stranger to the shipping industry also brings some administrative experience to the Association. Her recruitment satisfies the Association's plan to build capacity and improve the level of service to its members.

SAG welcomes commencement of Demerara River dredging

The Shipping Association of Guyana (SAG) is pleased to welcome the commencement of dredging works in the Demerara River, an important investment that will significantly enhance the efficiency, safety, and reliability of marine transportation in Guyana.

The deepening of the navigation channel will improve access for cargo

vessels, allowing for more efficient transit through the Demerara Harbour Bridge at both high and low tides.

This will help reduce delays, minimize vessel downtime, lower operating costs, and improve the overall movement of imports and exports.

Faster access to cargo will strengthen supply chains, improve the availability of goods, and contribute to greater efficiency across the country's logistics and trade sectors.

As Guyana continues its rapid economic expansion, investments in critical maritime infrastructure are essential to supporting increased vessel traffic and ensuring our ports remain competitive and capable of meeting future demand.

The Shipping Association of Guyana extends its sincere gratitude to His Excellency, President Dr. Mohamed Irfaan Ali, and the Government of Guyana for their continued commitment to improving the nation's maritime infrastructure.

These investments demonstrate a clear vision for modernizing Guyana's transport network, facilitating trade, and positioning the country as a leading regional logistics and maritime hub.

The Association looks forward to the successful completion of the project and remains committed to working with all stakeholders to support the continued development of Guyana's maritime sector.

