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MEETING - EXECUTIVE TECHNICAL GROUPS (GTEs) Project Portfolio Update and Preliminary Identification of Priority Projects

June 14 to 16, 2011
Bogotá, Colombia

1. BACKGROUND AND GOALS

Throughout 2010, comprehensive work was carried out in order to enhance and update the information about the projects included in IIRSA Portfolio. As of June 2010, IIRSA Project Portfolio contained 524 integration infrastructure projects in the transportation, energy and communications sectors, arranged in 9 Integration and Development Hubs (EIDs, in Spanish) and in 47 project groups, totaling an estimated investment of US\$96,119.2 million. This information was compiled into the book *Indicative Territorial Planning: Project Portfolio 2010*, which was published in December 2010.

On the basis of this work and taking into account the mandate given to IIRSA by COSIPLAN to develop a Priority Project Agenda (APP, in Spanish), a new round of GTE meetings on each Hub was agreed to be held with the purpose of further updating IIRSA Portfolio in 2011. The National Coordinations have established that this updated Portfolio will become the starting point for identifying and selecting the projects to be incorporated into the APP. According to IIRSA work plan for this year, the output of both tasks is scheduled to be submitted to COSIPLAN for its approval in November.

The goals of this meeting, which inaugurates a series of activities scheduled to such end, are the following: (i) to revise and update the Portfolio for the nine Hubs; and (ii) to conduct a preliminary identification of the projects that will make up the Priority Project Agenda.

An additional purpose is to foster exchange among the National Coordinations so that they may discuss the Strategic Action Plan (PAE, in Spanish) 2012-2022.

2. WORK METHODOLOGY

Tasks to Be Previously Completed by the Countries

1. Update of the dynamic fields in each project record included in the database: amount and current status.

Update deadline: TUESDAY, MAY 31

2. Preparation of one list per Hub in which the country is involved including the projects intended to be added to or removed from the Portfolio as well any project deemed worthy of particular discussion with the other countries.

Deadline for submission to the CCT Secretariat: TUESDAY, MAY 31

3. Preparation of one list per Hub in which the country is involved including the projects identified as candidates for their incorporation into the APP as well as a brief description of the selection criteria met by each of them.

Deadline for submission to the CCT Secretariat: MONDAY, JUNE 6

Meeting Agenda

The agenda is divided into two blocks:

BLOCK 1: Breakout Sessions by Hub

The following activities are planned (in some cases simultaneously, half a day per Hub):

1. Overview of the current status of the Hub and of the stage at which the projects are
2. Exchange and discussion among the countries regarding the proposals for addition or removal of projects to or from each project group
3. Presentation of the priority projects identified by each country for the Hub, and preparation of a list to be presented at the plenary session

BLOCK 2: Plenary Session

The following activities are planned:

1. Presentation in plenary of the projects proposed to be incorporated into the APP, per Hub
2. Discussion of the projects proposed, and preparation of a preliminary list of priority projects
3. Next steps in the development of the APP

JUNE	BLOCK 1						PAE	BLOCK 2				
	14		15		16			17				
	MORNING	AFTERNOON	MORNING	AFTERNOON	MORNING	AFTERNOON	PAE - IIRSA National Coordinations	MORNING	AFTERNOON			
AR	SOUTHERN	CAP	PPW	MCC								
BO	PBB	CAP	PPW	AND	CIO							
BR1	PBB	CAP	PPW	MCC	CIO							
BR2			AMA		GUIANESE							
CH	SOUTHERN	CAP		MCC	CIO							
CO			AMA	AND								
EC			AMA	AND								
GU					GUIANESE							
PA		CAP	PPW	MCC	CIO							
PE	PBB		AMA	AND	CIO							
SU					GUIANESE							
UR			PPW	MCC								
VE				AND	GUIANESE							
1ST FLOOR HALL	PBB	CAP	PPW	MCC	GUY	PAE		BLOCK 2				
6TH FLOOR HALL	SOUTHERN		AMA	AND	CIO							

3. ATTENDEES

The participation of representatives from the countries involved in the Hubs —National Coordinators, public officials from planning, transportation infrastructure, energy, and communication national agencies— is expected, as well as the attendance of representatives from the CCT, experts and consultants.

Since the meeting will demand a heavy workload, the Brazilian delegation should be large enough for its members to be able to attend simultaneous sessions on two Hubs (the Paraguay-Paraná Waterway Hub and the Amazon Hub in the morning of June 15, and the Guianese Shield Hub and the Central Interoceanic Hub in the morning of June 16).

4. WORK SCHEDULE

In view of the high volume of work scheduled for the meeting and of the simultaneous nature of some activities, the delegations are kindly asked to be punctual as the sessions will begin on time.

Due to the cloud of ash from the Chilean Puyehue volcano, the delegations of Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay have not been able to board their planes, as scheduled, to participate in the meeting. Because of this inconvenience, the meetings of the MERCOSUR-Chile Hub, Capricorn Hub, Paraguay-Paraná Waterway Hub and Southern Hub will be carried out by videoconference, according to this schedule:

- July 6, 2011: Paraguay-Paraná Waterway Hub (AR, BO, BR, PA and UR)
- July 6, 2011: Capricorn Hub (AR, BO, BR, CH and UR)
- July 7, 2011: MERCOSUR-Chile Hub (AR, BR, CH, PA and UR)
- For the Southern Hub, Argentina and Chile agreed to work bilaterally and send their results to the CCT Secretariat by not later than July 13.

Tuesday, June 14, 2011

Opening Session

- 09:00 – 09:15 Opening remarks, National Coordination from the Colombian Government
- 09:15 – 09:30 Objectives and expected outcomes, IIRSA Presidency Pro Tempore, Brazil
- 09:30 – 09:45 Introduction to the methodology of the meeting, IIRSA CCT
- 09:45 – 11:00 Presentation of the creation of a new EID, by Brazil
- 11:00 – 11:15 Coffee Break

11: 15 – 13.00 ***Peru-Brazil-Bolivia Hub (PBB)***

- Overview of the current status of the Hub
- Proposals for addition or removal of projects to or from each project group
- Presentation of the priority projects identified by each country
- Preparation of a list to be presented at the plenary session

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 18:00 ***Central Interoceanic Hub (CIO)***

- Overview of the current status of the Hub
- Proposals for addition or removal of projects to or from each project group
- Presentation of the priority projects identified by each country
- Preparation of a list to be presented at the plenary session

Wednesday, June 15, 2011

09:00 – 10:30 ***Amazon Hub (AMA)***

- Overview of the current status of the Hub
- Proposals for addition or removal of projects to or from each project group
- Presentation of the priority projects identified by each country
- Preparation of a list to be presented at the plenary session

10:30 – 10:45 Lunch

10:45 – 12:30 ***Andean Hub (AND)***

- Overview of the current status of the Hub
- Proposals for addition or removal of projects to or from each project group
- Presentation of the priority projects identified by each country
- Preparation of a list to be presented at the plenary session

12:30 – 13:00 Address by Ms. María Emma Mejía, UNASUR Secretary General, Mr. Germán Cardona, Colombian Transport Minister and Mr. Hernando José Gómez, Director of the National Planning Department of Colombia.

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 ***Guianese Shield Hub***

- Overview of the current status of the Hub
- Proposals for addition or removal of projects to or from each project group
- Presentation of the priority projects identified by each country
- Preparation of a list to be presented at the plenary session

Thursday, June 16, 2011

09:00 – 10:45 Discussion of the Strategic Action Plan (PAE)

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 Consideration of the countries' comments on the priority project selection criteria

12:00 – 13:00 Presentation of and debate on the results of the work regarding the projects identified to be incorporated into the APP, per Hub

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch offered to delegates by the Colombian Government with the support of IIRSA Technical Coordination Committee.

14:30 – 15:30 Continuation of the presentation of and debate on the results of the work regarding the projects identified to be incorporated into the APP, per Hub

15:30 – 16:15 Dialogue on the Integration Sectoral Processes

16:15 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 17:30 Next steps in the development of the APP