

Work Plan 2012

COSIPLAN/IIRSA

State of Progress

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Indicative Territorial Planning (ACTION 1.1)

- Conduct an analysis of the northeastern and central-eastern territory of Brazil in order to incorporate it into one of the IIRSA Hubs

Approach

The analysis will focus on the potential connections and synergies among the infrastructure projects located in the northeastern and central-eastern areas of Brazil and the Integration and Development Hubs as defined by IIRSA. Work will rely on a review of the information gathered as well as on interviews with IIRSA National Coordinators and experts from institutions concerned with the planning and execution of the infrastructure being analyzed.

The study will be carried out by a consulting firm under the supervision of the CCT, in coordination with the Brazilian Ministry of Planning, using the Indicative Territorial Planning Methodology. And any possible connections with the Hubs will be presented in cartographic form.



Integration Territorial Programs (PTIs)

(ACTIONS 3.1 and 3.2)

- Develop the PTI Methodology on the basis of the experience gained from the methodologies already applied (IPrLg and EASE) and through the incorporation of new issues. This will require the commitment of the governments to the definition of the approach and the validation of the methodology, as well as the training of officials from the countries.
- Conduct a pilot application on a territory to be defined by the countries.

Note: The pilot application is subject to an expression of interest by the countries.



Integration Territorial Programs (PTIs) (ACTIONS 3.1 and 3.2)

Approach

This methodology will be developed by a consulting firm under the supervision of the CCT in three phases:

- Phase I. Proposed Scope of the Methodology

- For the purpose of identifying the needs that the Governments wish to address using this methodology, “case studies” of API projects to be mutually agreed by the National Coordinators will be conducted. The countries selected on a preliminary basis are Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Peru, in addition to API project No. 16 (Guyana, Suriname and Venezuela)
- Using the information obtained through such studies, a survey will be held to gather, in a virtual way, the comments and observations by the rest of the countries. The results will be distributed to the National Coordinators, also in a virtual manner, in order that the aspects that the methodology should include may be agreed upon by consensus.

- Phase II. Contents and Development of the Methodology

- Once the scope is defined, a proposal for the contents of the methodology will be put forward for validation by the National Coordinators before the methodology is developed.

- Phase III. Identification of the PTIs

- The PTIs associated with API will be identified on the basis of the methodology developed.



Integration Territorial Programs (PTIs)

(ACTIONS 3.1 and 3.2)

Schedule

ACTIVITY/2012	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November
Development and drafting of the work plan	-----							
Progress reports for the CNs and validation of each phase		-----		-----				---
Development of the First Phase	-----	-----	-----					
Development of the Second Phase				-----	-----	-----	-----	---

ACTIVITY/2013	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Development of the Third Phase	-----	-----	-----	-----			
(Virtual) approval and final report					-----	-----	-----



Database and Project Portfolio

(ACTIONS 4.1 and 4.2)

- Continue updating the Project Database
- Organize GTE meetings on the nine Hubs
- Submit a Portfolio Report 2012 to COSIPLAN

Approach

- The Database is an essential COSIPLAN Portfolio information exchange tool that has established itself as an excellent mechanism for access to and dissemination of the projects.
- The purpose of the Database update is to produce a bank of homogeneous, up-to-date and reliable information to help address the new challenges emerging from the COSIPLAN activity.
- Since its creation, performance and accessibility of the Database have been improved, and it is an open system that allows the integration of new search and data processing options.



Database and Project Portfolio

(ACTIONS 4.1 and 4.2)

- In spite of the major advances made, there is still a significant number of fields that are incomplete or empty or include inconsistent information:
 - No amount is specified in the case of 144 projects (37% of the Portfolio);
 - The field “Objective” in 20 Portfolio project files does not include any description;
 - Approximately US\$2.5 billion financing appear as “private,” but the funding sources are “public;”
 - There are pending notes that have been dragging on for years (the well-known asterisks).



Database and Project Portfolio

(ACTIONS 4.1 and 4.2)

Activities

- Organize GTE meetings on the nine Hubs to update the COSIPLAN Portfolio, and prepare the Portfolio Report 2012

- Proposed procedure:

Complete Update. In addition of conducting a review of the usual dynamic fields (amount and current status) and managing additions, removals and projects to be discussed, all the files would be revised on a case by case basis until all empty fields are completed and all inconsistencies and/or mistakes are amended.

To facilitate this task, the CCT would send the countries, before the GTE meeting is held, a [diagnosis](#) including a list of the projects to be revised, and would provide assistance in the update process.

At the GTE meeting, any pending issues regarding such list of projects would be reviewed and the proposed additions, removals and projects to be discussed would be dealt with.



Integration Priority Project Agenda (API) (ACTION 4.3)

- Develop and implement an API follow-up and monitoring mechanism
- Organize two GTE meetings on the API follow-up and monitoring, and make the necessary adjustments
- Submit an API progress report to COSIPLAN



Integration Priority Project Agenda (API) (ACTION 4.3)

Schedule

ACTIVITIES	DEADLINES	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Review the proposed guidelines for the design and management of the SSM, and send comments and suggestions	May 15, 2012	National Coordinators
Prepare a draft glossary to standardize the terminology used in the life cycle of the projects	May 15, 2012	Paraguay
Send comments about the draft glossary	June 15, 2012	National Coordinators
Review, update and agree upon the 31 structured project files	June 15, 2012	National Coordinators
GTE meeting to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitate information exchange among the National Coordinators on environmental and social issues and other topics that may be deemed relevant Present the proposed guidelines for the design and management of the SSM, including the comments submitted by the countries Present the 31 project files, including the review by the countries 	August 8 and 9, (GTE Meeting, Montevideo)	National Coordinators



COSIPLAN GIS and Cartographic Agendas

(ACTIONS 5.2 and 6.1.3)

- Revise the tools currently in place for the purpose of enhancing them to fulfill the objectives provided for in the PAE
- Organize a meeting of National Coordinators to establish the objectives and come up with an action plan on this subject



COSIPLAN GIS and Cartographic Agendas

(ACTIONS 5.2 and 6.1.3)

Schedule

ACTIVITIES	DEADLINES	RESPONSIBLE PARTIES
Design a technical datasheet for the analysis of the thematic layers	April 30, 2012	Brazil and Argentina (with the support of Chile)
Collect the existing data on the thematic layers agreed upon and analyze the situation (diagnosis)	June 10, 2012	National Coordinators
Prepare a draft glossary to standardize the geographic terms to be used in the COSIPLAN GIS	June 10, 2012	Paraguay (with the support of Argentina)
GTE meeting to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present the diagnosis • Determine the additional activities required from the institutes to complete the information, and take the relevant actions • Establish the guidelines to consolidate the national maps and link them to the regional map • Present the draft glossary 	June 26, 2012 (GTE Meeting, Buenos Aires)	National Coordinators



Strategic Environmental and Social Evaluation (EASE) (ACTION 6.1.1)

- Conduct an application of the EASE methodology on an API structured project

Note: This activity is subject to an expression of interest by the countries and to securing the necessary resources.



Strategic Environmental and Social Evaluation (EASE) (ACTION 6.1.1)

General Considerations on the EASE

Objective:

1. Enhance the understanding of the territories
2. Incorporate a preventive approach
3. Provide recommendations for configuration and implementation
4. Establish related strategies, lines of action and investments
5. Create an enabling space for constructive dialogue among the governments and key stakeholders in the area of influence

Premises and Requirements:

1. Requires the leadership of experts in environmental and social assessment-related fields
2. Is developed on the basis of secondary information and is highly reliant on the contributions made by the different key participants
3. Is applied with the full involvement and commitment of the governments concerned



Strategic Environmental and Social Evaluation (EASE) (ACTION 6.1.1)

Standard Application Schedule

Components / Scope		Phase 1: Approximation and Planning	Phase 2: Gathering, Systematization and Analysis	Phase 3: Consultation and Validation on the Field	Phase 4: Preparation of the Preliminary Document	Phase 5: Feedback and Adjustment	Phase 6: Preparation of Final Results
Project Group	1. Type: Transportation, Energy, Communications 2. Basic Features 3. Implications	Approximation to the characteristics and state of progress of the Project Group Approximation to the environmental implications	Detailed knowledge of the state of progress and technical characteristics of the Project Group of the Sub-Hub	Field verification of the progress and consolidation results of the Sub- Hub and its project groups	Description of the current status of the Project Group based on the previous phases and its technical characteristics	Description of the current status of the Project Group and its technical characteristics at the key participants' workshop	Adjustment of the description of the current status of the Project Group and its technical characteristics based on the results of the workshop
Participants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Directly Responsible Persons * Experts * Public Officials * Social Groups * Sectoral Groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Directly responsible persons and * Public officials of the governments involved in the initiative 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Directly responsible persons * Public officials, governments involved 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Directly responsible persons * Government officials (IIRSA) * Experts * Public officials * Social groups * Sectoral/private groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Directly responsible persons * Experts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Directly responsible persons * Government officials (IIRSA) * Experts * Public officials * Social groups * Sectoral/private groups 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Directly responsible persons
Area of Study and Strategic Influence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Area of Study and Strategic Influence * Work Scale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Approximation to the area of study and strategic influence * Definition of the work scale 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Approximation to the area of study and strategic influence * Adjusted work scales 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Approximation to the area of study and strategic influence * Lowering of the scale to better display the strategic factors 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Description of the area of study and strategic influence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Description and validation of the area of study and strategic influence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Description of the area of study and strategic influence as defined according to the results of the workshop



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Conceptual Work Premises	Conceptual Work Premises	Definition of the strategic factors	Definition of a set of indicators focused on the strategic factors	Systematic analysis of the territory * Verification and adjustment of implications * Critical nature * Risks * Sensitivity * Potentiality	Adjustment of scenarios and tendencies: * Critical nature * Risks * Sensitivity * Potentiality * Approximation to strategies	Feedback and adjustment Verification of scenarios and strategies Lines of action	Scenarios, defined Premises, adjusted and/or verified Strategies, lines of action, cost estimations and recommendations, defined
Tools	Tools: * Technical * Technological * Conceptual * Opinion * Definition of the information capture, processing, and analysis tools	Definition of the work tools	Application of information capture and processing tools * Complexity analysis * Set of indicators * Weighting of indicators and analysis categories, among others	Application of instruments for verifying and validating the information * Briefing * Cross-SWOT analysis * Weighting of variables * Multivariate analysis, experts' workshop, among others	Application and development of a Geographic Information System (GIS) for analyzing information and establishing scenarios and tendencies	* Dissemination materials and technological aids * Application of socialization and validation dynamics and methodology * Gathering of expectations and adjustment	* Computer equipment * Cartography
Duration	Time required for execution	2 weeks	5-6 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	2-4 weeks	2 weeks
Results	Main Results of Each Phase	Preliminary assessment to focus on the strategic factors; approximation to the area of strategic influence	* Approximation to scenarios: actual and baseline territory scenarios * Approximation to scenarios w/ & w/o Sub-Hub	Adjustment * Actual scenario * Business-as-usual * Approximation to strategies * Direct contact with the participants	Adjustment * Actual scenario * Business-as-usual * Definition of strategies and lines of action, cost estimation	* Workshop for consultation, feedback and adjustment with the key participants Final adjustment: * Actual scenario	Final document, validated and made available to the countries and the general public



Strategic Environmental and Social Evaluation (EASE) (ACTION 6.1.1)

Expressions of Interest

Argentina

1. Paranaguá - Antofagasta Bioceanic Railway Corridor (Argentina - Brazil - Chile - Paraguay)

Bolivia

1. Central Bioceanic Railway Corridor (Bolivia)
2. Improvement of Navigation Conditions on La Plata River Basin, specifically in the area of the Tamengo Canal (Bolivia - Brazil)

Brazil

1. Boa Vista - Bonfim - Lethem - Linden - Georgetown Road (Brazil - Guyana)
2. Multimodal Transportation in the Laguna Merín and Lagoa dos Patos System (Brazil - Uruguay)
3. Paranaguá - Antofagasta Bioceanic Railway Corridor (Argentina - Brazil - Chile - Paraguay)

Chile

1. Agua Negra Binational Tunnel

Paraguay

1. Paranaguá - Antofagasta Bioceanic Railway Corridor (Argentina - Brazil - Chile - Paraguay)

Uruguay

1. Multimodal Transportation in the Laguna Merín and Lagoa dos Patos System (Brazil - Uruguay)



Strategic Environmental and Social Evaluation (EASE) (ACTION 6.1.1)

Proposed Application and Next Steps

Proposal:

1. Initially apply the EASE Methodology to the Multimodal Transportation in the Laguna Merín and Lagoa dos Patos System project (Brazil - Uruguay)
2. Begin the administrative formalities and the procurement of resources necessary for conducting in the future an application of the EASE Methodology to the Paranaguá - Antofagasta Bioceanic Railway Corridor project (Argentina - Brazil - Chile - Paraguay)

Next Steps:

1. Submit a formal request (countries)
2. Secure the financial resources (CCT)
3. Hire consultants, draw up a timetable for action, and inform the countries (CCT)
4. Start the application (countries, CCT, and consultants)



Infrastructure Disaster Management (ACTION 6.1.5)

- Organize a workshop on this topic. Chile has expressed interest and will participate in the definition of the agenda and the organization of the workshop.

Approach and Contents

1. Disasters caused by geological events
2. Infrastructure: Climate change impact, vulnerability, and adaptation assessment
3. Capacity building in infrastructure planning and management in order to minimize the risk of disasters

The workshop would be built around the presentation of extra-regional experiences and specific South American disaster response cases, as well as the analysis of specific sectoral issues. Efforts to identify the possible lecturers are being made.

Methodology

- Design a proposed methodology to be applied to the different project groups of IIRSA Hubs
- Build regional capacity in risk management, and create strategic alliances



Facilitation and Modernization of Border Crossings (ACTION 6.2.2)

- Identify indicators of border crossing management to help set common follow-up criteria for the assessment of border crossing operations
- Organize one or two GTE meetings on border crossings with the aim of exchanging best practices and solutions implemented to overcome the obstacles identified at the 2011 GTE meeting; present the progress of the study on management indicators and other studies on this field that the countries may deem relevant



Facilitation and Modernization of Border Crossings (ACTION 6.2.2)

Activities

- Study on border crossings performance indicators
- Workshop at the Huaquillas-Aguas Verdes border crossing, first Andean integrated center, with recent experience in integrating controls
 - Estimated date: May 22-23
 - Objective: Preliminary discussion about possible performance indicators
- GTE Meeting on Border Crossings
 - Date: September 27, Lima
 - Objective: Presentation of the results of the Workshop and the report on the indicators, including the contributions by the officials from the control agencies, as well as final building of the performance indicators



Trade Integration through Postal Services

(ACTION 6.2.3)

- Undertake on-site visits to monitor the “Exporta Fácil” Project in Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Uruguay; pre-diagnostic visits to Paraguay; and a technical exchange trip by Argentina to Peru
- Prepare a proposal for developing the “Importa Fácil” system
- Organize a GTE meeting to analyze the project progress

Note: These activities are subject to securing the necessary resources.



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Current Situation

- Efforts are being made to identify the possible sources of finance through technical cooperation resources for developing the project work plan.

After the resources are obtained, the activities will be rescheduled.



Air Integration

(ACTION 6.2.4)

- Organize a workshop with the purpose of updating knowledge about innovations in this area on the basis of the topics of interest previously identified by the countries

Approach

- Work on the draft agenda for the Workshop is underway, jointly with the National Coordination of Peru, the Peruvian Directorate-General for Air Transport, and the Latin American Civil Aviation Commission.
- There would be five areas of work:
 1. Situation of the air sector in the region
 2. Planning
 3. Environment
 4. Border transportation and connectivity
 5. Harmonization of rules and procedures

Activities

- The draft workshop agenda is planned to be distributed by the end of May.
- Peru proposes to change the date of the workshop, as there is a meeting of regional air experts schedule for the week of August 7.



COSIPLAN Website (ACTION 5.1)

- Offer information on COSIPLAN (documents, activities, meetings) on the IIRSA website on a temporary basis
- Develop the COSIPLAN website, which should include a link to the IIRSA website

Current Situation

- A section on COSIPLAN is available to the general public on IIRSA website: www.iirsa.org/cosiplan.asp
- A link to the website of the UNASUR General Secretariat has been added.



Activities Timetable

JANUARY			
31	Asunción, Paraguay	COSIPLAN CC	First GTE Meeting on Telecommunications
MARCH			
6	Asunción, Paraguay	COSIPLAN CC	Workshop to promote financial support for the preparation of feasibility studies and projects related to the undertakings included in API and in the Project Portfolio
			Workshop to promote the building of financing arrangements adjusted to the specific undertakings included in the COSIPLAN Project Portfolio
7	Asunción, Paraguay	COSIPLAN CC	First Meeting of the Work Group on Financing and Guarantee Mechanisms
8	Asunción, Paraguay	COSIPLAN CC	Fourth Meeting of the COSIPLAN Coordinating Committee
8	Asunción, Paraguay	IIRSA	Special Meeting of National Coordinators (Cartographic Agendas)
9	Asunción, Paraguay	COSIPLAN	Second Meeting of Communications Ministers
APRIL			
11	Buenos Aires, Argentina	IIRSA	GTE Meeting on Cartographic Agendas
12	Buenos Aires, Argentina	IIRSA	GTE Meeting on the API Monitoring and Follow-up Methodology
13	Buenos Aires, Argentina	IIRSA	Twentieth Meeting of IIRSA National Coordinators
MAY			
16-17	Asunción, Paraguay	COSIPLAN CC	Seminar on Regional Infrastructure Networks in South America



Activities Timetable

JUNE			
8	Asunción, Paraguay	COSIPLAN CC	Second Meeting of the Work Group on Telecommunications
26-28	Buenos Aires, Argentina	IIRSA	GTE Meetings on the Nine Hubs to Update the Project Portfolio
29	Buenos Aires, Argentina	IIRSA	GTE on GIS and Cartography
JULY			
12-13	Santiago, Chile	COSIPLAN CC	First Meeting of the Work Group on South American Rail Interconnection
AUGUST			
8-9	Montevideo, Uruguay	IIRSA	GTE on API Continuous Monitoring System (CMS)
SEPTEMBER			
4	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	COSIPLAN CC	Second Meeting of the Work Group on Financing and Guarantee Mechanisms
5	Rio de Janeiro, Brazil	COSIPLAN	Third Meeting of Communications Ministers
25	Lima, Peru	IIRSA	Workshop on Air Integration
26	Lima, Peru	IIRSA	GTE Meeting on Trade Integration through Postal Services
27	Lima, Peru	IIRSA	GTE Meeting on Border Crossings
OCTOBER			
18-19	Santiago, Chile	IIRSA	Workshop on Infrastructure Disaster Management
NOVEMBER			
27	Asunción, Paraguay	IIRSA	Twenty-First Meeting of IIRSA National Coordinators
27	Asunción, Paraguay	COSIPLAN CC	Fifth Meeting of the COSIPLAN Coordinating Committee
28	Asunción, Paraguay	COSIPLAN	Third Ordinary Meeting of COSIPLAN