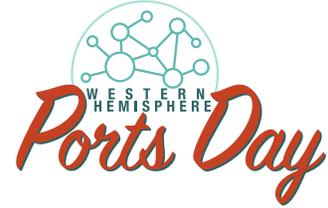




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## **ACPA Celebrates Western Hemisphere Ports Day**

*April 5<sup>th</sup> is a day of recognition for port contributions to prosperity  
and job creation*

*April 5, 2016, Ottawa* – Today the Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) is pleased to celebrate Western Hemisphere Ports Day, a day of recognition acknowledging our industry’s role as a key driver of job creation and economic prosperity, and its commitment to education, training and environmental stewardship initiatives on behalf of the communities they serve across Canada and the Americas.

In collaboration with the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA), under the theme of “United for the Future,” ACPA joins with Canada’s 18 Port Authorities, along with hundreds of ports in North, Central and South America, and the Caribbean to highlight and celebrate the value of ports.

“We are excited to recognize Western Hemisphere Ports Day as part of our ongoing commitment to highlight, to our communities and leaders, the important role we play in Canada and as a vital link to the global economy,” said Wendy Zatylny, President of ACPA. “Like ports worldwide, our work continues to support strong and efficient trade corridors, a robust workforce, vibrant communities and a growing economy here in Canada.”

According to IHS World Trade Service, combined international sea trade moving through Western Hemisphere ports in 2014 totaled 3.48 billion metric tons in volume and US\$3.75 trillion in value. Of that total, ports in Central and South America handled 1.68 billion metric tons of cargo valued at US\$1.36 trillion, while North American ports handled 1.79 billion metric tons of goods, valued at US\$2.39 trillion.

In Canada, ACPA members handle nearly two-thirds of the country’s waterborne cargo and are pivotal in driving our country’s economic growth. In the process, Canada’s ports create 250,000 direct and indirect jobs and handle more than CAN\$400 billion worth of goods annually.

“We are proud to recognize all 18 of Canada’s world-class Port Authorities in celebration of Western Hemisphere Ports Day,” said ACPA President Wendy Zatylny. “Canada’s ports are truly united for the future and as powerful trade enablers, we will continue to support Canada’s ambitious trade agenda.”

For more information about Western Hemisphere Ports Day, visit [www.aapa-ports.org](http://www.aapa-ports.org).

### **About the Association of Canadian Port Authorities**

The Association of Canadian Port Authorities was founded in 1958 and groups together ports and related marine interests into one national association. ACPA represents all Canadian Port Authorities, various government entities and companies doing business in the marine sector. It is the leading Association for the advocacy and advancement of the Canadian Port Industry. ACPA members

contribute significantly to the local, regional and national economy of Canada, responsible for more than 250,000 direct and indirect jobs and handling more than \$400 billion worth of goods annually.

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