



**MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE TECHNICAL GROUP ON
BORDER INTEGRATION AND FACILITATION**

Crowne Plaza, Santiago, Chile

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PRELIMINARY REPORT

On August 23, 2016, the city of Santiago de Chile, Chile, hosted the Meeting of the Executive Technical Group on Border Integration and Facilitation, which was attended by delegations from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela; from the UNASUR General Secretariat; and from the COSIPLAN-IIRSA Technical Coordination Committee. The meeting agenda and the list of participants are attached as Annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

The objectives of the meeting were as follows: a) present a proposal to survey information to learn about the following: i) the border control and territorial management models in the area of the different border crossings; ii) the type of population in the area of influence of each border crossing and their particular circumstances; iii) achievements, experiences, lessons learned, and challenges; b) share suggestions for the development of the proposal; c) exchange preliminary ideas on the following: i) the dimensions of analysis of border integration that would be addressed within the competence of COSIPLAN; ii) the criteria for identifying the bilateral border regions (BBRs); iii) the criteria for defining the expanse of the territories involved; and iv) a survey of each country's projects in such regions.

The meeting was opened by Mr. Atilio Alimena, National Director of International Territorial Integration Planning, Argentina, and Ms. Marcela Ruth Espinoza Nissim, Head of the Department of Legal Enforcement, National Directorate of Borders and Limits, Chile.

The meeting was organized into four round tables:

- Round Table 1: Border Crossings: Efficiency Standards for the Operation of Border Crossings
- Round Table 2: Planning Applied to Border Integration: Localities in the Immediate Area of the Border Crossings and their Condition
- Round Table 3: Elements for a Conceptual Framework Taking into Account the Definitions Concerning the Dimensions of Analysis of Border Integration
- Round Table 4: Elements for the Design of Border Integration Plans

To conclude the roundtable working session, the coordinators of each round table explained the results of the analysis made. Round Table 1 defined operational standards for border crossings in terms of infrastructure, technology and communications, fields of work, streamlining of flows, and contingency plans. Round Table 2 worked on the identification of border populations, the analysis of the situations in the border areas, and the conditions for cross-border complementarity and cooperation, among other topics. Round Table 3 detailed the guiding principles for a conceptual framework, such as cross-border social integration, the development of infrastructure in border areas, and the use of technologies in control and management systems. Round Table 4 stressed the need for a forward-looking approach and criteria that help delimit integration areas, as well as for carrying out diagnostic studies on such areas (Annex 3).

Next, Roberto Riveros Keller, Deputy Director of Planning, Directorate of Planning, Ministry of Public Works, Chile, presented a general summary of the conclusions reached at the round tables.

Finally, Atilio Alimena and Marcela Ruth Espinoza Nissim communicated the next steps, highlighting the importance of continuing with the survey conducted via the questionnaire previously distributed, of defining elements with a view to a Border Integration Plan, and of resuming the work done at the round tables in this meeting.

List of Annexes:

Annex 1: [Agenda of the GTE Meeting on Border Integration and Facilitation](#)

Annex 2: [List of Participants of the GTE Meeting on Border Integration and Facilitation](#)

Annex 3: [Summary of the Conclusions of the Round Tables](#)