1. INTRODUCTION

COSIPLAN’s operation rests on the coordination of its various bodies around an Annual Work Plan approved by the Council’s Ministers. This Plan, prepared on the basis of collaboration between the Coordinating Committee, the Working Groups, and IIRSA Technical Forum, seeks to fulfill the objectives laid down in the Strategic Action Plan (PAE) covering the decade 2012-2022.

According to what was established by COSIPLAN in the Strategic Action Plan 2012-2022, the PAE must be assessed and reviewed every five years from its approval in order to adjust it to the current international context and achieve the objectives initially pursued. In line with this, the Council conducted the Mid-term Review of the PAE during 2017.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

I. Present and spotlight the outputs resulting from the activities carried out in 2017 by COSIPLAN and Its Working Groups;

II. Present the adjusted version of the PAE as of 2017;

III. Agree upon the COSIPLAN Work Plan 2018 and its calendar of activities;

IV. Agree upon the ministerial declaration from the VII Ordinary Meeting of COSIPLAN Ministers

3. PARTICIPANTS

National Coordinators, Member Countries’ officials concerned with the items on the agenda, and representatives of the UNASUR General Secretariat.

4. METHODOLOGY OF THE MEETING

Each block will start with a brief presentation of a topic, followed by a space for dialogue among the attending delegations.
5. PRELIMINARY AGENDA

08:30-09:00  Registration of Participants

09:00-09:30  Opening Session

COSIPLAN Presidency Pro Tempore, held by Argentina:

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

Patricia Salomone, Director-General of Latin American Policy at Argentina’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship

BLOCK 1 | COSIPLAN ACTIVITY REPORT 2017

09:30-10:00  Presentation of the COSIPLAN Activity Report 2017

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

Progress Made by the Working Groups

10:00-10:15  Working Group on Rail Integration

Lecturer: Pablo Genta, National Director of Planning and Logistics, Uruguay’s Ministry of Transport and Public Works

10:15-10:30  Working Group on the Geographic Information System (GIS)

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

10:30-10:45  Working Group on Telecommunications

Lecturers:

Juan Baiardi, Ambassador, Paraguay’s Ministry of Public Works and Communications

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

10:45-11:00  Working Group on Financing Mechanisms and Guarantees

Lecturer: João Carlos Parkinson de Castro, Head of the General Coordination of Economic Affairs in South and Central America and the Caribbean, Brazil’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs

11:00-11:30  Coffee Break

BLOCK 2 | STRATEGIC ACTION PLAN 2012-2022

11:30-12:00  Presentation of the Adjusted Version of the PAE as of 2017

Lecturer: Atilio Alimena, National Director of International Territorial Integration Planning, Argentina’s Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing
BLOCK 3 | COSIPLAN WORK PLAN 2018

12:00-13:00 Presentation of and Agreement on the Work Plan 2018
Lecturer: Marco Antonio Delgadillo Rojas, General Director of Road, River and Lake Transport, Vice-Ministry of Transport, Bolivia’s Ministry of Public Works, Utilities and Housing

13:00-14:00 Group Photo and Lunch

14:00-15:00 Calendar of Activities 2018
Lecturer: Atilio Alimena, National Director of International Territorial Integration Planning, Argentina’s Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing

BLOCK 4 | VII ORDINARY MEETING OF COSIPLAN MINISTERS

15:00-16:00 Presentation and Approval of the Ministerial Declaration
Moderator: Fernando Álvarez de Celis, Under-Secretary of Territorial Planning of Public Investment, Argentina’s Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-17:00 Documents to Be Submitted to the COSIPLAN Ministers
- Strategic Action Plan Revised as of 2017
- COSIPLAN Activity Report 2017
- COSIPLAN Project Portfolio Report 2017
- Integration Priority Project Agenda (API) Progress Report 2017
- Agua Negra Binational Tunnel Territorial Integration Program (PTI) Progress Report
- Inputs for Drafting a Strategy to Facilitate South American Rail Integration
- Work Plan 2018

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

17:00 Closing Session
COSIPLAN Presidency Pro Tempore, held by Argentina:
Fernando Álvarez de Celis, Under-Secretary of Territorial Planning of Public Investment, Argentina’s Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing