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Port Management Company

# PORT MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION OF THE CARIBBEAN 2026

29<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

## DIGITAL PROGRAMME

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# WELCOME MESSAGE FROM SILVANO TJONG- AHIN

A warm Surinamese welcome to all!

It is with great enthusiasm and respect that I congratulate the Port Management Association of the Caribbean (PMAC) on its 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting.

This event is a testament to the Association's efficiency in sharing experiences and best practices while addressing the challenges and concerns of member ports and their stakeholders. It presents a unique opportunity to engage in discussions that enhance result-based outcomes that may influence the decision-making processes of our ports and associated organizations.

Worldwide, ports are once again at the center of strategic and economic transformation. The ongoing conflict in the Middle East underscores the fragility of global supply chains and highlights the importance of resilient port systems for economic stability. At the same time, Suriname stands on the threshold of an oil-driven economic renewal, with our ports becoming gateways not just for oil-related trade, but also for broader economic diversification. Our port management organizations are challenged to position themselves to capture this momentum by investing in technology, sustainability, and regional cooperation. In this new era, ports are not just transit points—they are engines of national resilience and regional integration.

We expect that during this event, there will be lively dialogue regarding developments within the port industry. I therefore eagerly look forward to these three days of collaboration and presentations by leading experts, which will also guide advancements in Suriname within this dynamic industry.

And of course, while your business deliberations are principal, I still invite you to take any available opportunity to explore Suriname and experience the warm hospitality of our people. Have a fruitful conference and may God bless you all...

Silvano Tjong- Ahin,  
President of the Board of Directors,  
Suriname Port Management Company  
(N.V. Havenbeheer Suriname)



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# WELCOME MESSAGE FROM ANDREAS TALEA

Dear Delegates,

On behalf of the Suriname Port Management Company (N.V. Havenbeheer Suriname), I extend warmest greetings and acknowledge our privilege to host, in collaboration with local industry stakeholders, the 29<sup>th</sup> Annual General Meeting of the Port Management Association of the Caribbean (PMAC).

Facilitating the conference on the eve of our company's 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary on November 11<sup>th</sup> demonstrates our hospitality, and the value of fostering longstanding relationships and creating new ones.

With a history of 29 years, PMAC has proven its worth as a prominent source of collaboration, leadership and promotion of professionalism in the development of regional ports.

Since becoming a member on November 07<sup>th</sup>, 2010, Suriname Port Management Company is proud to be an active member of this distinguished Association. As of October 2025, we have broadened our membership obligations by hosting the PMAC Secretariat in Suriname.

Consistent with PMAC's primary mission to foster improved operational efficiency and service levels to the mutual benefit of Caribbean Ports and their stakeholders via sharing of experience, information and ideas, this Annual General Meeting provides valuable learning and collaborative opportunities regarding the latest industry developments and challenges.

Accordingly, let us inspire each other to generate innovative ideas in the pursuit of a greater future for PMAC and its membership, resulting in the uplifting of the entire region and its people.

I am confident that through our joint efforts, we will have a productive and enjoyable Annual General Meeting and encourage you, if possible, to take some time to experience our beautiful country Suriname and its wonderful people.

Andreas Talea,  
Managing Director,  
Suriname Port Management Company  
(N.V. HAVENBEHEER SURINAME)

# PMAC 29TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING LOGO

The logo of the 29th PMAC Annual General Meeting symbolizes the dawning (sunrise) of Suriname and fellow PMAC port members as progressive maritime nations where sustainability, connectivity, and economic growth converge.

The arrow represents logistics, and shipping, while the generic vessel highlights the movement of trade via maritime transport, as well as strategic focus on increased cruise traffic and development of infrastructure within ports. The color green is representative of a sustainability focus on greening initiatives, while the oil drop signifies the emerging oil and gas sector of Suriname, as a key driver of economic development and future port growth.

Together, these elements capture a balanced vision of sustainable growth, innovation, and maritime opportunity.



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# OPENING CEREMONY

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8**  
**ATTIRE: BUSINESS SUIT**  
**9:00 AM – 10:30 AM**

## INTRODUCTION

Mrs. Linda Profijt del Prado, Event Manager, Port Management Association of the Caribbean

## NATIONAL ANTHEM OF SURINAME

## MINUTE OF SILENCE

- Senator Marie-Clare Hurst, Chairman of the Board, Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority
- Mr. Ian Pinard, Port Director, Dominica Air and Sea Ports Authority

## INVOCATION

Ms. Pearl Gerding, Security Manager, N.V. Havenbeheer Suriname/Suriname Ports Management Company

## WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS

- Mr. Andreas Talea, Managing Director, N.V. Havenbeheer Suriname/Suriname Port Management Company
- Mr. Darwin Telemaque, Chairman, Port Management Association of the Caribbean

## FEATURED SPEAKERS

- Mr. Paul Watzlavick, Charge d'affaires, Washington State Department
  - Mr. Ricardo M. James, Head, Trade Policy Development, Trade Policy Unit, Economic Affairs and Regional Integration Division, Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS) Commission
- Poem: Dobru – Wan Bon (One Tree)

## KEYNOTE ADDRESS AND DECLARATION OF OPENING

The President of the Republic of Suriname, Her Excellency Mrs. Jennifer Geerlings-Simons

CARICOM Hymn

## VOTE OF THANKS

Ms. Mary-Ann Abdoelkariem, Executive Secretary, Port Management Association of the Caribbean

# AGM Agenda

**Meeting Title:**

Transitioning In an Era of Global Change

**Date:**

July 8 -10, 2026



**DAY 1 - WEDNESDAY, JULY 08**

**Dress Code:** Business Suit

| AGENDA                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | START TIME | END TIME |
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| REGISTRATION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 8:30 am    | 9:00 am  |
| OPENING CEREMONY                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 9:00 am    | 10:30 am |
| PHOTOGRAPH: PMAC MEMBERS AND SPONSORS<br>DELEGATES – PMAC Port and Associate Members, and Sponsors                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 10:30 am   | 11:00 am |
| COFFEE BREAK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 11:00 am   | 11:30 am |
| <b>FOCAL SESSION 1: DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION</b><br><u>Tabletop Exercise</u><br><b>Facilitator:</b> Gosia Uminska, Chairperson, AMC Port Digitalization <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Working Group, PMAC</li></ul> <b>Co-Facilitators:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Nico de Cauwer, Secretary General, IPCSA</li><li>Frances Yeo, CEO, ADVANTUM</li><li>Aldaberto Ponce, CEO, ForgeTrack</li><li>Tyler Kelly, CRO, ForgeTrack</li><li>Pablo Aguirre, CEO, Stowlog</li><li>Jermaine Reid, International Maritime Lawyer/Lecturer, Caribbean Maritime University</li><li>Andrew Baskin, Vice President, ShorelineHudson</li></ul> | 11:30 am   | 12:30 pm |
| LUNCH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 12:30 pm   | 1:30 pm  |
| PORT MEMBER PRESENTATIONS 1                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 1:30 pm    | 2:30 pm  |
| <b>FOCAL SESSION 2: RENEWABLE ENERGY TRANSITION</b><br><b>Panel Discussion</b><br><b>Moderator:</b> Dr. Dale Ramlakhan, Lead Regional Fuel Expert, Independent Consultant<br><b>Panelists:</b> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Ethan James, CEO, Green Energy Management Caribbean LLC</li><li>Matthew Garland, Senior Project Manager, Fortescue</li><li>Phillip Julien, Chairman, Kenesjay Green</li><li>Volker Oboda, Executive Head, Dropbox Middle East</li><li>Phillip Martin, CEO, Syntropic Power</li></ol>                                                                                                                           | 2:30 pm    | 3:30 pm  |



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| COFFEE BREAK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 3:30 pm    | 3:50 pm  |
| <b>PMAC STRATEGIC INITIATIVES</b><br><br>1.Port Digital Transformation - Gosia Uminska, Chairperson, AMC Port Digitalization Working Group<br>2. <u>Maritime Single Window - Kenlie Browne, Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority</u><br>3.Port Operations – Darnell Barrett, Chairman, AMC Port Efficiency Working Group<br>4.Risk and Resilience – Ethan James, Chairman, AMC Risk and Resilience Working Group | 3:50 pm    | 4:30 pm  |
| <b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b><br><b>Attire: <u>Semi-Formal</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 7:00 pm    | 9:00 pm  |



# AGM Agenda

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**Date:**

**July 8 -10, 2026**



**DAY 2 - THURSSDAY, JULY 09**

**Dress Code:** Business Casual

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| <b>PMAC BUSINESS MEETING: (Closed Session) - PMAC Port Members</b><br><br>1.Adoption of Agenda<br>2.Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting<br>3.Matters Arising from Minutes<br>4.Financial Statement, 2025 - 2026 / Budget, 2026 – 2027<br>5.Any Other Business<br>6.Termination of Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | 9:00 am    | 11:00 am |
| <b>ASSOCIATE MEMBERS BUSINESS MEETING: (Closed Session) – PMAC Associate Members</b><br><br>1.Adoption of Agenda<br>2.Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting<br>3.Matters Arising from Minutes<br>4.Associate Members Committee (AMC) Working Groups Reports<br>5.Any Other Business<br>6.Termination of Meeting                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 9:00 am    | 11:00 am |
| <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 11:00 am   | 11:20 am |
| <b>FOCAL SESSION 3: PORT ELECTRIFICATION AND GREEN SHORE POWER</b><br><br><b>Panel Discussion</b><br><b>Moderator:</b> T. Valerie Onu, Managing Director, Quintessence Consulting Inc.<br><b>Panelists:</b><br>1. <u>Carlos Orban, Regional Sales Manager, Caribe And Latam, Ports and Maritime Division, Americas, Cavotec</u><br>2.Ralf Nielsen, Business Development Manager, Americas, PowerCon USA<br>3.Volker Oboda Executive Head, Dropbox Middle East<br>4.Bruno Mence, CEO, Grand Port Maritime De La Martinique<br>5.Blaize Jones, Chairman, Dominica Air and Sea Ports Authority | 11:20 am   | 12:20 pm |



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| LUNCH                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 12:20 pm   | 1:20 pm  |
| PORT MEMBERS PRESENTATIONS 2                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 1:20 pm    | 2:30 pm  |
| COFFEE BREAK                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 2:30 pm    | 2:50 pm  |
| <b>STRATEGIC PARTNER PRESENTATIONS</b><br>1. Nico de Cauwer, Secretary General, International Port Community Systems Association<br>2. <u>Mona Swoboda, Program Manager, Inter-American Committee on Ports of the Organization of American States (CIP-OAS)</u><br>3. Brad Milliken, Maritime Director, Global Support and Development (GSD)<br>4. <u>Nico Suys, Manager Port Projects, Port of Antwerp-Bruges International / Suriname Port Training Institute (SPTI)</u><br>5. Valrie P. Campbell, Director, Finance, WiMAC Governing Council                                                                                                                                                                         | 2:50 pm    | 3:30 pm  |
| <b>EXECUTIVE REPORTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• PMAC Chairman's Report</li><li>• AMC Chairman's Report</li><li>• Any Other Business</li><li>• Tropical Shipping/PMAC Apprenticeship Program – Tamarah Lowe-James, Island Manager - Antigua and Barbuda, Tropical Shipping</li><li>• <u>Maritime Pilotage – John-Paul Pantin, Pilot Master, Trinidad &amp; Tobago Pilots Association</u></li><li>• New Port Construction – Alain Weekes, Operations Manager, St. Vincent and the Grenadines Port Authority</li><li>• <u>Caribbean Port Security Report – Mona Swoboda, Program Manager, CIP-OAS</u></li><li>• Announcement of Date and Venue of Next Meeting</li><li>• Termination of Meeting</li></ul> | 3:30 pm    | 4: 30 pm |
| <b>CULTURAL EXPERIENCE</b><br><b>Attire:</b> <u>Smart Casual</u>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | 7:00 pm    | 11:00 pm |

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DAY 3 - FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026

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| <b>FOCAL SESSION 4A: PORT TRANSITIONING TO MEET GLOBAL CHANGE</b><br><b>Panel Discussion</b><br><br><b>Moderator:</b> Darwin Telemaque, Chairman, PMAC / Port Manager, Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority<br><br><b>Panelists:</b><br>1. US Government Representative, Commercial Law and Diplomacy Center, Washington State Department<br>2. Caroline Vik, Chief Policy Officer, U.S. International Development Finance Corporation (Virtual attendance)<br>3. Mariana Arias, Programme Manager, European Union | 9:00 am                     | 10:00 am                   |
| <b>FOCAL SESSION 4B: PORT TRANSITIONING TO MEET GLOBAL CHANGE</b><br><b>Panel Discussion</b><br><b>Moderator:</b> Darwin Telemaque, Chairman, PMAC / Port Manager, Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority<br><br><b>Panelists:</b><br>1. T. Valerie Onu, Managing Director, Quintessence Consulting Inc.<br>2. Dr. Mohammad Rafik Nagdee, Executive Director, Caribbean Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (CCREEE)                                                                                   | 10:00 am                    | 11:00 am                   |
| <b>COFFEE BREAK</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | 11:00 am                    | 11:15 am                   |
| <b>TECHNICAL SESSION</b><br><br>Port Risk Management – Lynch Caribbean Brokers Ltd.<br>Carl Wooding, Senior Vice President, Marsh Specialty UK Marine - Cargo and Logistics<br>Charlotte van Bouwel, Risk Consulting Lead, Marsh Specialty UK Marine - Cargo and Logistics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>11:15 am</b><br>11:15 am | <b>3:00 pm</b><br>12:00 pm |

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| <b>A Regional Shipping Line – Port Conversation</b><br>Host: Darwin Telemaque, Chairman, PMAC / Port Manager, Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority<br>Participants:<br>1. Charles Gittens, President of Trade, King Ocean Services<br>2. Mark Lopez, Vice President, Tropical Shipping                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 12:00 pm                             | 12:45 pm                              |
| <b>LUNCH</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 12:45 pm                             | 1:45 pm                               |
| <b>TECHNICAL SESSION CONT'D</b><br><b>Port Security, Pablo Aguirre, CEO, Stowlog</b><br><br><b>Future-Proofing Caribbean Trade: Smart Ports, AI, Automation, and Regional Collaboration</b> - Leif Ollivierre, CEO, Naxxar Technology<br><br><b>Cruise Potential in Suriname -</b><br>Vanessa Aman, Manager Corporate Strategy and Commercial Services, Suriname Port Management Company<br>Germaine Oostwijk, Executive Director, Suriname Hospitality and Tourism Association (SHATA) | 1:45pm<br><br>2:15 pm<br><br>2:35 pm | 2:15 pm<br><br>2:35 pm<br><br>3:00 pm |
| <b>AWARDS GALA</b><br><b>Attire: <u>Formal</u></b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | 7:00 pm                              | 10:00 pm                              |





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# PANELISTS

# CARLOS ORBAN

REGIONAL SALES MANAGER FOR THE  
CARIBBEAN AND LATIN AMERICA,  
CAVOTEC



Carlos Orban is the Regional Sales Manager for the Caribbean and Latin America at Cavotec, a global leader in advanced Cable Management Systems (CMS) and shore-to-ship power technologies.

Carlos brings more than 30 years of experience across the maritime, energy, industrial, and technology sectors. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Naval and Maritime Engineering, a Master's in Engineering Systems, and an MBA.

Before joining Cavotec, Carlos spent 10 years with ABB's Projects Division, delivering major infrastructure projects throughout Latin America across the ports, mining, and oil and gas industries. Earlier in his career, he held engineering and leadership roles with ExxonMobil, Royal Dutch Shell, and Primax.

At Cavotec, Carlos works with ports, utilities, terminal operators, and governments to implement advanced Cable Management Systems and shore power solutions that enable safe, reliable, and efficient vessel electrification.

The advertisement features a background image of a ship's hull and yellow fenders at a port. In the top right corner, the logo for I:M OFFSHORE AND MARINE ENGINEERS PVT. LTD. is displayed, consisting of the letters 'I:M' in a stylized font followed by the company name. Below the logo is a square QR code. The text 'Total Berthing and Mooring Solutions to Protect Your Structures' is written in a serif font across the middle of the image. At the bottom, a white box contains the contact information: 'Email: sales@irmome.com' and 'Web: www.irmome.com'.

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An aerial photograph of a port area, showing numerous stacked shipping containers in various colors (blue, orange, white, green) and a large ship docked in the background. The image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green and yellow graphic element on the left side.

# PRESENTERS

# JOHN-PAUL PATIN

PILOT MASTER, TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO  
PILOTS' ASSOCIATION



Mr. John-Paul Patin has been a Marine Pilot by profession since 2013. He began his maritime career in 2005 and is one of the first successful candidates from our local training institution, The University of Trinidad and Tobago.

Mr. Patin served on various types of gas carriers in different ranks for BP Shipping, Stolt Tankers and Exmar Shipping from 2006 to 2012. Upon becoming a Pilot, he continued his professional development and successfully completed a Masters (Msc) in Shipping Operations from The Warsash Maritime Academy of the University of Solent, UK.

He is also a special advisor and lecturer at The University of Trinidad and Tobago, a Marine Assurance Consultant for SBM Tanker Operations, a Regional Council representative of the Caribbean for the Nautical Institute, and is a member of the Latin American Pilots Forum.

Mr. Patin was elected as a Director at Bridge Control Services Ltd in 2018 and served as the Corporate Secretary until 2020, when he was elected Chairman. He has been instrumental in guiding the organizations transformation through the COVID-19 pandemic. As Chairman he was responsible for leading the Board of Directors and focusing on strategic direction, change management, overseeing the Company's day to day business and setting high a standard of governance.

In March 2023, he was elected by the members of the Trinidad and Tobago Pilots' Association to serve as the Pilot Master. This position oversees and co-ordinates pilotage operations, ensures compliance with regulations, evaluates navigational risks, conducts pilot training, and fosters effective communication within the team and with its numerous external stakeholders.



# KENLIE C. BROWNE

IT CONSULTANT, ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA  
PORT AUTHORITY



Kenlie C. Browne is a Software Solutions Engineer with over 20 years' experience in the design, implementation and maintenance of enterprise software systems within the international trade and cross-border security sector. Over the course of his career, Mr. Browne has developed systems for a number of international, regional and local agencies to include the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), International Maritime Organisation (IMO), Customs and Excise Division, Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority.

As a consultant for the Antigua and Barbuda Port Authority, Mr. Browne is instrumental in the full digitisation of the organisation's processes through the implementation of the IMO Maritime Single Window (MSW), Terminal Operating System (TOS) and other port solutions in realisation of PMAC's digitisation goals.

The advertisement has a dark blue background. At the top center is the DP World logo, which consists of a stylized 'D' and 'W' in red and green, followed by the text 'DP WORLD' in white. Below the logo is the slogan 'WE MAKE TRADE FLOW TO CHANGE WHAT'S POSSIBLE FOR EVERYONE' in large, bold, white capital letters. Underneath the slogan is a paragraph of white text: 'We integrate best-in-class facilities, multi-modal transport solutions, digital solutions, and market access capabilities into seamless end-to-end supply chains to move your cargo faster, smarter, and more sustainably.' At the bottom, there are two white-bordered boxes. The left box is titled 'FREIGHT FORWARDING' and contains the text 'Seamless cargo movement across global networks.' The right box is titled 'PORTS &amp; TERMINALS' and contains the text 'Intermodal Facilities. International Reach.' Below these boxes are two images: on the left, a night scene of a highway with light trails from cars and trucks, and on the right, an aerial view of a busy port with many colorful shipping containers and cranes. In the bottom left corner of the advertisement, there is a small white text link: 'Learn more: dpworld.com'.

# MONA SWOBODA

PROGRAM MANAGER, CIP/OAS



Mona Swoboda, M.A., is Program Manager at the Organization of American States (OAS) Inter-American Committee on Ports (CIP), where she manages port development programs and technical assistance projects across 34 Member Countries, most recently in Barbados, Belize, as well as CARICOM, including on trade facilitation, digitalization, and disaster risk management. Mona is also responsible for CIP private-sector and strategic alliance collaboration and is the CIP lead on port security and gender equality initiatives in ports.

Before joining OAS-CIP in 2014, Mona collaborated with the German Development Agency (GIZ) in Paraguay, the German-Honduran Chamber of Commerce (AHK) in Honduras, as well as the OAS Executive Secretariat for Integral Development (SEDI) in Washington DC.

Mona graduated from Freie University Berlin, Germany, with a Master's Degree in Interdisciplinary Latin American Studies and Major in Gender Studies, with a specialization in International Development. Mona has published several articles and chapters in books on port issues.

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In his roles as Investment Policy Advisor and Business Development Manager, he contributed to the formulation of the Antwerp Port Authority's 2015-2020 business plan. After transitioning to the international department, Nico gained experience in greenfield port developments, commercial strategies, and concession frameworks across both public and private ports.

Since 2022, Nico has also served as Project Manager for the strategic partnership between the Port of Antwerp-Bruges and the Suriname Port Management Company.

He is an experienced and skilled lecturer and organizer for APEC seminars, serving as the course expert for programs related to port management, strategic master planning, business development, and marketing. As an international consultant on concession frameworks, Nico has acquired extensive global experience working in countries such as Malaysia, Angola, Brazil, Benin, Oman, and Suriname.

Nico has completed various courses in business development and supply chain management throughout his career. A notable achievement includes facilitating the new joint venture between Suriname Port Management Company and APEC to develop the Suriname Port Training Institute, where he also serves as Chairman of the Board. A strong advocate of partnerships, Nico believes education and training are key drivers of a port's commercial success.

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From the moment you arrive, you will experience the warmth and hospitality of the Surinamese people. Home to a vibrant mix of Indigenous, African, Indian, Javanese, Chinese, European, and Middle Eastern communities, Suriname has built a society where diversity is not only celebrated but woven into everyday life. This rich cultural heritage can be seen in its colorful festivals, heard in its many languages, and tasted in its world-renowned cuisine, where flavors from across the globe blend into a uniquely Surinamese experience.

At the heart of the country lies Paramaribo, a UNESCO World Heritage city where historic wooden architecture stands alongside modern development. Its lively streets, bustling markets, waterfront views, and welcoming atmosphere offer visitors an authentic glimpse into a nation that proudly embraces both its heritage and its future.

Beyond the city, Suriname's natural beauty unfolds on a grand scale. More than ninety percent of the country is covered by pristine tropical rainforest, making it one of the greenest nations on Earth. Vast rivers wind through untouched landscapes, while extraordinary wildlife and breathtaking biodiversity make every journey an adventure. Whether exploring the rainforest, cruising along the rivers, visiting traditional villages, or simply enjoying the tranquility of nature, visitors quickly discover why Suriname is often described as one of the world's best-kept secrets.

Today, Suriname stands at the threshold of an exciting new era. Investments in infrastructure, logistics, tourism, and energy are creating new opportunities and strengthening the country's role within the Caribbean and South American region. While embracing growth and innovation, Suriname remains deeply committed to preserving the natural and cultural treasures that make it so unique.

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