Meeting of the Executive Technical Group on the API Follow-up and Monitoring System (SSM)

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Raúl Prebisch Meeting Room
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1. BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES

The Integration Priority Project Agenda (API) was approved by the Ministers at the Second Meeting of the South American Infrastructure and Planning Council (COSIPLAN), held on November 30, 2011, in the city of Brasilia, Brazil.

In order to monitor this Agenda, the COSIPLAN Work Plan for 2012 provides for the development and implementation of an API follow-up and monitoring mechanism that complies with the principles of efficiency and simplicity, providing a standard pattern for offering information on a priority issue for all the stakeholders.

In this context, the objectives of the meeting are as follows: (i) define the guidelines for the development of the SSM; (ii) identify the tasks required for the design and implementation of the system; and (iii) present the already existing basic information about the API structured projects in the format of the files to be created in the system and/or update, as appropriate, the field that indicates the current status of each project.

In order to attain the first two objectives, the proposal to be presented takes into account the results of the proposal advanced in Brasilia (November 2011), the answers to the survey conducted in March this year among the National Coordinators, and the virtual meetings held with some countries.

With respect to the third objective, the 31 new files of the projects that make up the Agenda, containing the already existing basic information to be obtained from the API document approved by COSIPLAN in November last year, will be circulated to the National Coordinators.

The working method of the meeting will include the presentation of such files to facilitate discussion and exchange among the countries involved about the current status of each project for a twofold purpose: to verify in practice whether the proposals related to meeting objectives (i) and (ii) are comprehensively feasible; and to obtain information on the degree of overall progress of a structured project, the balance among the individual projects, and any delays that may jeopardize the API project, as well as any other information available that the countries may deem

appropriate to include in this phase, which will serve as the baseline for the information to be incorporated into the future SSM.

It is worth pointing out that this is the first stage in the design of the files for the structured projects, and as progress is made in the design of the SSM, new information modules related to the follow-up and monitoring, to be completed in due time, will be added on the basis of the results of the GTE meeting and the requirements of the countries. In this context, the files will contain the following minimum data fields:

(i)   Project ID: Number, name, Hub, countries involved, investment amount, and individual projects included in the structured project

(ii)   Project description:

   a.   Rationale: The reasons for which the project is a strategic structured project
   b.   Proposal: Strategy suggested to achieve the purpose of the structured project
   c.   Current status: A description of the degree of overall progress of the structured progress

Finally, it should be borne in mind that the files for the structured projects will be completed to a large extent with information about the individual projects that make them up. Therefore, it is essential that the countries continue updating the COSIPLAN Project Portfolio Database so that timely and quality information is available in all cases.

2.   PARTICIPANTS

The participation of representatives from the twelve countries is expected, namely the National Coordinators, national officials concerned with planning, transport infrastructure, energy and communications, as well as CCT representatives and consultants.

3.   PRELIMINARY AGENDA

09:30 - 09:45   **Opening Session**

Luis María Pereira, Vice-Minister of Transport, Ministry of Public Works and Communications of Paraguay. IIRSA National Coordinator. IIRSA/COSIPLAN Presidency Pro Tempore

09:45 - 10:00   **Meeting Objectives and Expected Results**

Sebastián Abbatemarco, CAF

10:00 - 10:45   **Proposed Guidelines for the Design and Administration of the SSM**

Juan Martin and Vanina Messere, Consultants

10:45 - 11:00   **Break**

11:00 - 12:30	**Analysis, Comments and Remarks by the Countries**
	Moderator: Raúl Rodríguez Molina, IDB
12:30 - 14:00	**Lunch (on your own)**
14:00 - 16.00	**Update of the Basic Information about the API Structured Projects**
16:00 - 16:15	**Break**
16:15 - 17:30	**Update of the Basic Information about the API Structured Projects** (cont.)
17:30 - 18:00	**Next Steps, Conclusions, and Closing Session**
	Sebastián Abbatemarco, CAF