



# IIRSA

INITIATIVE FOR THE INTEGRATION OF REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE IN SOUTH AMERICA



## EXECUTIVE TECHNICAL GROUPS (GTEs)

### Priority Project Agenda

July 19 to 21, 2011

Montevideo, Uruguay

The meeting of the Executive Technical Group on the Priority Project Agenda (APP, in Spanish) was held on July 19-21 2011, in the city of Montevideo, Uruguay. A follow-up on the work carried out at the Bogotá meetings that took place on June 14-16, the Montevideo GTE meeting was organized for the purpose of selecting the projects for such Agenda by consensus. This Agenda will be reviewed at the Eighteenth Meeting of IIRSA's National Coordinators, to be held on August 29 and 30 in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. It will be granted final approval during the Meeting of the COSIPLAN Ministers on November 30 in Brasilia, Brazil.

Additionally, the revision of the Strategic Action 2012-2022 (PAE, in Spanish), a task initiated at the Bogotá meetings, was completed.

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 National Coordinator of Uruguay, who welcomed the participating delegations and opened the work sessions. Then, the CCT Secretariat made reference to the objectives and expected results of the meeting, as well as to the work methodology and dynamics of the sessions.

### Priority Project Agenda (APP)

Consultant Gustavo Guerra García presented the progress of the document on the APP, including a proposal of an annotated index to such document. The document on the APP will be distributed to the National Coordinators for their consideration prior to their next meeting in Rio de Janeiro. The presentation is attached as Annex 3.

The National Coordinations will submit their comments on the annotated index not later than August 1, 2011.

Next, the proposals submitted by each country were analyzed by Integration and Development Hub (EID). It was agreed that the countries that have not sent the APP project files yet will be able to deliver them not later than August 1, 2011. The delegations agreed to the following:

## **MERCOSUR-Chile Hub**

1. MCC68 NORTHEASTERN ARGENTINA GAS PIPELINE, project proposed by Argentina. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.
2. MCC22 CONSTRUCTION OF THE JAGUARÃO - RÍO BRANCO INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE, project proposed by Uruguay. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.
3. MCC85 MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION IN THE LAGUNA MERÍN AND LAGOA DOS PATOS SYSTEM, project proposed by Uruguay. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.
4. MONTEVIDEO - CACEQUI RAILWAY CORRIDOR. This project comprises two Portfolio projects: MCC30 Rehabilitation of the Montevideo - Rivera Railway, and MCC115 Upgrade of Brazilian Gage Railway, Rivera - Santana do Livramento - Cacequi, and was proposed by Uruguay. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.
5. The Argentine and Chilean delegations agreed to consider the following connection alternatives:
  - ARGENTINA - CHILE CENTRAL CONNECTIVITY. This project would comprise three Portfolio projects: MCC33 Railway Project between Los Andes, Chile and Mendoza, Argentina (Central Trans-Andean Railway); MCC110 Agua Negra Binational Tunnel; and MCC136 Binational Tunnel at the Las Leñas Border Crossing.
  - MCC34 OPTIMIZATION OF THE CRISTO REDENTOR BORDER CROSSING SYSTEM

The Argentine and Chilean delegations will inform not later than August 1, 2011 which of the two alternatives will be included in the APP.

## **Capricorn Hub**

1. CAP10 CONSTRUCTION OF THE SALVADOR MAZZA - YACUIBA BINATIONAL BRIDGE AND BORDER CENTER, project proposed by Argentina. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.
2. ARGENTINA - BOLIVIA CONNECTION THROUGH LA QUIACA - VILLAZÓN. This project comprises two Portfolio projects: CAP81 La Quiaca - Villazón Bridge and Border Center, and CAP50 Paving of National Route No. 40, Mining Corridor Path (Border with Bolivia), and was proposed by Argentina. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP. The name of the project reflecting the connection of the Capricorn and the Central Interoceanic Hubs is yet to be defined. The Argentine and Bolivian delegations will report this information not later than August 1, 2011.
3. PARANAGUÁ - ANTOFAGASTA BIOCEANIC RAILWAY CORRIDOR. This project comprises nine Portfolio projects: CAP20, CAP23, CAP29, CAP37, CAP38, CAP39, CAP52, CAP53 and CAP91, and was proposed by Argentina and Brazil. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.
4. ATLANTIC - PACIFIC CONNECTION THROUGH FOZ DO IGUAÇU. This project comprises three Portfolio projects: CAP07 Optimization of the Clorinda - Asunción Node, CAP14 New Puerto Presidente Franco - Porto Meira Bridge, with a Paraguay - Brazil Border Center, and CAP18 Concession for the Improvement of Routes No. 2 and 7 (Asunción - Ciudad del Este), and was proposed by Paraguay. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.

5. ITAIPU - ASUNCIÓN - YACYRETÁ 500-KV TRANSMISSION LINE. This project comprises two Portfolio projects: CAP67 500-KV Transmission Line (Itaipu - Asunción), and CAP68 500-KV Transmission Line (Yacyretá - Ayolas - Carayao), and was proposed by Paraguay. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.

### **Paraguay-Paraná Waterway Hub**

1. IMPROVEMENT OF NAVIGATION CONDITIONS ON LA PLATA RIVER BASIN. This project would comprise 10 Portfolio projects: HPP07, HPP09, HPP19, HPP106, HPP42, HPP44, HPP72, HPP88, HPP108 and HPP122, and was proposed by Argentina. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP. The Portfolio projects that make up this project are yet to be confirmed. The delegations from Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay and Uruguay will submit this information not later than August 1, 2011.
2. PARAGUAY - URUGUAY - ARGENTINA RAILWAY INTERCONNECTION. This project comprises three Portfolio projects: HPP65 Rehabilitation and Improvement of the Asunción – Montevideo Railway Corridor; HPP82 Rehabilitation of the Zárate - Posadas Railway Branch Line; and HPP103 Construction and Rehabilitation of the Asunción - Posadas Railway, and was proposed by Uruguay. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP. The name of the project is yet to be defined. The Argentine, Paraguayan and Uruguayan delegations will report this information not later than August 1, 2011.
3. HPP120 REHABILITATION OF THE CHAMBERLAIN - FRAY BENTOS RAILWAY BRANCH LINE, project proposed by Uruguay. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.
4. HPP97 NUEVA PALMIRA BELTWAY AND PORT ACCESS ROADS NETWORK, project proposed by Uruguay. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.

### **Central Interoceanic Hub**

1. IOC78 PASSENGER AND CARGO HUB AIRPORT FOR SOUTH AMERICA (VIRU VIRU - SANTA CRUZ INTERNATIONAL HUB AIRPORT), project proposed by Bolivia. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.
2. IMPROVEMENT OF CONNECTIVITY IN THE CENTRAL INTEROCEANIC ROAD (PHASES I AND II). This project comprises four Portfolio projects: IOC80, IOC25, IOC15 and IOC32, and was proposed by Bolivia. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP. The project name as well as the projects to be included in each phase are yet to be defined. The Bolivian and Brazilian delegations will report this information not later than August 1, 2011.
3. IOC09 INFANTE RIVAROLA - CAÑADA ORURO BORDER CROSSING, project proposed by Paraguay. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP. The name of the project reflecting the connection of the Capricorn and the Central Interoceanic Hubs is yet to be defined. The Bolivian and Paraguayan delegations will report this information not later than August 1, 2011.
4. IOC81 CENTRAL BIOCEANIC RAILWAY CORRIDOR, project proposed by Bolivia. The incorporation of this project is contingent on the decision to be made by Brazil and Peru. The delegations concerned will report this information not later than August 1, 2011.
5. IOC84 CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTIPURPOSE PORT OR MEGAPORT IN ILO, project proposed by Bolivia. The incorporation of this project is contingent on the decision to be made by

Peru. The Bolivian delegation has also proposed joining this project with the AND47 project. This issue is also contingent on the decision to be made by Peru. The delegations concerned will report this information not later than August 1, 2011.

### **Guianese Shield Hub**

1. GUY01 REHABILITATION OF THE CARACAS - MANAUS ROAD, project proposed by Brazil. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.
2. GUY09 BOA VISTA - BONFIM - LETHEM - LINDEN - GEORGETOWN ROAD, project proposed by Guyana. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.
3. GUY18 ROUTES INTERCONNECTING VENEZUELA (CIUDAD GUAYANA) - GUYANA (GEORGETOWN) - SURINAME (APURA - ZANDERIJ - PARAMARIBO), project proposed by Suriname. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.
4. GUY24 CONSTRUCTION OF THE BRIDGE OVER THE CORENTYNE RIVER, project proposed by Suriname. The incorporation of this project is contingent on the decision to be made by Guyana. The delegations concerned will report this information not later than August 1, 2011.

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

1. PORTO VELHO - PERUVIAN COAST CONNECTION. This project comprises two Portfolio projects: PBB64 Bridge over the Madeira River in Abunã (BR-364/RO), proposed by Brazil, and PBB02 Peru - Brazil Border Crossing: Construction of a Binational Border Service Center (CEBAF), proposed by Peru. The delegations agreed to include the first project in the APP. The project name as well as the negotiations concerning the location of the border crossing for the second project to be included in the APP are still pending. The Brazilian and Peruvian delegations will report this information not later than August 1, 2011.

### **Amazon Hub**

1. CONNECTION OF THE WESTERN AMAZON BASIN TO THE PACIFIC OCEAN. This project would comprise 22 Portfolio projects: AMA16, AMA20, AMA21, AMA24, AMA25, AMA40, AMA41, AMA45, AMA56, AMA37, AMA38, AMA26, AMA30, AMA31, AMA32, AMA43, AMA63, AMA64, AMA65, AMA66, AMA67, and AND28, and was proposed by Peru. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP. The name of the project as well as the projects to be included are yet to be defined by Peru and Ecuador. The Ecuadorian and Peruvian delegations will report this information not later than August 1, 2011.

### **Andean Hub**

1. CARACAS - BOGOTÁ - BUENAVENTURA / QUITO ROAD CORRIDOR. This project comprises two Portfolio projects: AND07 Bogotá - Buenaventura Road Corridor, and AND05 Rehabilitation of the Cúcuta - Bucaramanga Road, and was proposed by Colombia. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.
2. COLOMBIA - ECUADOR BORDER INTERCONNECTION. This project comprises three Portfolio projects: AND31 Binational Border Service Center (CEBAF) at San Miguel, AND82 Implementation of the Binational Border Service Center (CEBAF) at the Tulcán - Ipiales (Rumichaca) Border Crossing, and AND79 Improvement and Paving of the Mocoa - Santa Ana -

San Miguel Road Section, and was proposed by Colombia. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.

3. COLOMBIA - VENEZUELA BORDER CROSSINGS CONNECTIVITY SYSTEM. This project comprises four Portfolio projects: AND81 Improvement of the Border Crossings in the Northern Department of Santander and the Táchira State (the former name of this project was "Implementation of the Binational Border Service Center (CEBAF) at the Cúcuta - San Antonio Border Crossing;" it was modified in agreement with the attending Colombian and Venezuelan delegations); AND02 Binational Border Service Center (CEBAF) at Paraguachón, AND13 Improvement of José Antonio Páez Bridge, and AND19 Puerto Carreño Border Crossing, and was proposed by Colombia. The delegations agreed to include it in the APP.
4. AND17 PUERTO GAITÁN – PUERTO CARREÑO MULTIMODAL PROJECT, INCLUDING IMPROVEMENT OF THE NAVIGATION CONDITIONS ON THE META RIVER, proposed by Colombia. The incorporation of this project is contingent on the decision to be made by Colombia and Venezuela. The delegations concerned will report this information not later than August 1, 2011.
5. AND47 DESAGUADERO BINATIONAL BORDER SERVICE CENTER (CEBAF), proposed by Peru. The incorporation of this project is contingent on the decision to be made by Bolivia. The delegations concerned will report this information not later than August 1, 2011.

The National Coordinators have committed to revising the project list and to bilaterally decide on the pending issues not later than August 1, according to the details given for each case. This note is accompanied by the preliminary list attached as Annex 4, in which the countries will find the columns where to indicate the information related to the completion dates for each project stage. This information will be submitted to the CCT Secretariat not later than August 15, 2011.

As to the proposed projects in the profiling stage, the countries will indicate the date in which the pre-investment studies are intended to begin, in order to check whether they comply with the selection criteria established for their inclusion in the APP.

### **Strategic Action Plan 2012-2022 (PAE)**

The revision of the document on the PAE was completed. The final document is attached as Annex 5.

### **COSIPLAN Budget Allowance**

The document on the COSIPLAN Budget Allowance was considered. The final document is attached as Annex 6.

### **Calendar of Activities**

A GTE meeting on the Peru-Brazil-Bolivia Hub was included in the calendar of activities for 2011 to consider the extension of its area of influence, according to the proposal made by the Brazilian delegation at the Bogotá meetings. This meeting will be held on October 3-4 in the city of Lima, Peru.

### **List of Annexes**

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ANNEX 2: List of Participating Delegations

ANNEX 3: Presentation on the APP document

ANNEX 4: Preliminary List of the APP Projects

ANNEX 5: Document on the PAE

ANNEX 6: Document on the COSIPLAN Budget Allowance