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# Integration Sectoral Processes (PSIs, in Spanish) *Progress in 2008*

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## Border Crossing - PSI





# Border Crossing Studies

- Territorial Connectivity: Argentina - Paraguay (Clorinda - Asunción node)
- Optimization of the Cristo Redentor Border Crossing
- Connectivity: Argentina - Chile
- River Border Crossings: Ecuador - Peru
- Facilitation of Border Crossings: Colombia - Ecuador
- Connectivity and border city surroundings: Argentina – Bolivia
- Border Crossings in Bolivia



## Territorial Connectivity: Argentina – Paraguay (Clorinda – Asunción node)

- **Objective:** feasibility of physical integration of the projects: Clorinda – Metropolitan Area of Asunción Node and Ñeembucú - Río Bermejo Node
- **Scope:** new connection over Paraguay river and optimization of the territorial connectivity of the Node
- **Status:** approved by FONPLATA and under internal approval by the countries
- **Value:** \$1,340,436.00



# Optimization of the Cristo Redentor Border Crossing System

- **Objective:** to optimize the operation of the Border Crossing
- **Scope:** study of optimization alternatives and further pre-design of the selected alternative
- **Status:** approved by the IDB (BID, in Spanish). The study began in October and will end in August 2009
- **Value:** \$482,500.00



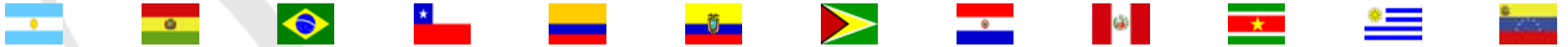
## Connectivity: Argentina - Chile

- **Objective:** to identify the infrastructure projects related to land transportation between Argentina and Chile, with the purpose of improving the connectivity between both countries and the operation conditions related to the international transportation that uses the Border Crossings
- **Status:** approved by the IDB. The study was tendered with an initial date planned for December 2009
- **Value:** \$1,100,000.00



## Facilitation of Border Crossings Colombia - Ecuador

- **Objective:** facilitation of the Colombia – Ecuador border crossings, in Rumichaca and San Miguel (support for the socio-economic development in the area of influence)
- **Scope:** to assess the optimization and facilitation proposals of the border crossing in Rumichaca and implementation and design of the border crossing in San Miguel (regional development will be posed)
- **Status:** approval by the IDB is pending. Hiring of the study is about to start.
- **Investment:** \$380,000.00



## River Border Crossings Ecuador - Peru

- **Objective:** design of the river CEBAF: Roca Fuerte - Cabo Pantoja between Ecuador and Peru
- **Status:** Ecuador asked the IDB for a CT for the study and analysis of the Border Crossing.
- During 2008, the IDB sent a mission to Ecuador with a specialist consultant in Border Crossings and many meetings were held with Ecuadorian Government Authorities. Also, information was gathered on people and trade flows in the area.
- Once Peru presents the request, the Terms of Reference (TdRs, in Spanish) will be defined and the approval of the Technical Cooperation will be processed.





# Connectivity and border city surroundings

## Argentina - Bolivia

- **Objective:** taking into consideration the results from the Binational Border Plan, projects will be considered of a priority nature in Villazón - La Quiaca, Bermejo - Aguas Blancas and Yacuiba - Salvador Mazza (related to the border crossings)
- **Status:** preparation of the profiles of the selected projects. During 2009, the governments will determine and consider as a priority the actions to be taken.



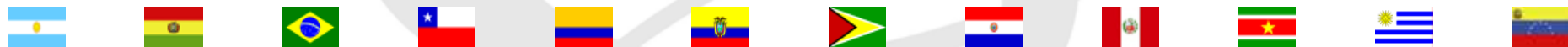
## Border Crossings in Bolivia

- **Objective:** to assess operational and infrastructure improvements in the border crossings
- **Status:** the Government of Bolivia is prioritizing the steps to define technical cooperation with the CAF
- **Value:** to be defined

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# Information and Communication Technologies – ITCs





# Project: Agreement on South American Roaming (1)

## Project stages

1. To carry out a *Regional Study* of the South American Roaming Service Market, involving operators, regulators and governmental organizations
2. To compare the South American context with *better practices* in other regions in the world
3. To discuss the results and define the *action plan* to be followed for the implementation of the project
4. To get resources in order to *boost the measures* that allow the market to be more dynamic and favor the regional integration



# Project: Agreement on South American Roaming (1)

## Coordination with other initiatives/organizations

- The progress of the project is being coordinated with the main organizations and associations in the sector in order to find synergies and favor constructive dialogue.
- Regional organizations: CITEL
- Regulators: Regulatel
- Operators: Asociación GSM (International and L.A.)



# Project: Agreement on South American Roaming (2)

## Main milestones in 2008

- **January/February, 2008:** definition of the scope of the regional study
- **March, 2008:** IIRSA-CITEL Workshop in Washington DC (CITEL and Regulatel were present in the workshop)
- **July, 2008:** beginning of the Regional Study of the South American Roaming Service Market



## Project: Agreement on South American Roaming (3)




### Future activities

- **November 7th, 2008:** First GTE on South American Roaming to present the study and define the guidelines for the action plan during 2009-2010
- **First semester, 2009:** Second GTE on South American Roaming to approve the action plan for 2009-2010
- **2009 – 2010:** Implementation of the measures set in the action plan



# Project: Exports through Postal Services (1)

## Current implementation status

-  Countries that have the project implemented
-  Countries where the project is being implemented
-  Countries where the project is being designed or under a pre-diagnosis process







## Project: Exports through Postal Services (2)

### Main milestones in 2008

- Consolidation of the Project Guide
- Monitoring visits to Peru (February)
- First course for consultants training (March)
- Pre-diagnosis in Ecuador (March-April)
- Beginning of the implantation in Uruguay (May)
- Pre-diagnosis in Colombia (September-November)



# Project: Exports through Postal Services (3)

## Future activities

- Pre-diagnosis in Chile and Bolivia
- Beginning of the implementation in Ecuador
- Project launch in Uruguay
- Second course on consultant training (March)
- Development of a monitoring methodology
- Regional workshop on the project: Exports through Postal Services
- First GTE of the project: Exports through postal Services
- Inclusion of other countries to the project
- Development of a regional e-commerce project