

Meeting of the Executive Technical Group on the Integration Priority Project Agenda (API) and the Continuous Monitoring System (CMS)

August 27 and 28, 2013 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

NOTES OF THE MEETING

On August 27and 28, 2013, the city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, hosted a Meeting of the Executive Technical group (GTE) on the Integration Priority Project Agenda (API) and the Continuous Monitoring System (CMS), which was attended by representatives from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Ecuador, Peru, Suriname, and Uruguay, and members of the IIRSA Technical Coordination Committee (CCT). The meeting agenda and the list of participating delegations are attached as Annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

The objectives of the meeting were the following: (i) present the API Database (API-PDB) and the IT version of the CMS. Exchange ideas on the system and refine its functionalities if necessary. Define strategies for implementing it and making it available online; (ii) Build consensus among the countries involved on the scheduling of the life cycle of each API individual project, and review the information about each of them contained in the Portfolio Database (PDB); (iii) Update and enhance the information contained in the structured projects files for the purpose of drafting the API Report 2013, and (iv) Conduct simulation exercises on the CMS, and survey the training needs of the national teams in the use of the system.

After the opening of the meeting by the Presidency Pro Tempore held by Peru, the Technical Coordination Committee presented the meeting objectives and expected results, and explained the work methodology of the meeting. Following this, the team responsible for the technical development of the Continuous Monitoring System (CMS) presented the Project Database, its components, objectives, the development of the CMS as well as the functionalities of the tool. These presentations are attached as Annexes 3, 4 and 5.

The delegates emphasized the progress attained in building a system capable of accurately informing project status. Similarly, they agreed on the benefits of this tool to identify obstacles and decide on their solution.

The delegates assumed the commitment to keep the Project Database updated with timely and quality information as an indispensable requisite to render the system reliable. During the implementation stage (September 2013-February 2014) the countries, based on their use of the tool, will be able to make recommendations and suggestions to introduce any adjustment or improvement that might be deemed necessary to ensure its effective operation.

After the plenary session, the update of Project Database information by Hub took place in simultaneous sessions. The agreements reached were the following:

- The countries responsible for updating the structured project files and entering the life cycle schedule of the API individual projects in the CMS are attached as Annex 6. The deadline for these tasks is September 13.
- In the case of the structured project files, the information entered by the CCT Secretariat
 has been taken from the API Progress Report 2012. The countries responsible for the
 updating will consolidate the information sent by the countries concerned with each project
 and will enter it directly into the API Project Database (Fields: Rationale, Proposal, Analysis
 and Progress Evaluation)
- The diagnoses of the API individual project files made will be sent to the countries that did not send any delegate to the meeting for review and revision purposes, and subsequent correction of the database. The deadline for these tasks is September 13.
- The CCT Secretariat will send the National Coordinators the names of the representatives authorized by each country to administer the Project Database with a view to updating the list.

Finally, in the plenary session, agreements were reached on the following topics, attached as Annex 7.

- Calendar of activities
- Resources to support the PDB maintenance and use of CMS
- Documents to be presented at the Meeting of Ministers
- Proposed Work Plan for 2014 related to API and CMS

NOTES ON API PROJECTS IN THE SESSIONS BY HUB

Andean Hub

STRUCTURED PROJECT 5: COLOMBIA – ECUADOR BORDER INTERCONNECTION

The Ecuadorian delegation will contact the National Coordination of Colombia to jointly update the files of the following projects: AND82 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE BINATIONAL BORDER SERVICE CENTER (CEBAF) AT THE TULCÁN - IPIALES (RUMICHACA) BORDER CROSSING and AND91 CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW RUMICHACA INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE AND IMPROVEMENT OF THE EXISTING BRIDGE.

At the request of the Ecuadorian delegation, the CCT will facilitate communication with Colombia with the purpose of making headway in the coordination tasks required to update the Project Database.

MERCOSUR-Chile Hub

STRUCTURED PROJECT 27: MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION IN THE LAGUNA MERÍN AND LAGOA DOS PATOS SYSTEM

The Brazilian and Uruguayan delegations agreed to break down Project MCC85 into the following projects:

- 1. DREDGING WORKS OF LAGUNA MERIN (BR)
- 2. DREDGING WORKS OF TACUARI RIVER (BR)
- 3. DREDGING, INSTALLATION OF SIGNS, MARKERS AND AIDS TO NAVIGATION (BR) (name to be confirmed by Brazil not later than September 6)
- 4. CHARQUEADA PORT TERMINAL AND DREDGING OF CEBOLLATÍ RIVER (UY)
- 5. PORT TERMINAL AND DREDGING OF TACUARÍ RIVER (UY)

The CCT Secretariat will remove Project MCC85 and add these five projects into the DB. Brazil and Uruguay will complete the information concerning each of them.

STRUCTURED PROJECT 28: MONTEVIDEO – CACEQUÍ RAILWAY CORRIDOR

The Brazilian delegation will confirm if Project MCC115 REHABILITATION OF THE RIVERA - SANTANA DO LIVRAMENTO – CACEQUI RAILWAY SECTION has been completed and will update the database file accordingly.

STRUCTURED PROJECT 29: OPTIMIZATION OF THE CRISTO REDENTOR BORDER CROSSING SYSTEM

The Argentine and Chilean delegations agreed to replace the name of Project MCC154 "REHABILITATION OF THE CRISTO REDENTOR TUNNEL" with "REHABILITATION OF CRISTO REDENTOR TUNNEL AND CARACOLES"

The Argentine and Chilean delegations will update Project MCC153 NEW LOS LIBERTADORES BORDER COMPLEX, Project MCC154 REHABILITATION OF CRISTO REDENTOR TUNNEL AND CARACOLES and Project MCC155 BINATIONAL MANAGEMENT CONTROL SYSTEM AT THE CRISTO REDENTOR BORDER CROSSING.

STRUCTURED PROJECT 30: AGUA NEGRA BINATIONAL TUNNEL

MCC110 AGUA NEGRA BINATIONAL TUNNEL. The Chilean delegation informed that the amount estimated for the project is USD 1.3 billion, and that it will update the PDB with this information.

Central Interoceanic Hub

STRUCTURED PROJECT 22: IMPROVEMENT OF ROAD CONNECTIVITY INT HE CNETRAL INTEROCEANIC HUB

The Brazilian delegation will confirm if Project IOC14 CAMPO GRANDE BYPASS has been completed, and it will update the PDB with this information.

Amazon Hub

STRUCTURED PROJECT 1: PAITA - TARAPOTO – YURIMAGUAS ROAD, PORTS, LOGISTICS CENTERS AND WATERWAYS

Peru will update the stage at which Project AMA16 TARAPOTO – YURIMAGUAS ROAD is.

The countries involved will revise the "Solution" contents of Project AMA38 IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATION CONDITIONS ON THE PUTUMAYO RIVER, Project AMA39 IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATION CONDITIONS ON THE MORONA RIVER and Project AMA42 IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATION CONDITIONS ON THE NAPO RIVER.

Paraguay-Parana Waterway Hub

STRUCTURED PROJECT 17: IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATION CONDITIONS ON THE RIVERS OF THE PLATA BASIN

Brazil will update the investment amount of Project HPP07 IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATION CONDITIONS ON THE PARAGUAY RIVER (BETWEEN APA AND CORUMBÁ), which is USD 39 million.

Uruguay will update the information of Project HPP88 BINATIONAL PROJECT FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATION CONDITIONS ON THE URUGUAY RIVER.

Capricorn Hub

STRUCTURED PROJECT 10: ARGENTINA – BOLIVIA WEST CONNECTION

Argentina will update the file concerning Project CAP50 PAVING OF NATIONAL ROUTE NO. 40, MINING CORRIDOR PATH (BORDER WITH BOLIVIA), which is at the execution stage.

Argentina will update the "Objective" and "Solution" information of Project CAP11 REHABILITATION OF JUJUY - LA QUIACA RAILWAY.

STRUCTURED PROJECT 12: FOZ - CIUDAD DEL ESTE - ASUNCIÓN – CLORINDA ROAD CONNECTION

Brazil will revise the current status and complete the investment amount of Project CAP 14 NEW PUERTO PRESIDENTE FRANCO - PORTO MEIRA BRIDGE, WITH A PARAGUAY – BRAZIL INTEGRATED CONTROL AREA, if such information is available.

No changes have been reported for the Peru-Brazil-Bolivia and Guianese Shield Hubs.

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