1. BACKGROUND

One of the purposes of the South American Infrastructure and Planning Council (COSIPLAN), as laid down in its Strategic Action Plan (PAE) 2012-2022, consists in updating the “Portfolio of Projects for the Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America” (hereinafter, the COSIPLAN Project Portfolio).

The COSIPLAN Project Portfolio is made up of transport, energy and communications projects that promote regional connectivity and create sustainable economic and social development in South America. The Portfolio projects were selected by the twelve South American countries on the basis of the application of the Indicative Territorial Planning Methodology. The Portfolio is continuously updated by way of annual meetings of the Executive Technical Groups (GTEs) on the Integration and Development Hubs. The information concerning the Portfolio projects is consolidated in the COSIPLAN Project Information System (PIS).

As of 2013, the COSIPLAN Project Portfolio was made up of 583 projects for an investment estimated at US$157,730.5 million.

Another central purpose of COSIPLAN, as commissioned by the South American Presidents, was to identify and select a set of high-impact works for the integration and development of South America. The Integration Priority Project Agenda (API) was set up in this context in 2011.

The purpose of API is to encourage connectivity in the region through the construction and efficient operation of infrastructure, while taking into account sustainable social and economic development criteria and preserving the environment and the balance of ecosystems. The information concerning the
API projects is consolidated in the COSIPLAN Project Information System (PIS), in which there is a special module for monitoring these specific projects: the Continuous Monitoring System (CMS).

As of 2013, API was made up of 31 structured projects and 101 individual projects for an investment estimated at US$16,713.8 million.

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

a) **Descriptors by Sector, Subsector and Type of Works:** Present and analyze the proposed specific descriptors for the different Portfolio project sectors/subsectors/types of works, aimed at improving the quality of project information;

b) **Results Indicators:** Analyze the proposed indicators for the assessment of the COSIPLAN project results and communicate the achievements in their implementation and in the progress of the South American integration agenda;

c) **Project Information System:** Present the results of the survey about the COSIPLAN Project Information System (PIS) and the functional improvements proposed to respond to the identified needs;

d) **API Progress Indicators:** Review and analyze the reports and indicators produced by the PIS in general and the CMS in particular regarding the API projects to prepare executive reports;

e) **Use of the CMS for the Project Portfolio:** Evaluate the possibility of using the Continuous Monitoring System (CMS) for all the projects in the COSIPLAN Portfolio;

f) **Strategic Functions:** Propose the revision of the Strategic Functions of the Project Groups that the countries consider that need to be updated;

g) **Project Information Update:** Present the updated COSIPLAN Portfolio and API project information by Integration and Development Hub;

h) **2014 Reports:** Propose a schedule of activities to prepare the 2014 Project Portfolio Report and API Progress Report.

3. EXPECTED RESULTS

a) **Descriptors by Sector, Subsector and Type of Works:** Reach an agreement concerning a set of specific descriptors for the different sectors, subsectors and types of works to be incorporated into the project files. Agree upon a schedule for their implementation in the PIS and for entering the information.

b) **Results Indicators:** Reach a consensus on the information fields necessary to create indicators to measure the attainment of the project objectives. Agree upon a schedule for their implementation in the PIS and for the entry of information.

c) **Project Information System:** Decide by consensus the functional improvements to the PIS as well as a schedule for their implementation.

d) **API Progress Indicators:** Define the reports and indicators for measuring the API project progress to be incorporated in the API Progress Report 2014.

e) **Use of the CMS for the Project Portfolio:** Identify criteria for gradually using the CMS for the COSIPLAN Portfolio Projects, and define an implementation schedule.
f) **STRATEGIC FUNCTIONS:** Reach an agreement concerning the new versions of the Strategic Functions of the Project Groups identified by the countries.

g) **PROJECT INFORMATION UPDATE:**
   I. Update the information on the Anchor Projects by identifying their progress status by stage and sub-stage;
   II. Update the information on the projects at the profiling stage and confirm the priority of the ones that were included in the Portfolio before 2008;
   III. Update the information on the API individual projects in the CMS module.

h) **2014 REPORTS:** Agree upon a schedule for the preparation of the 2014 Project Portfolio Report and API Progress Report, including tasks, timelines, and responsible parties.

4. **TASKS TO BE PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED BY THE COUNTRIES**

   1. Update of the dynamic fields in each project file included in the PIS (amount, stage, and status), and enter the information in the empty project files (**deadline:** April 1).
   2. Prepare a list of the Project Groups whose Strategic Function the countries suggest to update, and submit such list to the CCT Secretariat including a proposed new version (**deadline:** April 1).
   3. Prepare up-to-date information about the progress status of the Anchor Projects by stage and sub-stage (**to be presented during the GTE Meeting**).
   4. Prepare information on the projects at the profiling stage that were included in the Portfolio before 2008 (**to be presented during the GTE Meeting**).
   5. Update the information on the API individual projects in the CMS and enter information in the CMS for those projects whose data is incomplete (**deadline:** April 1). Identify the causes of deviations from schedule as of the date of the GTE Meeting.
   6. Prepare a list of projects to be included in and/or excluded from the Portfolio (add and removal) as well as of any particular project deemed worthy of discussion with the other countries. For the projects suggested to be added, the special sheet for this purpose must be completed (**deadline:** April 1).
   7. Review the outstanding issues that need to be resolved by the countries, as mentioned in the Notes of the GTE Meetings on each Hub held in 2013 (**this information should be available during the GTE Meeting**).

5. **METHODOLOGY OF THE SESSIONS BY HUB**

The following activities are planned (in some cases simultaneously, half a day per Hub):

   1. Presentation of the consolidated information on the projects within a Hub.
   2. Review of the projects within the Hub by Project Group. The following will be analyzed in each case:
      a. Strategic Function, in the event that its revision has been proposed.
      b. Anchor Project, with emphasis on its progress status.
c. Projects within the Group, with emphasis on the projects whose data is incomplete in the PIS files and on the projects at the profiling stage that were included in the Portfolio before 2008.

d. API Projects, with emphasis on the projects whose data is incomplete in the CMS and on those with deviations from their implementation schedule as of the date of the GTE Meeting.

e. Projects proposed to be included in and/or excluded from the Portfolio. Updates of changes in particular projects, where it is deemed convenient.

6. PARTICIPANTS

The participation of the National Coordinators, public officials from planning, transportation infrastructure, energy, and communications national agencies, and representatives from the CCT, experts, and consultants is expected.

On account of the tight work schedule of the meeting, the Brazilian delegation should be large enough for its members to be able to attend simultaneous sessions on two Hubs: the Guianese Shield Hub and the Central Interocceanic Hub in the afternoon of April 22, and the Paraguay-Paraná Waterway Hub and the Amazon Hub in the afternoon of April 23.

7. WORK SCHEDULE

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TUESDAY, APRIL 22, 2014
Plenary Session – Room A

09:00 – 09:15 Opening Remarks
Sergio Galilea Ocón, Under-Secretary of Public Works COSIPLAN
Presidency Pro Tempore held by Chile
Dimitri Zaninovich Victoria, Director of Sustainable Energy and Infrastructure.
National Planning Department of Colombia

09:15 – 09:30 Objectives and Expected Results
Graciela Schamis, IIRSA CCT Secretariat

09:30 – 10:15 Descriptors by Sector, Subsector and Type of Works for the Portfolio Projects
Presentation of the proposed descriptors
Lecturer: Patricio Mansilla, CCT (IDB)
Definition of the descriptors and the schedule for their implementation and entry into the system
National Coordinators moderated by the COSIPLAN PPT held by Chile

10:15 – 11:00 Indicators of the Results of the Project Portfolio
Presentation of the proposed information fields for completed projects to create results indicators
Lecturer: Pedro Sosa, CCT (FONPLATA)
Definition of the information fields and the implementation and data entry schedule
National Coordinators moderated by the COSIPLAN PPT held by Chile

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:00 Project Information System (PIS)
Presentation of the results of the survey and of the functional improvements to the PIS
Lecturer: Ignacio Estévez, CCT Secretariat
Definition of the improvements and of their implementation schedule
National Coordinators moderated by the COSIPLAN PPT held by Chile

12:00 – 12:45 API Project Progress Indicators
Presentation of the API progress indicators and reports
Lecturer: Sebastián Abbatemarco, CCT (CAF)
Definition of the reports and indicators for the API Progress Report 2014
National Coordinators moderated by the COSIPLAN PPT held by Chile
12:45 – 14:30  Lunch (on your own)

14:30 – 15:15  Use of the CMS for the Project Portfolio
Presentation of the proposed criteria for gradually using the CMS for the Portfolio projects
*Lecturer: Rigoberto Garcia, COSIPLAN PPT held by Chile*
Definition of the criteria and of their implementation schedule
*National Coordinators moderated by the COSIPLAN PPT held by Chile*

15:15 – 15:30  Conclusions of the Plenary Session
*Moderator: COSIPLAN PPT held by Chile*

15:30 – 15:45  Presentation of the Methodology of the Sessions by Hub
*Lecturer: Alejandra Radl, CCT Secretariat*

15:45 – 17:45  Guianese Shield Hub – Room A
*Facilitator: Patricio Mansilla (CCT IADB)*

  **Central Interoceanic Hub – Room B**
*Facilitator: Pedro Sosa (CCT FONPLATA)*

  - Presentation of the consolidated information on the projects within the Hub
  - Review of the projects within the Hub by Project Group

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23, 2014**

09:00 – 12:00  MERCOSUR-Chile Hub – Room A
*Facilitator: Patricio Mansilla (CCT IADB)*

  **Andean Hub – Room B**
*Facilitator: Sebastián Abbatemarco (CCT CAF)*

  - Presentation of the consolidated information on the projects within the Hub
  - Review of the projects within the Hub by Project Group

12:00 – 14:00  Lunch (on your own)
14:00 – 17:00  **Paraguay-Paraná Waterway Hub – Room A**

*Facilitator: Pedro Sosa (CCT FONPLATA)*

**Amazon Hub – Room B**

*Facilitator: Sebastián Abatemerco (CCT CAF)*

- Presentation of the consolidated information on the projects within the Hub
- Review of the projects within the Hub by Project Group

**THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2014**

09:00 – 12:00  **Capricorn Hub – Room A**

*Facilitator: Sebastián Abatemerco (CCT CAF)*

- Presentation of the consolidated information on the projects within the Hub
- Review of the projects within the Hub by Project Group

12:00 – 14:00  **Lunch (on your own)**

14:00 – 17:00  **Peru-Brazil-Bolivia Hub – Room A**

*Facilitator: Pedro Sosa (CCT FONPLATA)*

**Southern Hub – Room B**

*Facilitator: Patricio Mansilla (CCT IADB)*

- Presentation of the consolidated information on the projects within the Hub
- Review of the projects within the Hub by Project Group