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## **XVIII MEETING OF NATIONAL COORDINATORS**

29-30 August, 2011

Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

The XVIII Meeting of National Coordinators was held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on August 29 and 30, 2011. Its objectives were: (i) to complete the work underway regarding the set up of the Integration Priority Project Agenda (API, in Spanish), and to define the next steps towards its implementation and monitoring; (ii) to identify the activities for IIRSA Work Plan 2012; and (iii) to schedule the activities for the second half of 2011.

The agenda of the meeting and the list of participating delegations are attached as Annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

### **Opening of the Meeting**

The meeting was opened by the Presidency Pro Tempore (PPT), held by Brazil, which welcomed the participating delegations and made reference to the objectives and expected results of the event. Then, the CCT Secretariat opened the work sessions and outlined their work methodology and dynamics.

### **Integration Priority Project Agenda (API)**

As a follow-up on the activities carried out at the meetings held on June 14-16 in Bogotá and on July 19-21 in Montevideo, the work related to the set up of the API was continued with a view to its final approval at the Meeting of the COSIPLAN Ministers to be held in November 30 in Brasilia, Brazil.

Consultant Gustavo Guerra García made a presentation on the progress of the API document, which had been duly distributed to the National Coordinators for comment. This presentation is attached as Annex 3.

The following was agreed upon at the meeting:

1. The name of the Agenda is “Integration Priority Project Agenda (API).”
2. It was recognized that some projects in the API will not be completed by 2022. However, due to the priority given to them by the Governments concerned, it was agreed that they will nevertheless be part of the Agenda and that mention will be made in the API document of the reasons for their inclusion.
3. The terminology to be used in the API will be the following: (i) structured project (for each API project that includes individual projects of the Portfolio of Projects for the Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America); and (ii) individual project (for each project in such Portfolio that is part of a structured project).
4. The first deadline for submitting the schedule of completion of the individual project stages was set for September 15. In the case of projects requiring a longer period of time for reaching agreements after the first deadline, a second deadline was set for October 1.
5. The files accounting for project compliance with the selection criteria that have not been submitted yet as well as the final versions of those files requiring comments or agreement by some countries should be submitted to the Secretariat not later than September 15.
6. The comments on the route and/or location of the projects on the API maps (both general and by Hub) should be submitted to the Secretariat not later than September 15. It is necessary that the National Coordinations specify the integration corridors that would leverage the impact of the API projects on the different sectors (railway, road, river, energy sectors). The intention is to represent on such maps the physical connectivity favored by each project.
7. On September 20, the Secretariat will distribute a preliminary version of the API document with the contents received from the National Coordinators up to September 15. The countries should complement the text with comments and information.

Next, the API project list was reviewed by Integration and Development Hub.

#### **Amazon Hub**

- **Connection of the Western Amazon Basin to the Pacific Ocean**

Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru

It was agreed to exclude this project from the API and to replace it with three projects, as described below.

- **Paita - Tarapoto - Yurimaguas Road, Ports, Logistics Centers and Waterways**

Peru

This project is made up of the following individual projects:

- AMA24 Paita Port
- AMA20 Paita Logistics Center
- AMA25 Paita - Tarapoto Road
- AMA16 Tarapoto - Yurimaguas Road and Yurimaguas Port
- AMA21 Yurimaguas Logistics Center
- AMA40 Improvement of Navigation Conditions on the Huallaga River Waterway
- AMA41 Improvement of Navigation Conditions on the Marañón River Waterway
- AMA56 Modernization of Iquitos Port
- AMA44 Iquitos Logistics Center

The information about this project is complete.

- **Callao - La Oroya - Pucallpa Road, Ports, Logistics Centers and Waterways**

Peru

This project is made up of the following individual projects:

- AMA31 Modernization of El Callao Port (New Container Dock)
- AMA66 El Callao Multi-Purpose Northern Terminal
- AMA67 El Callao Mineral Shipping Terminal
- AMA65 El Callao Logistics Activities Zone
- AMA32 Lima - Ricardo Palma Expressway
- AMA63 IIRSA Center, Section 2: Ricardo Palma - La Oroya - Turn-off to Cerro de Pasco
- AMA64 IIRSA Center, Section 2: Turn-off to Cerro de Pasco - Tingo María
- AMA26 Tingo María - Pucallpa Road and Pucallpa Port
- AMA30 Pucallpa Intermodal Logistics Center
- AMA43 Improvement of Navigation Conditions on the Ucayali River

The information about this project is complete.

- **Northeastern Access to the Amazon River**

Brazil, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru

The Ecuadorian delegation requested the exclusion of project AMA67 —Francisco de Orellana Port— from the Portfolio and the inclusion in it of the Providencia Port project, which will become the anchor project of Group 2 of the Amazon Hub. The participating delegations agreed to this.

The project is made up of the following individual projects:

- AMA37 Improvement of Navigation Conditions on the Içá River
- AMA38 Improvement of Navigation Conditions on the Putumayo River
- AMA45 Morona Freight Transfer Port
- AMA39 Improvement of Navigation Conditions on the Morona River, Ecuadorian Sector
- AMA42 Improvement of Navigation Conditions on the Napo River
- AMA71 Providencia Port

Peru will communicate within the time period agreed upon whether the individual projects included are part of the Peruvian Government's mid-term development plans. Any project not provided for in these development plans will be removed from the structured project. Should none of the individual projects be provided for in such plans, this structured project will be excluded.

As soon as the project is confirmed, both the file accounting for project compliance with the API selection criteria and the implementation schedule will be required. As the name of the project is provisional, the countries involved will need to define it. The current name is favored by Peru.

### **Andean Hub**

- **Caracas - Bogotá - Buenaventura / Quito Road Corridor**

Colombia, Ecuador and Venezuela

Ecuador and Venezuela will send their comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Colombia, within the time period agreed upon. Update in the database of the investment amount for projects AND05 and AND07 and of the implementation stage for project AND05 is still pending.

- **Colombia - Ecuador Border Interconnection**

Colombia and Ecuador

It was agreed to incorporate Rumichaca Bridge into project AND82. Ecuador will send its comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Colombia, within the time period agreed upon. Update of the AND82 project file in the database is required in order to include the bridge already mentioned.

- **Colombia - Venezuela Border Crossings Connectivity System**

Colombia and Venezuela

Venezuela will send its comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Colombia, within the time period agreed upon. The implementation schedules for projects AND02 and AND19 need to be submitted by Venezuela.

- **Puerto Gaitán - Puerto Carreño Multimodal Project, Including Improvement of the Navigation Conditions on the Meta River**

Colombia and Venezuela

The Colombian delegation proposed that this project be excluded since it is at the profiling stage. The Venezuelan delegation agreed to this, and the project was excluded from the API.

- **Desaguadero Binational Border Service Center (CEBAF)**

Bolivia and Peru

Its inclusion into the API is yet to be defined by Bolivia. This project will be dealt with in the videoconference scheduled for Tuesday, September 13.

Should it be included, Bolivia will send its comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Peru, within the time period agreed upon.

- **Autopista del Sol Expressway: Improvement and Rehabilitation of the Sullana - Aguas Verdes Section (Including Tumbes Bypass)**

Peru requests that the project AND28 be included within the Andean Hub. The project ensures a connection with the south of the Ecuadorian Republic, is a priority in the Peru-Ecuador Border Integration Bilateral Plan, and is the main vehicle for articulating both countries' foreign trade and tourism, in line with the essence and purport of the Andean Hub. A communication will be sent to the National Coordinators informing about this request. Should there be no objection within the established period, the project will be included.

The information concerning this project is complete.

## **Capricorn Hub**

- **Construction of the Salvador Mazza - Yacuiba Binational Bridge and Border Center**

Argentina and Bolivia

Bolivia will send its comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Argentina, within the time period agreed upon. The implementation schedule needs to be submitted.

- **Argentina - Bolivia Connection through La Quiaca - Villazón**

Argentina and Bolivia

Bolivia will send its comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Argentina, within the time period agreed upon. The implementation schedule needs to be submitted.

- **Paranaguá - Antofagasta Bioceanic Railway Corridor**

Argentina, Brazil, Chile and Paraguay

Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay will send their comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Argentina and Brazil, within the time period agreed upon. Argentina and Paraguay must submit their project implementation schedules.

- **Foz do Iguaçu - Ciudad del Este - Asunción - Clorinda Road Connection**

Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay

Brazil and Paraguay will send their comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Argentina, within the time period agreed upon. The project implementation schedules need to be submitted.

- **Itaipu - Asunción - Yacyretá 500-KV Transmission Line**

Paraguay

Since this is a national project, it was agreed to remove Brazil from it. The implementation schedules of the individual projects and the unified file accounting for project compliance with the selection criteria need to be submitted.

## **Guianese Shield Hub**

- **Rehabilitation of the Caracas - Manaus Road**

Brazil and Venezuela

Venezuela will send its comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Brazil, within the time period agreed upon. The implementation schedule needs to be submitted.

- **Boa Vista - Bonfim - Lethem - Linden - Georgetown Road**

Brazil and Guyana

The file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria and the project implementation schedule need to be submitted within the time period agreed upon.

- **Routes Interconnecting Venezuela (Ciudad Guayana) - Guyana (Georgetown) - Suriname (South Drain - Apura - Zanderij - Moengo - Albina), Including Construction of the Bridge over the Corentyne River**

Guyana, Suriname and Venezuela

It was agreed to include the construction of the Bridge over the Corentyne River in this project, pending consideration by Guyana. The information about this project is complete.

- **Construction of the Bridge over the Corentyne River**

Guyana and Suriname

This project was incorporated into the above-mentioned structured project.

### **Paraguay-Paraná Waterway Hub**

- **Improvement of Navigation Conditions on La Plata River Basin**

Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay

Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay will send their comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Argentina, within the time period agreed upon. Argentina, Bolivia and Paraguay need to complete their project implementation schedules.

- **Paraguay - Argentina - Uruguay Railway Interconnection**

Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay

Paraguay and Uruguay will send their comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Argentina, within the time period agreed upon. Argentina and Paraguay need to complete their project implementation schedules.

The sections that make up this structured project will be defined by the three countries concerned.

- **Rehabilitation of the Chamberlain - Fray Bentos Railway Branch Line**

Uruguay

The information about this project is complete.

- **Nueva Palmira Beltway and Port Access Roads Network**

Uruguay

The information about this project is complete.

### **Central Interoceanic Hub**

The projects in this Hub will be dealt with in the videoconference scheduled for Tuesday, September 13.

- **Passenger and Cargo Hub Airport for South America (Viru Viru - Santa Cruz International Hub Airport)**

Bolivia

Bolivia has already submitted the file accounting for compliance of this project with the API selection criteria. The implementation schedule needs to be completed.

- **Improvement of Road Connectivity in the Central Interoceanic Hub (Phases I and II)**

Bolivia and Brazil

The name and the projects to be included in each phase of this project are still pending.

Brazil proposes that project IOC15 be replaced by project IOC14 — Campo Grande Bypass —, and informs that the latter has been included in Phase I. This project is part of the Brazilian Growth Acceleration Program 1 (or PAC 1, its acronym in Portuguese). Brazil proposes that the IOC25 project be included in Phase I upon the conclusion of the negotiations on the location and conditions of the Integrated Control Area. Furthermore, Brazil informs that this project is at the profiling stage in the API project list whereas it is included in the database as being at the pre-execution stage. This information needs to be updated in the database.

Bolivia has already submitted the file accounting for compliance of the IOC80 project (Upgrade of La Paz - Santa Cruz Route to a Four-lane Road) with the API selection criteria. A file accounting for compliance of the entire project with the API selection criteria and the implementation schedule need to be submitted within the time period agreed upon.

- **Infante Rivarola - Cañada Oruro Border Crossing**

Bolivia and Paraguay



The name of the project, which is yet to be defined, the file accounting for its compliance with the selection criteria, and the implementation schedule need to be submitted within the time period agreed upon.

- **Central Bioceanic Railway Corridor**

Bolivia

Brazil informs that, according to the Ministry of Transport, this is not a priority project since it is not part of the Brazilian Growth Acceleration Program 1 or 2 (or PAC 1 or PAC 2, their acronym in Portuguese), and this railway has been awarded by concession to the private sector.

Peru showed interest in this project when reviewing the file accounting for its compliance with the selection criteria submitted by Bolivia.

The inclusion of the project is yet to be defined.

Bolivia has already submitted the file accounting for its compliance with the API selection criteria, and the implementation schedule needs to be submitted within the time period agreed upon.

- **Construction of a Multipurpose Port or Megaport in Ilo**

Bolivia

Bolivia has already submitted the file accounting for compliance of this project with the API selection criteria. Peru showed interest in this project and stated that it is related to project IOC61.

The inclusion of this project is yet to be defined.

### **MERCOSUR-Chile Hub**

- **Northeastern Argentina Gas Pipeline**

Argentina and Bolivia

Bolivia will send its comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Argentina, within the time period agreed upon. The implementation schedule needs to be submitted.

- **Construction of the Jaguarão - Río Branco International Bridge**

Brazil and Uruguay

Brazil will send its comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Uruguay, within the time period agreed upon.

- **Multimodal Transportation in the Laguna Merín and Lagoa dos Patos System**

Brazil and Uruguay

Brazil will send its comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Uruguay, within the time period agreed upon.

- **Montevideo - Cacequi Railway Corridor**

Brazil and Uruguay

The files accounting for compliance with the API selection criteria need to be unified by the two countries within the time period agreed upon.

- **Optimization of the Cristo Redentor Border Crossing System**

Argentina and Chile

Chile will send its comments about the file accounting for compliance of this project with the selection criteria, as submitted by Argentina, within the time period agreed upon. The implementation schedule needs to be submitted. Update by Argentina of the file accounting for compliance with the selection criteria is still pending.

Argentina and Chile informed that they need a longer period of time to incorporate project MCC110 — Agua Negra Binational Tunnel— into the API, as this is contingent on a bilateral agreement to be entered into at a future date. Should negotiations not be concluded by October 1, the project will not be included in the API.

### **Peru-Brazil-Bolivia Hub**

- **Porto Velho - Peruvian Coast Connection**

Brazil and Peru

It was informed that negotiations are underway between the Customs Administrations of both countries with respect to the technical aspects of the border crossing known as the Peru-Brazil Binational Border Service Center. Should negotiations not be concluded by October 1, the project will be excluded from the API.

If the project is confirmed, the files accounting for compliance of project PBB02, as submitted by Peru, and of project PBB64, as submitted by Brazil, with the selection criteria need to be unified.

The API project list is attached as Annex 4.

## **Follow-up on and Monitoring of the API**

It was agreed that a tool associated with the Project Database will be designed to follow up on the API projects. This will be available to the general public on IIRSA's website.

The CCT will prepare a proposal gathering the discussions among and the contributions by the delegations, including a file for the API projects as well as basic indicators to monitor their progress. This proposal will be submitted to the National Coordinators for comment at the November meeting.

## **Work Plan 2011**

Comments were made on the results of the Project Portfolio update process, and it was informed that a document entitled "Portfolio of Projects for the Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America 2011" will be presented at the November meetings. A presentation anticipating the results of such process, including information as of June, is attached as Annex 5.

The calendar of activities for the rest of the year was reviewed. The purpose of each activity and the reasons for the modifications introduced were briefly discussed.

1. GTE Meeting on the Exports through Postal Services for SMEs Project; GTE Meeting on the IprLg Methodology; GTE Meeting on Border Crossings; Workshop on Cartographic Agendas, and GeoSUR. It was agreed that the Secretariat will distribute the preliminary agendas of these events to the National Coordinators for the purpose of gathering comments and ensuring that such events reflect the interest of the countries.
2. GTE Meeting on the Peru-Brazil-Bolivia Hub. Comments were made on the work underway by the consultants to prepare the business vision for this Hub, and this GTE Meeting was confirmed to be held in October.
3. 10 Years of IIRSA Event. The Peruvian delegation proposed organizing an event at a date to be defined in the first quarter of next year. This event would be of a specialized and technical nature. Peru would be responsible for its organization and financing. The agenda will be distributed to the National Coordinations by the Secretariat.
4. XIX Meeting of National Coordinators. The main items on the agenda will be: (i) the report on the activities undertaken by IIRSA in 2011, including the document on the update of the Portfolio of Projects for the Integration of Regional Infrastructure in South America 2011, the document on the API, and a preliminary document on the monitoring of and follow-up on the API; and (ii) the contributions made by IIRSA to the COSIPLAN Work Plan 2012.

5. III Meeting of the COSIPLAN Coordinating Committee, and Meeting of the COSIPLAN Ministers.  
The items on the agendas of these meetings will be considered at the II Meeting of the COSIPLAN Coordinating Committee on August 31.

The calendar agreed upon is attached as Annex 6.

## **Contributions by IIRSA to the Work Plan 2012**

It was agreed that the National Coordinations will submit not later than September 30 to the PPT, held by Brazil, their input for making up the contributions by IIRSA to the Work Plan 2012, based on a proposal to be distributed by the PPT. The CCT and the PPT will put together the contributions by IIRSA, which will be later submitted to the incoming Paraguayan Presidency Pro Tempore for its consideration and to the National Coordinations for comment, in order to be presented at the November meetings.

The contributions by IIRSA will be sent to the COSIPLAN Coordinating Committee, which will submit the Work Plan 2012 proposal for approval by the COSIPLAN Ministers.

## **Other Issues**

The publication of the book *IIRSA 10 Years After: Its Achievements and Challenges* was announced. It will be distributed to the countries through their embassies in Argentina. The three versions will be available on IIRSA's website.

The launch of IIRSA Repository, developed by the INTAL Documentation Center (CDI) with the support of the CCT Secretariat, was announced. The IIRSA Repository consists of the collection, assembly, record and thematic description of each document produced by or related to the Initiative. The repository allows users to search for documents via a search module and can be accessed on IIRSA's and INTAL's websites.

## **List of Annexes**

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