



CONFERENCE AGENDA

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2026

ROOM:

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**
8:00 AM - 6:00 PM **SET-UP EXHIBITION**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2026

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

9:00 AM – 5:00 PM	COLLATERAL MEETINGS:	ROOM
• 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM	BOARD OF TRUSTEES <i>(PRIVATE)</i>	
• 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM	PORT AWARD COMMITTEE <i>(PRIVATE)</i>	
• 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	CRUISE COMMITTEE	
• 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	SECURITY ADVISORY COUNCIL	
• 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM	GREEN MARITIME & PORT SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE	
• 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	SILVER CLUB	
• 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM	MARITIME DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION & DATA COMMITTEE	
• 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM	CSA GENERAL COUNCIL <i>(PRIVATE)</i>	

11:00 AM – 9:00 PM **EXHIBITION**

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **WELCOME RECEPTION & OFFICIAL OPENING EXHIBITION 2026**

MONDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2026

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION**

8:00 AM - 5:00 PM **EXHIBITION**

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM **BUSINESS OF THE 56th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
OF THE CARIBBEAN SHIPPING ASSOCIATION** ***[MEMBERS ONLY]***

AGM AGENDA:

- ❖ **Call to Order**
- ❖ **Apologies for absence**
- ❖ **Confirmation of Minutes of the 55th AGM**
- ❖ **Matters Arising**
- ❖ **Approval of Accounts**
- ❖ **Appointment of Auditors**
- ❖ **Report on Training**
- ❖ **Reports on Projects**
- ❖ **Election of President and Vice President for 2026-2027**
- ❖ **Future Meetings**
- ❖ **Any Other Business**

09:30 AM – 10:00 AM **COFFEE BREAK** *[in the exhibition area]*

10:00 AM – 11:00 AM **OPENING CEREMONY**

GREETINGS AND OPENING REMARKS

Milaika Capella Ras,
General Manager – Caribbean Shipping Association

NATIONAL ANTHEM

INVOCATION

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

William Brown,
President - Caribbean Shipping Association

INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

Komal Singh
President – Shipping Association of Guayana

Minister of Guyana

VOTE OF THANKS

Maria del Mar Rodriguez,
Vice President – Caribbean Shipping Association

CONFERENCE HOST PRESENTATION 2027

11:00 PM - NOON

LEADING ENGAGEMENT IN AN AGE OF UNCERTAINTY

Keynote Speaker:

Sven Gade, Professional Certified Coach - LeaderTrip Coaching, Inc.

Moderator:

Rachel Matthews, Group D Chairman – CSA, and General Manager – Shipco Transport Jamaica

NOON - 1:00 PM

NETWORKING LUNCH

1:15 PM – 2:15 PM

UNLOCKING INTRA-CARIBBEAN TRADE – PART II: FROM DISCUSSION TO ACTION: DELIVERING PRACTICAL SOLUTIONS FOR REGIONAL TRADE AND CONNECTIVITY

2:15 PM - 3:15 PM

GUYANA'S RISE AS A REGIONAL LOGISTICS, ENERGY AND TRADE HUB

3:30 PM - 5:00 PM

CONCURRENT GROUP MEETINGS *[MEMBERS ONLY]*

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM

**Group A:
ELECTION**

Room:

3:45 PM – 4:30 PM

MEETING

4:30 PM – 5:00 PM

PRESENTATION: THE FUTURE OF THE SHIP AGENT: DIGITALIZATION, AUTOMATION AND EVOLVING CUSTOMER EXPECTATIONS

3:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Group B: ELECTION	Room:
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	MEETING	
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	PRESENTATION: IMPROVED DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT FOR PORTS IN THE CARIBBEAN	
3:30 PM – 3:45 PM	Group C: ELECTION	Room:
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	MEETING	
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	PRESENTATION: THE FUTURE OF REGIONAL SHIPPING: NETWORK OPTIMIZATION, FUEL TRANSITION AND OPERATIONAL EFFICIENCY	
3:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Group D: ELECTION	Room:
3:45 PM – 4:30 PM	MEETING	
4:30 PM – 5:00 PM	THE DIGITAL SUPPLY CHAIN: HOW NVOCCs CAN CREATE VALUE IN A CHANGING LOGISTICS ENVIRONMENT	
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	NETWORKING CULTURAL EVENT <i>Busses depart from the hotels at 6:30PM</i>	

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2026

8:00 AM – NOON	CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
8:00 AM – 4:30 PM	EXHIBITION
8:30 AM – 11:00 AM	CARIBBEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING ON TRADE, LOGISTICS AND MARITIME CONNECTIVITY <i>[Private]</i>

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM	SMART PORTS, SMARTER TRADE: DIGITALIZATION, AI AND THE FUTURE OF CARIBBEAN LOGISTICS
9:30 AM – 10:30 AM	FUTURE-READY SHIPPING: STRENGTHENING RESILIENCE, EFFICIENCY AND COMPETITIVENESS IN THE CARIBBEAN
10:30 AM - 11:00 AM	COFFEE BREAK <i>[exhibition area]</i>
11:00 AM – NOON	THE FUTURE OF CRUISE TOURISM IN THE CARIBBEAN: GROWTH, SUSTAINABILITY AND PORT READINESS
NOON – 1:00 PM	NETWORKING LUNCH
1:00 PM – 2:15 PM	UNLOCKING INTRA-CARIBBEAN TRADE – PART III: FROM POLICY TO PROGRESS: REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS DRIVING TRADE AND CONNECTIVITY
2:15 PM - 3:15 PM	THE MARITIME WORKFORCE OF TOMORROW: ATTRACTING, DEVELOPING AND RETAINING TALENT
3:15 PM - 4:00 PM	BUILDING RESILIENT PORTS AND SUPPLY CHAINS IN AN ERA OF GLOBAL UNCERTAINTY
4:00 PM	CLOSING CONFERENCE
4:00 PM	CLOSING EXHIBITION

7:30 PM – Midnight

CSA GALA BANQUET & AWARDS

- Opening by the General Manager of the CSA
 - 56th AGM, CONFERENCE & EXHIBITION Host Recognition
 - Installation General Council 2026-2027
 - President's Remarks
 - Silver Club
 - Port Awards Presentation
 - Party
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Wednesday, OCTOBER 28, 2026

08:00 AM – Noon

BOOK YOUR MEETING ROOM!

[Available for your meetings, reservation is required in advance]

09:30 PM – 2:00 PM

EXPLORE AND GUYANA AS A TOURIST

Discover the vibrant capital of Guyana on a guided tour of Georgetown, where history, culture, and local charm come together. Visit some of the city's most iconic landmarks, including the historic Seawall, the magnificent St. George's Cathedral, the 1763 Monument, and many other notable sites, while knowledgeable guides share fascinating stories and insights into Georgetown's rich heritage.

The experience also includes time to browse local craft markets and specialty shops, offering an opportunity to purchase authentic Guyanese handicrafts, souvenirs, and locally made products. Conclude your excursion with a delicious lunch at one of Georgetown's popular local restaurants, providing a true taste of Guyanese hospitality and cuisine.

1:30 PM – 5:00 PM

**PORT TOURS GEORGETOWN and EAST BANK DEMERARA
PORT WEST BANK DEMERARA PORT OPERATIONS**

Gain an exclusive behind-the-scenes look at Guyana's dynamic maritime sector with a guided tour of the Georgetown and East Bank Demerara Port Operations, featuring visits to several key port terminals. The tour continues to the West Bank Demerara Port Operations, where participants will visit two major terminals and learn about their role in supporting Guyana's rapidly expanding economy and international trade.

Conclude the experience with a scenic river journey back to Georgetown, offering unique views of the Demerara River and the city's waterfront while reflecting on the day's insights into one of the Caribbean's fastest-growing port and logistics hubs.