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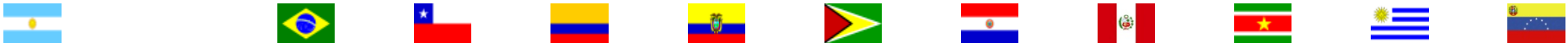IIRSA

Work Methodology

EXECUTIVE TECHNICAL GROUPS (GTEs, in Spanish)

Portfolio update and preliminary identification of Priority Projects

June 14th to 17th, 2011

Bogotá, Colombia

Introduction

IIRSA starts its second phase (2011-2020) on the solid base of a Project Portfolio resulting from an intensive planning process, a vast set of studies and two planning methodologies.

Also, IIRSA starts this phase under a new institutional structure, within the framework of the Infrastructure and Planning Council of Ministers (COSIPLAN, for its acronym in Spanish) of the UNASUR.

The COSIPLAN has identified as one of its priority objectives the **boost to the execution of projects for the national integration**. The goal is to promote the "regional connectivity on the basis of the construction of networks for its physical integration, taking into consideration sustainable social and economics development criteria, protecting the environment and the balance of the ecosystems".

This new institutional framework is seen as an opportunity to boost the South American strategic infrastructure projects. It is necessary to identify a set of strategic infrastructure projects that deal with common priorities and decisions adopted by the UNASUR countries: this is essentially **the Priority Project Agenda (APP, for its acronym in Spanish)**.

Background

Regarding a Priority Project Agenda, the Minutes of the IIRSA National Coordinators Meeting, in December 2010, established the following:

"(…) The basic concept of the new agenda would be to carry out the territorial connection among the countries and allow its efficient operation. The challenge is to have, at the end of the validity period of the new agenda, the infrastructure built, the proper regulations in force and its operation optimized (…)."

In that meeting, the CCT (Technical Coordination Committee) was asked to make a proposal that allows to structure this new Priority Project Agenda for the Initiative.

Development, Approval and Starting of the APP Creation Process

1. <u>Meeting of the CCT with Brazil's National Coordination, in Brasilia</u>. On March 30th, 2011, the mentioned meeting was held in order to present to the *pro témpore* presidency of the CISOPLAN a proposal developed by the CCT that allows to create, in 2011, a new Priority Project Agenda for the IIRSA. It was agreed to submit the proposal for the consideration of the National Coordinators of the IIRSA.

2. <u>Meeting of National Coordinators of the IIRSA, in Brasilia</u>. This meeting was held on April 13th, 2011, and the proposal presented was widely discussed. Said proposal was enriched by the contributions of the participant delegations. It was agreed to submit the proposal for the consideration and approval of the next meeting of the Coordination Committee of the COSIPLAN.

3. <u>Meeting of the Coordination Committee of the COSIPLAN, in Rio de Janeiro</u>. On April 28th, 2011, the mentioned meeting was held and the methodology and procedure for the creation of a new Priority Project Agenda (APP) were approved.

4. The first step of the established methodology is the integral revision of the IIRSA Project Portfolio.

Steps in the Development of the APP

1. Revision of the IIRSA Project Portfolio and preliminary identification of priority projects at a national level (May, 2011)

2. Revision of the IIRSA Project Portfolio and presentation of the priority projects (GTE –for its acronym in Spanish- in June, 2011)

3. Settlement of the priority projects at a national level

4. Development of a Priority Project Agenda (GTE, July, 2011)

5. Approval of the Agenda by the NCs –National Coordinators- (XVIII Meeting of NCs)

6. Approval of the Agenda by the COSIPLAN

Schedule

Steps in the Priority Project Agenda	May	June	July	August	November
Revision of the IIRSA Portfolio and preliminary identification of priority projects at a national level	▬▬				
Revision of the IIRSA Portfolio and presentation of the priority projects		●			
Development of priority projects at a national level		▬▬			
Settlement of the Priority Project Agenda			●▬▬		
Approval of the Agenda by the NCs (National Coordinators)				●	
Approval of the Agenda by the COSIPLAN					●

Work Methodology

A. Tasks to be previously completed by the countries

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

   Update deadline: Tuesday, May 31st

2. Preparation of one list per Hub in which the country is involved, including the projects intended to be added to and/or removed from the Portfolio (additions and withdrawals).

   Deadline for submission to the CCT Secretariat: Tuesday, May 31st

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 6th

B. <u>Activities carried out during the development of the Executive Technical Groups (GTEs)</u>

Portfolio update and preliminary identification of priority projects

	BLOCK 1					PAE	BLOCK 2	
JUNE	14		15		16		17	
	MORNING	AFTER NOON	MORNING	AFTER NOON	MORNING	AFTER NOON	MORNING	AFTER NOON
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	PAE - IIRSA - NATIONAL COORDINATIONS (NCs)	APP Priority Projects Plenary Session	
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	GUIANESE	PAE	BLOCK 2	
6TH FLOOR HALL	SOUTHERN		AMA	AND	CIO			

Meeting Agenda

BLOCK 1: Breakout Session by Hub

The following activities are planned:

1.Overview of the current status of the Hub and of the stage at which the projects are. It will be performed by the facilitator and host of the session (a member of the CCT)
2.Exchange and discussion among the countries regarding the proposals for addition or removal of projects for each 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.

        In each GTE, the delegations from the countries as well as a facilitator from the CCT and a CCT-members team working in shifts will attend and take note of the meetings.

BLOCK 2: Plenary session

The following activities are planned:

1.Consideration of the comments made by the countries regarding the criteria for the selection of priority projects.
2.Presentation in plenary of the projects identified per Hub to be incorporated into the APP.
3.Discussion of the projects proposed, and preparation of a preliminary list of priority projects.
4.Next steps in the development of the APP.

Thank you!