



COSIPLAN
Presidency Pro Tempore
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Workshop on South American Integration through Ports and Waterways

COSIPLAN – UNASUR

Brasilia, October 14 and 15, 2015

AGENDA

1. OBJECTIVES

- a) Identify any potential for enhancement (of regulatory and institutional aspects, among others) with the purpose of improving the efficacy and efficiency of regional port facilities;
- b) Encourage the development of joint actions to improve the potential for passenger and cargo operations on inland waterways or sea between the countries;
- c) Assess the financing difficulties for the COSIPLAN priority projects, and discuss proposed solutions.

2. AGENDA

Venue: San Tiago Dantas Room, Itamaraty Palace – Brasilia – Brazil

Date: October 14, 2015

09:00 – 10:00 Welcome and Registration

10:00 – 10:30 Opening session

- Ernesto Samper, Secretary General of the Union of South American Nations – UNASUR
- Gilson Alceu Bittencourt, Planning and Strategic Investment Secretary, Brazil's COSIPLAN National Coordinator
- Herbert Drummond, National Transportation Policy Secretary, Ministry of Transport
- Jorge Setelich, Undersecretary of Uruguay's Ministry of Transport and Public Works
- Ambassador Paulo Estivallet de Mesquita, Under-Secretary-General for South and Central America and the Caribbean, Brazil's Ministry of Foreign Relations

10:30 – 12:00 Panel 1: Ports as a Logistics Platform for Regional Integration

Objective of the panel: Assess the potential for development of sea transportation between the South American countries. Present successful port management models, focusing on ports as a logistics platform for South American integration.

Coordination – Brazil's COSIPLAN National Coordination

- 10:30 – 11:00 Presentation: The Current Situation of Sea Transportation between the South American Countries
Gordon Wilmsmeier, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Division, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECLAC)
- 11:00 – 11:30 Case Study – Valparaíso Logistics Activity Zone
Gonzalo Davagnino, General Manager, Empresa Portuaria Valparaíso, Chile
- 11:30 – 12:00 Debate

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 17:30 Panel 2: Waterways as a Logistics System for Regional Integration

Objective: Discuss the economic and integration potential that waterways may have for South America through the analysis of two cases: the Paraná-Paraguay waterway and the complex of waterways in the Amazon region.

Coordinator – Brazil's COSIPLAN National Coordination

Moderator – ECLAC Infrastructure Unit

- 13:30 – 13:50 Introduction to Panel 2: Waterways as Part of the Logistics System and Regional Integration – International Experiences, Potential and Challenges
Azhar Jaimurzina, Natural Resources and Infrastructure Division, ECLAC

- 13:50 – 14:20 Presentation: An Overview of Waterways in South America: Obstacles to the COSIPLAN Priority Projects

Rolando Terrazas, Senior Assessor, Vice-Presidency of Infrastructure, Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)

Item 1: Paraná-Paraguay Waterway

- 14:20 – 15:00 Study on the Actions Needed for the Realization of the Full Economic and Integration Potential of the Waterway

Adalberto Tokarski, Diretor of the National Agency for Waterway Transportation (ANTAq), Brazil

Presentation: Planned and Ongoing Interventions on the Brazilian Section of the Waterway

Eimair Bottega Ebeling, Director of the Planning and Transportation Department and Rafael Seronni Mendonça, Project Manager. Ministry of Transport, Brazil.

- 15:00 – 15:40 Comments by the Countries on Whose Territory the Waterway is Located and Discussion with the Other Participants

- 15:40 – 16:00 Coffee Break

Item 2: Waterways in the Amazon Region

- 16:00 – 16:30 Colombia's Waterway Corridors Current Situation and Prospects for Improvement

Luis Felipe Lota, Deputy Director of Transportation, National Planning Department, Colombia

- 16:30 – 17:10 Comments by the Countries on Whose Territory the Waterway is Located and Discussion with the Other Participants

17:10 – 17:30 Conclusions of the Day

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09:30 – 12:00 Panel 3: Challenges to the Financing of Projects Related to Ports and Waterways

Objective: Assess the challenges to the financing of the COSIPLAN priority projects and discuss proposed solutions.

Coordination – UNASUR General Secretariat

09:30 – 09:50 The Vision of the Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)

Rafael Capristán, Transportation Expert

09:50 – 10:10 The Vision of the Development Bank of Latin America (CAF)

Rolando Terrazas, Senior Assessor, Vice-Presidency of Infrastructure

10:10 – 10:30 The Vision of the Financial Fund for the Development of the Plata River Basin (FONPLATA)

Denise Obara, Manager of Operations and Countries

10:30 – 10:50 Coffee Break

10:50 – 11:10 The Vision of Brazil's National Bank for Economic and Social Development (BNDES)

11:10 – 11:30 The Vision of the China Development Bank (CDB)

Qiu Yanwen, Representative of the Office in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

11:30 – 12:00 Debate

12:00 – 12:30 Conclusions and Closing Session

Main Conclusions of the Workshop. Proposed Lines of Action for 2016.

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14:00 – 17:00 Time for Bilateral Meetings