

**EXECUTIVE TECHNICAL GROUP – GUIANESE SHIELD HUB
REPORT OF THE MEETING**

April 22-24, 2014
Embassy Suites Hotel
Bogotá, Colombia

On April 22, 23 and 24, 2014, the city of Bogotá, Colombia, hosted the Meeting of the Executive Technical Groups on the Integration and Development Hubs to Update the COSIPLAN Project Portfolio and the Integration Priority Project Agenda (API), which was attended by delegations from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Guyana, Peru, and Uruguay as well as by members of the UNASUR General Secretariat and of IIRSA Technical Coordination Committee.

PREPARATORY TASKS WERE 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).

The objectives of the meeting were the following: (i) propose the revision of the Strategic Functions of the Project Groups identified by the countries as requiring an update; and (ii) present the updated COSIPLAN Portfolio and API project information by Integration and Development Hub.

The work performed involved the following activities:

1. Presentation of the consolidated information on the projects within the Hub.
2. Review of the projects within the Hub by Project Group. In each case, the following was analyzed:
 - 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 those with incomplete files in the PIS and on those at the profiling stage that were included in the Portfolio before 2008.
 - d. API Projects, with emphasis on those whose data was incomplete in the CMS and with current deviations from their implementation schedule.
 - e. Projects proposed to be included in and/or excluded from the Portfolio. Updates of changes in particular projects, where it was deemed convenient.

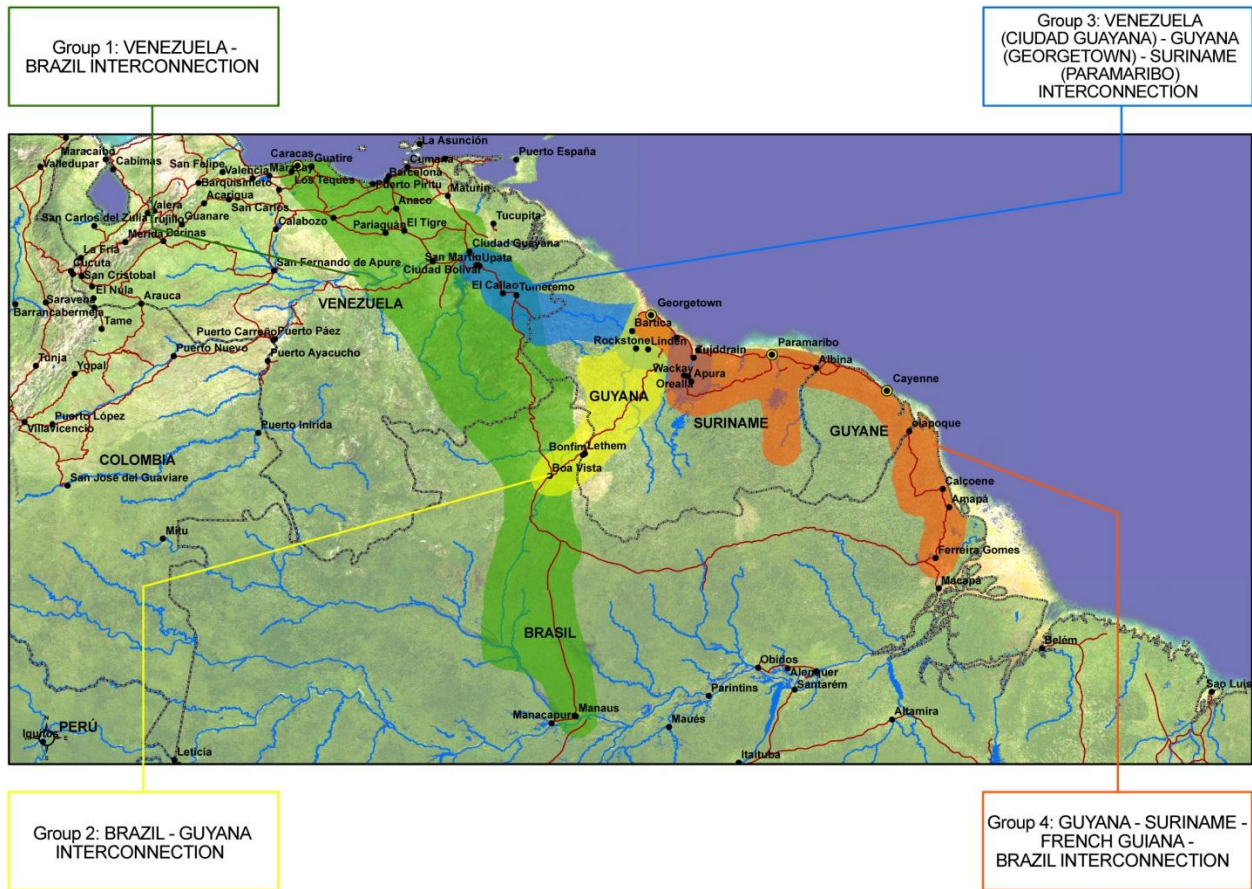
GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

In line with the COSIPLAN-IIRSA Work Plan 2014, the individual API projects were analyzed within their respective Project Groups together with the rest of the COSIPLAN Portfolio projects.

Given the interdependent nature of the agenda, the delegations present hereby request the National Coordinations of Bolivia, Suriname, and Venezuela to update the information on their projects included in the Project Information System (PIS) as well as the API project life cycle in the Continuous Monitoring System (CMS). The fact that these delegations were not present at the meeting is holding back 19 Project Groups belonging to six Integration and Development Hubs from moving forward.

COSIPLAN Portfolio Projects

The Guianese Shield Hub is made up of four project groups.



As the projects that make up each group in the Hub were reviewed, observations were made and modifications were proposed as explained below.

Given the interdependent nature of the agenda, the delegations present asked the National Coordinations of Suriname and Venezuela to update the information on their own countries' projects included in the Project Information System (PIS) as well as the API project life cycle in the Continuous Monitoring System (CMS).

GROUP 2: BRAZIL - GUYANA INTERCONNECTION

GUY09 ANCHOR PROJECT: LETHEM - LINDEN ROAD. The Brazilian delegation informed that the project will remain at the pre-execution stage. The Brazil-Guyana High-Level Group is currently discussing its financing. The implementation of two hydroelectric power plants in Guyana is being discussed as well.

GUY12 DEEP WATER PORT IN GUYANA. The Brazilian delegation informed that the project will remain at the profiling stage and that its financing is being discussed by the Brazil-Guyana High-Level Group.

GROUP 3: VENEZUELA (CIUDAD GUAYANA) - GUYANA (GEORGETOWN) - SURINAME (PARAMARIBO) INTERCONNECTION

GUY24 CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE OVER THE CORENTYNE RIVER. The Guyanese delegation informed that the project is expected to remain at the profiling stage until the second quarter of this year and stated that it would update the project life cycle information in the CMS.

GROUP 4: GUYANA - SURINAME - FRENCH GUIANA - BRAZIL INTERCONNECTION

GUY41 OYAPOCK INTEGRATED BORDER CONTROL CENTER. The Brazilian delegation informed that the project is at the execution stage and will soon update the investment amount specified in the project file.