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## **EXECUTIVE TECHNICAL GROUP – GUIANESE SHIELD HUB MEETING NOTES**

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Bogota, Colombia

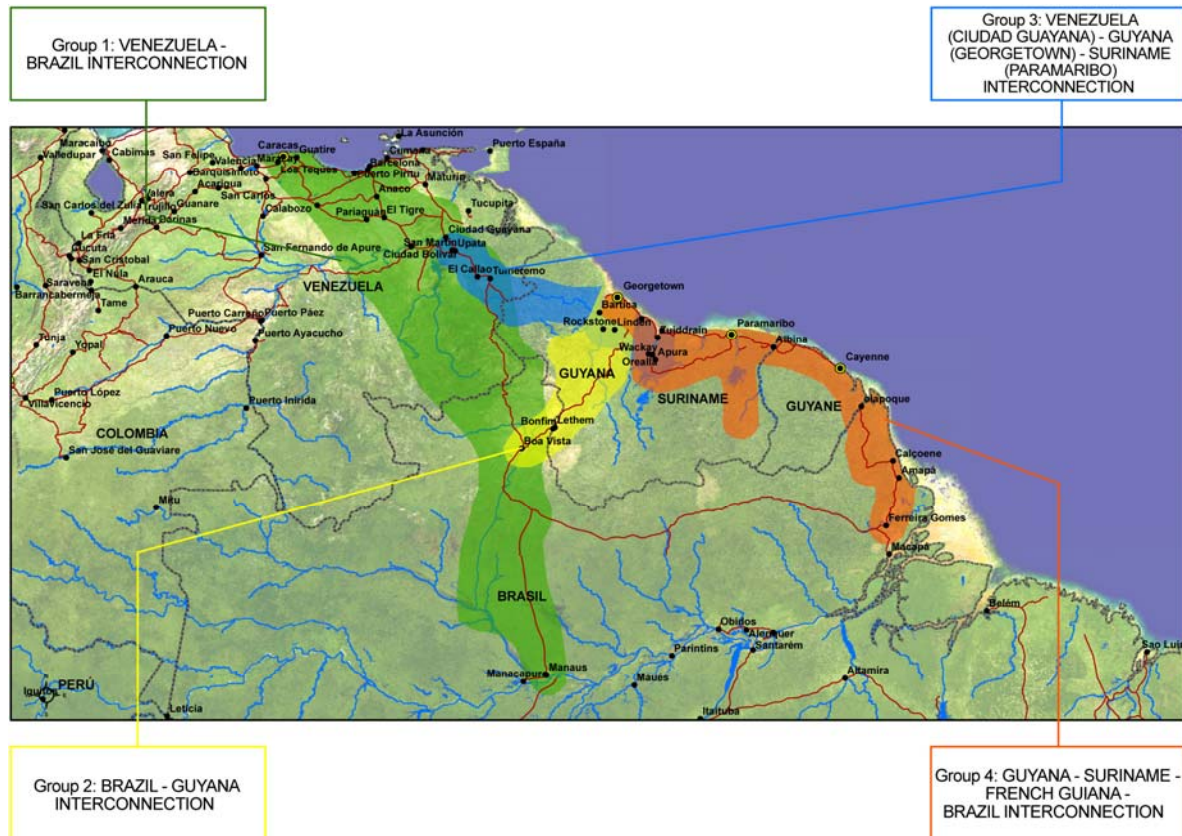
On June 15th, 2011, the meeting of the Executive Technical Group (Grupo Técnico Ejecutivo or GTE, in Spanish) of the Guianese Shield Hub was held in Bogota, Colombia. The objectives of the meeting were: (i) to allow the countries that comprise this Integration and Development Hub (Eje de Integración y Desarrollo or EID, in Spanish) to exchange information on the implementation of the projects of the Portfolio, as well as the eventual incorporation of new projects and/or elimination of existing projects, and (ii) to initiate the creation of a Priority Project Agenda (Agenda de Proyectos Prioritarios or APP, in Spanish), by conducting a preliminary identification of the projects that may be included in this Agenda.

The work was carried out through the following activities:

1. Presentation of the overall progress of the Hub's portfolio, updated as of May 2011.
2. Presentation of new projects to be included in the portfolio as well as projects to be removed from it.
3. Review of projects that present issues to be discussed on a plurinational level.
4. Presentation of the proposal for candidate projects identified in each country to comprise the APP.

The following is a summary of the information exchanged between the countries in the revision of the Hub's portfolio.

The Guianese Shield Hub consists of 4 groups of projects.



As a result of the revision of the projects that comprise each of the groups of the Hub, some comments and modifications were made as described below.

### **GROUP 1: VENEZUELA - BRAZIL INTERCONNECTION**

1. GUY02 - NEGRO RIVER WATERWAY TO THE BORDER WITH VENEZUELA: The Brazilian delegation proposes the exclusion of this project from the portfolio. The delegations present express their agreement. The remaining delegations will be informed and if no comments against this are received before July 1st, 2011, the project will be excluded. Since as of July 1, 2011, no comments were received, project GUY02 will be deemed **excluded** from the Portfolio.

As a result of the comments and remarks collected from this GTE, the map corresponding to Group 1 of the Hub will be presented. It already adds all considerations pointed out in this meeting as regards projects and their designs. The map will be included, after July 1st, 2011, once the comments from the delegations have been received.

### **GROUP 2: BRAZIL - GUYANA INTERCONNECTION**

1. GUY09 BOA VISTA - BONFIM - LETHEM - LINDEN - GEORGETOWN ROAD: The Guyana delegation will update the information on this project to include the content of the project GUY16 IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS ROADS TO GEORGETOWN, as well as the upcoming work on the existing bridge over the

Takutu river. The exclusion of project GUY16 from the portfolio was therefore proposed. The delegations present expressed their agreement. The remaining delegations will be informed and, if no comments against this are received before July 1st, 2011, the project will be excluded.

Since as of July 1, 2011, no comments were received, project GUY16 will be deemed **excluded** from the Portfolio.

2. GUY11 BRIDGE OVER THE TAKUTU RIVER: This project is declared completed and will be included in the list of completed portfolio projects.
3. GUY12 DEEP WATER PORT IN GUYANA: The Guyana delegation requested the correction of the project location on the group map, in the area adjacent to the town of New Amsterdam. The request was duly noted and the change will be reflected in the corresponding map.
4. GUY13 AMALIA HYDROELECTRIC POWER STATION: The Guyana delegation proposes its exclusion from the portfolio. The delegations present expressed their agreement. The remaining delegations will be informed and, if no comments against this are received before July 1st, 2011, the project will be excluded.

Since as of July 1, 2011, no comments were received, project GUY13 will be deemed **excluded** from the Portfolio.

As a result of the comments and remarks collected from this GTE, the map corresponding to Group 2 of the Hub will be presented. It already adds all considerations pointed out in this meeting as regards projects and their designs. The map will be included, after July 1st, 2011, once the comments from the delegations have been received.

### **GROUP 3: VENEZUELA (CIUDAD GUAYANA) - GUYANA (GEORGETOWN) - SURINAME (PARAMARIBO) INTERCONNECTION**

1. GUY24 CORENTYNE RIVER INTERNATIONAL CROSSING: The Guyana and Suriname delegations agree that this is a binational project, as it includes the construction of the bridge over the river and its access points. A request is made to adapt the name to the project's new scope to: CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE OVER THE CORENTYNE RIVER. The Suriname delegation will be responsible for updating this information in the corresponding file in the database. The delegations present expressed their agreement. The remaining delegations will be informed and, if no comments against this are received before July 1st, 2011, the project will be modified.

Since as of July 1, 2011, no comments were received, project GUY24 will be deemed **modified**.

2. GUY36 MODERNIZATION OF APURA PORT: The Suriname delegation proposes its exclusion from the portfolio. The delegations present expressed their agreement. The remaining delegations will be informed and, if no comments against this are received before July 1st, 2011, the project will be excluded.

Since as of July 1, 2011, no comments were received, project GUY36 will be deemed **excluded** from the Portfolio.

3. GUY37 IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATION CONDITIONS ON THE CORENTYNE RIVER: The Suriname delegation proposes its exclusion from the portfolio. The delegations present expressed their agreement. The remaining delegations will be informed and, if no comments against this are received before July 1st, 2011, the project will be excluded.  
Since as of July 1, 2011, no comments were received, project GUY37 will be deemed **excluded** from the Portfolio.
  
4. Suriname proposes the inclusion of the tri-national project VENEZUELA - GUYANA – SURINAME GAS PIPELINE. This Project would be included in the Profile stage. The delegations present expressed their agreement. The remaining delegations will be informed and, if no comments against this are received before July 1st, 2011, the project will be included.  
Since as of July 1, 2011, no comments were received, the project will be deemed **included** in the Portfolio.

As a result of the comments and remarks collected from this GTE, the map corresponding to Group 3 of the Hub will be presented. It already adds all considerations pointed out in this meeting as regards projects and their designs. The map will be included, after July 1st, 2011, once the comments from the delegations have been received.

#### **GROUP 4: GUYANA - SURINAME - FRENCH GUIANA - BRAZIL INTERCONNECTION**

1. GUY26 IMPROVEMENT OF THE GEORGETOWN - ALBINA ROAD AND OF THE SECTION FERREIRA GOMES - OYAPOCK OF THE MACAPÁ - OYAPOCK ROAD: The delegations requested that the existing road that connects the towns of Albina (Suriname) and Oiapoque (Brazil) through French Guyana be shown on the group map. Emphasis is placed on the fact that the integration among Suriname and Guyana with Brazil, the objective of this anchor project, is met through the use of this existing infrastructure.
  
2. GUY28 500-MW HYDROELECTRIC POWER STATION: The Suriname delegation proposes its exclusion from the portfolio. The delegations present expressed their agreement. The remaining delegations will be informed and, if no comments against this are received before July 1st, 2011, the project will be excluded.  
Since as of July 1, 2011, no comments were received, project GUY28 will be deemed **excluded** from the Portfolio.
  
3. GUY31 HIGH VOLTAGE TRANSMISSION LINE AMONG PARAMARIBO, NIEUW NICKERIE (SOUTH DRAIN) AND GUYANA (CORRIVERTON): The Suriname delegation proposes its exclusion from the portfolio. The delegations present expressed their agreement. The remaining delegations will be informed and, if no comments against this are received before July 1st, 2011, the project will be excluded.  
Since as of July 1, 2011, no comments were received, project GUY31 will be deemed **excluded** from the Portfolio.

4. GUY32 300-MW HYDROELECTRIC SCHEME (TAPANAHONI DIVERSION):  
The Suriname delegation proposes its exclusion from the portfolio. The delegations present expressed their agreement. The remaining delegations will be informed and, if no comments against this are received before July 1st, 2011, the project will be excluded.  
Since as of July 1, 2011, no comments were received, project GUY32 will be deemed **excluded** from the Portfolio.
5. GUY34 ELECTRICITY INTERCONNECTION BETWEEN SURINAME AND FRENCH GUIANA: The Suriname delegation proposes its exclusion from the portfolio. The delegations present expressed their agreement. The remaining delegations will be informed and, if no comments against this are received before July 1st, 2011, the project will be excluded.  
Since as of July 1, 2011, no comments were received, project GUY34 will be deemed **excluded** from the Portfolio.
6. Suriname proposes the inclusion of the Suriname/Brazil binational project, NORTH-SOUTH ROAD CONNECTION TO BRAZIL; the project would be included in the Profile stage. Brazil informs that for the time being there are no plans to move forward with this connection. It is proposed that it be included as a Suriname national project and that its scope be aimed towards Suriname's South-North connection. The Suriname delegation will carry out the corresponding consultations and will send a new proposal for approval. If the information is not received before July 1st, 2011 the inclusion will be void.  
Since as of July 1, 2011, the information requested was not received, the project **will not be included** in the Portfolio.
7. Suriname proposes the inclusion of the Suriname/Brazil binational project, RAILROAD TO BRAZIL; the project would be included in the Profile stage. Brazil informs that for the time being there are no plans to move forward with this connection. It is proposed that it be included as a Suriname national project and that its cope be aimed towards Suriname's South-North connection. The Suriname delegation will carry out the corresponding consultations and will send a new proposal for approval. If the information is not received before July 1st, 2011 the inclusion will be void.  
Since as of July 1, 2011, the information requested was not received, the project **will not be included** in the Portfolio.
8. Suriname proposes the inclusion of the project INTEGRATED MASTERPLAN COASTAL PROTECTION ALBINA-NICKERIE; the Project would be included in the Profile stage. The delegations present expressed their agreement. The remaining delegations will be informed and, if no comments against this are received before July 1st, 2011, the project will be included.  
Since as of July 1, 2011, no comments were received, the project will be deemed **included** in the Portfolio.
9. Suriname proposes the inclusion of the project DEEP SEA PORT WITH TERMINAL; the project would be included in the Profile stage. The delegations

agreed to carry out an evaluation under the IIRSA/COSIPLAN in order to identify the best location for a deep sea port in this region.

10. Suriname proposes the inclusion of the project IMPROVED AIR CONNECTION; the project would be included in the Profile stage. The delegations present in the Guiana Shield Hub proposed restarting the sectoral process of air transport under the UNASUR/COSIPLAN.
11. Suriname proposes the inclusion of the project IMPROVED SEA CONNECTION; the project would be included in the Profile stage. The Brazilian delegation requested from Suriname additional information on the objective and content of the project. If this information is not received before July 1st, 2011 the inclusion will be void.  
Since as of July 1, 2011, the information requested was not received, the project **will not be included** in the Portfolio.

As a result of the comments and remarks collected from this GTE, the map corresponding to Group 4 of the Hub will be presented. It already adds all considerations pointed out in this meeting as regards projects and their designs. The map will be included, after July 1st, 2011, once the comments from the delegations have been received.

#### **APP: CANDIDATE PROJECTS**

1. G3 CONNECTION ROUTES BETWEEN VENEZUELA (CIUDAD GUAYANA) - GUYANA (GEORGETOWN) - SURINAME (APURA - ZANDERIJ - PARAMARIBO); project presented by Suriname.
2. G3 CORENTYNE RIVER INTERNATIONAL CROSSING; project presented by Suriname. According to the notes of Group 3, the project would be called CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE OVER THE CORENTYNE RIVER.
3. G4 REFITTING OF THE CARACAS – MANAOS ROAD; project presented by Brazil.
4. G2 BOA VISTA - BONFIM - LETHEM - LINDEN – GEORGETOWN ROAD; project presented by Guyana.

According to what was requested by the delegations of the countries, the inclusion of the following projects identified as candidates to the APP, is subject to the actions requested.

1. G2 DEEP WATER PORT IN GUYANA; project presented by Guyana.
2. G4 NORTH-SOUTH ROAD CONNECTION TO BRAZIL; project presented by Suriname.
3. G4 RAILROAD TO BRAZIL; project presented by Suriname.
4. G4 DEEP SEA PORT WITH TERMINAL; project presented by Suriname.