
Meeting of the Technical Executive Group on Planning for the Integration and Development of Border Territories

September 12 and 13, 2017

INTAL Auditorium

Esmeralda 130, Piso 11

Buenos Aires – Argentina

1. INTRODUCTION

The activities related to “planning for the integration and development of border crossings” carried out by the UNASUR South American Infrastructure and Planning Council (COSIPLAN) fall within the Council’s Strategic Action Plan (PAE) 2012-2022. Their aim is to turn border regions into spaces for integration and development, by facilitating the movement of goods and people and planning the territory with consideration of socioeconomic and environmental aspects.

In 2016, Argentina and Chile, the countries in charge of this thematic area within COSIPLAN’s Technical Forum, proposed to survey up-to-date information on the circumstances at the border crossings with regard to border control and the population living in the immediate area of influence.

On August 23, the city of Santiago de Chile hosted the Executive Technical Group meeting (GTE) with the objective of analyzing the dimensions of border integration that would be addressed within the framework of COSIPLAN and the criteria for defining the bilateral border regions, as well as of exchanging information about each country’s projects in such regions.

As a result of the activities carried out in 2016, the countries decided to include in the Work Plan 2017 the set-up of a platform containing the baseline information on each border territory, including the data collected through the questionnaires on border integration.

Within this framework, Argentina and Chile prepared a document entitled “COSIPLAN-IIRSA Platform: Planning for the Integration and Development of Border Territories,” which was presented on April 18 at the XXX Meeting of IIRSA Technical Forum, held in Buenos Aires. On May 26, a videoconference meeting was held, during which the countries agreed to move forward with the programming of the public information section of the platform, to consolidate the comments on the document, and to select the border crossings that would be considered pilot cases for a first data collection stage.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

- I. Exchange information and talk about Latin American cases of coordinated border management: integrated and interoperable management systems; inter-institutional coordination; Single Window for Foreign Trade (VUCE); and different border crossing management systems.
- II. Share the progress made and agree upon the next steps in the development and implementation of the “COSIPLAN-IIRSA Platform: Planning for the Integration and Development of Border Territories.”
- III. Present projects concerned with border crossings or binational or multilateral corridors that require the implementation of integrated management systems for cargo and passenger control. Define the commitments on which the countries will work on for them to be signed at the Meeting of Ministers in December this year.

3. PARTICIPANTS

National Coordinators, officials from the countries' government areas concerned with borders (customs, immigrations, security, sanitary services, trade and production), and representatives of the UNASUR General Secretariat and of the COSIPLAN IIRSA Technical Forum Technical Coordination Committee (CCT).

4. AGENDA

Tuesday, September 12

08:45-09:00 **Registration of Participants**

09:00-09:15 **Opening Session**

COSIPLAN Presidency Pro Tempore, held by Argentina:

Fernando Álvarez de Celis, Under-Secretary of Territorial Planning of Public Investment, Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing, Argentina

Germán Bussi, Secretary of Planning, Ministry of Transport of Argentina

Eduardo Bustamante, Under-Secretary of Border Development, Ministry of Security, Argentina

Minister Mónica Carci, Directorate of Regional Affairs, Secretary of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship of Argentina.

Gustavo Béliz, Director of the Institute for the Integration of Latin America and the Caribbean (INTAL) IDB

09:15-09:30 **Objectives, Expected Results, and Methodology of the Meeting**

Lecturers:

Marcela Espinoza, Head of the Legislative Enforcement Department, National State Borders and Boundaries Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile

Atilio Alimena, National Director of International Territorial Integration Planning, Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing, Argentina

09:30-10:45 **PANEL I: Coordinated Border Management (CBM)**

Panelists:

- *Rosa Aizprúa, Coordinator for the Border Integration Program, Panama's National Customs Authority*

- *Jorge Jiménez Kockar, Representative from Argentina's Customs, Cristo Redentor System International Border Crossing*
- *Representative from Chile's Customs (to be confirmed)*
- *Margarita Libby Hernández, Senior Specialist in Integration and Development, IDB*

Q&A and Comments

10:45-11:00

Coffee Break

11:00-13:00

PANEL II: Single Window for Foreign Trade (VUCE)

Panelists:

- *Marvin Salas, Manager of VUCE, PROCOMER, Costa Rica*
- *Erika Medina, Project Coordinator, Pro-Modernization Alliance of Foreign Trade PROCOMEX of Brazil*
- *Margarita Libby Hernández, Integration and Trade Senior Specialist, IDB*

Moderator:

Ignacio Traballoni, Responsible for Legal, VUCE, Ministry of Production of Argentina.

Q&A and Comments

13:00-14:30

Lunch

14:30-16:00

PANEL III: COSIPLAN-IIRSA Platform: Planning for the Integration and Development of Border Territories

Panelists:

Objectives, characteristics, and development stages of the platform

- *Marcela Espinoza, Head of the Legislative Enforcement Department, National State Borders and Boundaries Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile*

Presentation of the preliminary design and functionalities of the platform. A practical example with information selected by Argentina and Chile.

- *Agustina Pomares, National Directorate of International Territorial Integration Planning, Argentina.*

Q&A and Comments

Criteria for the selection of border steps

- *Hernando Arciniegas, CCT Consultant*

Q&A and Comments

Moderator:

Alejandra Radl, Integration and Trade Specialist, IDB-INTAL, CCT Secretariat

Q&A and Comments

16:00-16:15

Coffee Break

16:15-17:30 PRACTICAL EXERCISE: Consolidation of the List of South American Border Crossings

Methodology of the Activity:

- *Hernando Arciniegas, CCT Consultant*

Moderator:

Ignacio Estévez, Integration and Trade Specialist, IDB-INTAL, CCT Secretariat

Lecturers:

- *Atilio Alimena, National Director of International Territorial Integration Planning, Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing, Argentina*
- *Wilde Roberto Camacho Salazar, Head of Management and Projects, Ministry of Public Works, Services and Housing, Bolivia*
- *João Carlos Parkinson de Castro, Head of the General Coordination of Economic Affairs in South, Central America, and the Caribbean, Ministry of Foreign Relations, Brazil*
- *Marcela Espinoza, Head of the Legislative Enforcement Department, National State Borders and Boundaries Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile*
- *Héctor Giovanni Páez, Advisor on Intermodal Transport Policy, National Planning Department, Colombia*
- *Dany Jara, Director of Credits and International Cooperation of the Ministry of Transport and Public Works of Ecuador (virtual participation), and Patricia Palma, Advisor of the International Strategic Insertion Directorate SENPLADES (virtual participation)*
- *Carol Primo- Lewis, Head of Immigration Support Services, Department of Citizenship, Ministry of Presidency of Guyana.*
- *Daiana Ferreira Da Costa V., Directorate of Physical Integration and International Transport, Ministry of Foreign Relations, Paraguay.*
- *Pablo Genta, National Director of Planning and Logistics, Ministry of Transport and Public Works, Uruguay*
- *Alejandra Puerta, Deputy Minister of Territorial Planning, Ministry of Popular Power for Foreign Affairs, and Elvis Urbina, Venezuelan Ambassador to UNASUR, Ministry of Popular Power for Foreign Affairs*

17:30-17:45 Reflection and Conclusions concerning the Topics Dealt With during the First Day and their Impact on Planning for the Integration and Development of Border Territories

Lecturer:

Hernando Arciniegas, CCT Consultant

17:45 Closing Session of the First Day

Wednesday, September 13

09:15-11:00 PANEL IV: Operation Models for the Movement of Cargo and People

Panelists:

Border Crossings in Argentina, the case of Paso de los Libres-Uruguayana Border Crossing (Argentina- Brazil)

- *Fernando Carfasso, National Director of Border Technical Affairs, Ministry of the Interior Public Works and Housing, Argentina*

The case of the Santo Tomé-São Borja Border Crossing, Argentina-Brazil under

concession

- *Jose Luiz Vazzoler, General Manager of Mercovia S.A.*

The vision of logistics operators on land border crossings

- *Juan José Mininni, Director of the International Transport Department of the Argentine Federation of Cargo Transport Companies (FADEEAC)*
- *Francisco Lobos, General Manager, Chilean Union of International Cargo Road Transportation Companies (AGETICH)*

Moderator:

Hernando Arciniegas, CCT Consultant

Q&A and Comments

11:00-11:15

Coffee Break

11:15-13:00

PANEL V: Procedures, Mechanisms and Technologies for the Coordination of the International Movement of Cargo

Panelists:

Cargo and Passenger Movement and Management System at the El Dorado Airport

- *Héctor Giovanni Páez, Advisor on Intermodal Transport Policy, National Planning Department, Colombia*

Cargo Movement and Management System at the El Callao Port

- *Sergio Miguel Del Águila Alfaro, Encargado del Área de Control y Fiscalización, Dirección de Operaciones y Medio Ambiente, Autoridad Portuaria Nacional (APN) de Perú.*

Application of Technology to Integration Corridors

- *Gerardo Durán, Manager of Territory Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay. Oracle - Public Sector.*

International Customs Transit Computer System (SINTIA)

- *Mariano Ferro, Head of Department, Single Center for Customs Monitoring of the General Subdirectorato of Customs Control of the General Directorate of Customs (DGA) of Argentina*

Moderator:

Ady Beitier Senior Specialist in Integration and Trade IDB

Q&A and Comments

13:00-14:30

Lunch

14:30-17:00

PANEL VI: Border Crossings or Corridors that Require the Implementation of Integrated Management Systems for Cargo and Passenger Control

Exchange of experiences

Integration Road Corridor between the Atlantic and the Pacific (Brazil, Paraguay, Argentina, and Chile)

Agreements reached in the use of new technologies to facilitate trade.

- *João Carlos Parkinson de Castro, Head of the General Coordination of Economic Affairs in South, Central America, and the Caribbean, Ministry of Foreign Relations, Brazil*

Paso de Jama - Cristo Redentor System - Southern Integration

- *Marcela Espinoza, Head of the Legislative Enforcement Department, National State Borders and Boundaries Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile*

Dialogue between National Coordinations.

Moderator:

- *Atilio Alimena, National Director of International Territorial Integration Planning, Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing, Argentina*

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Coffee Break

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Conclusions and Next Steps

Marcela Espinoza, Head of the Legislative Enforcement Department, National State Borders and Boundaries Directorate, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Chile

Atilio Alimena, National Director of International Territorial Integration Planning, Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing, Argentina

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