Executive Technical Group Meeting to Update the COSIPLAN Project Portfolio and the Integration Priority Project Agenda (API)

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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).

This Portfolio is made up of transport, energy and communications projects that promote regional connectivity and create sustainable economic and social development in South America. It is continuously updated by way of annual meetings of the Executive Technical Groups (GTEs) on the Integration and Development Hubs.

As of 2014, the COSIPLAN Project Portfolio was made up of 579 projects for an investment estimated at US$163,324.5 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 with the aim of encouraging 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.

As of 2014, API was made up of 31 structured projects and 100 individual projects for an investment estimated at US$21,172.6 million.

The information concerning the Portfolio and API projects is consolidated in the COSIPLAN Project Information System (PIS). In order to monitor the API projects and, since 2014, the Portfolio projects as well, there is a Life Cycle Schedule in the Continuous Monitoring System (CMS) module of each project file in the PIS.

2.   **OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING**

    a.   **Portfolio and API:** Present the current status of the information on the Portfolio and API reported in the PIS, in accordance with the update commitments agreed upon in 2014:

           i.   Descriptors by sector, subsector and type of works

          ii.   Completed projects

       iii.   Use of the CMS for the Project Portfolio

    b.   **Completed Projects:** Present a diagnosis of the information reported in the PIS concerning the completed Portfolio projects, and discuss the next steps to be taken in order to communicate the results and benefits attained with the implementation of these projects.

    c.   **Border Integration:** Analyze the incorporation of border integration into the COSIPLAN indicative territorial planning, and define the next steps.

3.   **PARTICIPANTS**

The participation of the National Coordinators, public officials concerned with planning and transportation, energy and communications infrastructure issues, as well as representatives from the CCT, experts, and consultants is expected.

4.   **AGENDA**

09:00 – 09:15   **Opening Remarks**

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09:15 – 09:30   **Objectives and Expected Results**

09:30 – 10:45   **COSIPLAN Project Portfolio and API**

           Presentation of the status of the information in the PIS and of the methodology of the videoconferences on the Integration and Development Hubs

           Comments by the National Coordinators

10:45 – 11:15 **Coffee Break**

11:15 – 12:30 **Completed Projects**

Presentation of the status of the information in the PIS and proposal regarding the next steps

Comments by the National Coordinators

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch (on your own)**

14:00 – 15:00 **Border Integration**

Presentation of the proposal concerning the incorporation of border integration into territorial planning, and proposed next steps

Comments by the National Coordinators

15:00 – 15:15 **Coffee Break**

15:15 – 16:30 **Conclusions and Closing Session**

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