
Special Meeting on PAE Review

Final Report

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On April 19, 2017, the city of Buenos Aires, Argentine Republic, hosted the Special Meeting on the Review of the Strategic Action Plan (PAE) as provided for in the Calendar of Activities for 2017.

The meeting was presided over by the COSIPLAN Presidency Pro Tempore held by Argentina and was attended by delegations from the Argentine Republic, the Plurinational State of Bolivia, the Federal Republic of Brazil, the Republic of Chile, the Republic of Colombia, the Republic of Ecuador, and the Cooperative Republic of Guyana, as well as by representatives of the UNASUR General Secretariat. The Republic of Paraguay, the Eastern Republic of Uruguay and the Republic of Peru participated through the Internet. The COSIPLAN-IIRSA Technical Coordination Committee (CCT) participated as an observer. The meeting agenda and the list of participants are attached as Annexes 1 and 2, respectively.

The opening session was in charge of Mr. Atilio Alimena, National Director of International Territorial Integration Planning under the Ministry of the Interior, Public Works and Housing of Argentina, holding the COSIPLAN Presidency Pro Tempore (PPT).

Mr. Alimena stated that the first PAE presented by the COSIPLAN for the 2012-2022 period had the purpose of attaining the objectives pursued by the Council and overcoming existing obstacles in compliance with the Declaration of the South American Presidents at the IV Ordinary Meeting of the UNASUR Council of Heads of State and Government.

The PAE 2012-2022 is based on the UNASUR Constitutive Treaty of UNASUR and the COSIPLAN Statutes and Regulation and establishes a five-year review scheme. Taking this into account, Mr. Alimena stated that the work to be done in 2017 consists in elaborating an update that considers not only the work carried out in the last five years but also the new international context in which the countries are immersed today.

In this regard, he mentioned that the National Coordination of Argentina has presented an update proposal to be assessed by all the National Coordinations as well as the reasons for the adjustments introduced to the original document. The proposal focuses on the need to define indicators in order to analyze the results of using methodological tools, on the importance of keeping an active and objective project portfolio, the expansion of the Geographic Information

System (GIS) base, the application of Integration Territorial Planning Programs and on planning as a tool for development. See Annex 3.

Next, he presented the objectives of the meeting: (i) present and agree upon the objectives, methodology and criteria for the PE five-year review, (ii) present a diagnosis of the results attained as of December 2016 concerning its six objectives and their respective actions, and (iii) identify any proposed adjustments.

Diagnosis of PAE 2017 - Opening Session

At the request of the COSIPLAN Presidency Pro Tempore held by Argentina, the CCT Secretariat, with the help of a consultant, presented the diagnosis of the Plan on the basis of the activities performed within the framework of PAE and the ones carried out in the same period, though not originally included in PAE.

The consultant indicated that delegates still have to send their comments in order to complete the analysis of PAE and its update in preparation for the Meeting on PAE Review to be held on July 12 in Montevideo, Uruguay.

The Ecuadorian National Coordination talked about the importance of the transversality of concepts governing the PAE, while the Brazilian National Coordination stressed the need for enlarging the Plan, not restricting it exclusively to infrastructure projects.

Conclusions and Next Steps

After having discussed all the items on the agenda, the National Coordinations agreed to consider the update proposal submitted by the Argentine National Coordination, assuming the commitment to send comments in order to complete the analysis. The comments contributed by the Brazilian delegation have already been received.

Once the update proposal is consolidated with the contributions from all the delegations, the results of the update exercise will be formally presented at the Meeting on PAE Review that will take place on July 12 in Montevideo, Uruguay. The adjusted version of the Strategic Action Plan will be submitted to the COSIPLAN Ministers for its approval at the meeting to be held in December in the city of Buenos Aires.

The delegations agreed to move forward according to the following schedule:

Activity	Date
Send comments on the Argentine proposal in writing	May 31
Communicate with the National Coordinations to learn more about their proposals	June
Consolidate an adjusted version of the PAE	June
Send the adjusted version for consideration of all the countries	June 30
Present the adjusted version and insert the final comments	July 12, Montevideo

List of Annexes

Annex 1: [Agenda of the Special Meeting on PAE Review](#)

Annex 2: [List of participating delegations at the Special Meeting on PAE Review](#)

Annex 3: [Justification to the proposal of Argentina](#)

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