XXXI Meeting of IIRSA Technical Forum

December 5, 2017
San Martín Palace
Ceremonial Venue for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Argentine Republic
Arenales 761
Buenos Aires, Argentina

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.

This meeting agenda is organized into blocks based on the PAE objectives and actions as prioritized by COSIPLAN to be implemented in the current year by IIRSA Technical Forum.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING
   I. Present and spotlight the outputs resulting from the activities carried out in 2017 by IIRSA Technical Forum;
   II. Draft and agree upon the Work Plan 2018 for IIRSA Technical Forum as well as its calendar of activities.

3. PARTICIPANTS
National Coordinators, Member Countries’ officials concerned with the items on the agenda, and representatives of civil society, of the UNASUR General Secretariat and of COSIPLAN-IIRSA Technical Coordination Committee (CCT).

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. AGENDA

08:30-09:00  Registration of Participants

09:00-09:30  Opening Session

COSIPLAN Presidency Pro Tempore, held by Argentina:

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

Mariano Wagner, Advisor to the Directorate-General for Latin American Policy at Argentina’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Worship

BLOCK 1 | DISSEMINATION STRATEGY (PAE OBJECTIVE 2)

09:30-09:45  Presentation of Publications and Communication Activities

- Activity Report 2017
- COSIPLAN Project Portfolio Report
- Integration Priority Project Agenda (API) Report
- COSIPLAN Website: Statistics and Website Revamp
- Project Information System (SIP): Statistics and Animated Infographic
- Hubs Website: Video and Information Update
- Other Dissemination Activities

Lecturer: Alejandra Radl, IDB-INTAL, CCT Secretariat

BLOCK 2 | INTEGRATION TERRITORIAL PROGRAMS (PAE OBJECTIVE 3)

10:00-10:15  Agua Negra Binational Tunnel PTI

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

10:15-10:30  Disaster Risk Management in Infrastructure

Lecturer: Rigoberto García González, International Coordinator, Chile’s Ministry of Public Works

BLOCK 3 | COSIPLAN PROJECT PORTFOLIO AND API (PAE OBJECTIVE 4)

10:30-11:00  API Mid-term review and update of the COSIPLAN Project Portfolio

Lecturer: Ignacio Estévez, IDB-INTAL, CCT Secretariat

11:00-11:30  Coffee Break

BLOCK 4 | SECTORAL INTEGRATION PROCESSES (PAE OBJECTIVE 6)

11:30-12:00  Freight Transport and Logistics

Lecturer: Milena Fonseca, Advisor to the Directorate of Infrastructure and Sustainable Energy, Colombia’s National Planning Department

12:00-12:15  Air Integration

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
12:15-12:45  Planning for the Integration and Development of Border Territories  
Lecturers:  
Marcela Espinoza, Head of the Legislative Enforcement Department, National State Borders and Boundaries Directorate, Chile’s Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
Atilio Alimena, National Director of International Territorial Integration Planning, Argentina’s Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing  

12:45-14:00  Group Photo and Lunch  

BLOCK 5 | PARTICIPATION OF SOUTH AMERICAN SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS  

14:00-14:30  Argentina-Brazil Border Integration  
Province of Misiones (Argentina) and Santa Catarina and Paraná States (Brazil)  
Lecturers: Representatives from Misiones Technological Park and from the Border Inter-municipal Consortium (CIF)  

BLOCK 6 | IIRSA TECHNICAL FORUM WORK PLAN 2018  

14:30-16:00  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  

16:00-16:30  Coffee Break  

16:30-17:00  Calendar of Activities 2018  
Lecturer: Atilio Alimena, National Director of International Territorial Integration Planning, Argentina’s Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing  

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