

**V MEETING OF THE COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF THE SOUTH AMERICAN INFRASTRUCTURE  
AND PLANNING COUNCIL (COSIPLAN)**

August 8, 2012

Montevideo, Uruguay

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

On August 8, 2012, the city of Montevideo, Uruguay, hosted the Fifth Meeting of the Coordinating Committee (CC) of the South American Infrastructure and Planning Council (COSIPLAN), which was attended by the delegations of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Uruguay, Venezuela and the UNASUR General Secretariat. The meeting agenda and the list of participants are attached as Annex 1 and 2, respectively.

The objectives of the meeting, presided over by the delegation of Peru as this country holds the COSIPLAN Presidency Pro Tempore (PPT), were the following: (i) review and assess the current status of and the progress made in each activity included in the COSIPLAN Work Plan 2012; (ii) update the activities timetable for the August-December 2012 period; and (iii) define the schedule of activities aimed at drafting the Work Plan 2013.

The COSIPLAN PPT and IIRSA Technical Coordination Committee (CCT) reported on the current status of and the progress made in each activity included in the Work Plan 2012, and answered all related questions. Their respective presentations are attached as Annex 3.

With regard to the review and assessment of the activities, the following was agreed upon:

- Workshop on Air Integration: The PPT will consult the COSIPLAN CC delegates about the participation of third-party speakers in the event and then will convene the workshop.
- Seminar on Regional Infrastructure Networks in South America: It was agreed to postpone this seminar until 2013 due to the need to give careful consideration to the vision of the future of the infrastructure network integration process in a broader discussion about its scope.
- Work Group on Financing and Guarantee Mechanisms: Brazil will send the PPT a format to gather information from the Member States about the API projects financing requirements and conditions. Developments in this regard will be reported in a videoconference scheduled for October 10, 2012. Deadline for submitting information: August 30.
- Work Group on Telecommunications: The countries responsible for the seven (7) work subgroups must submit to the PPT a progress report on the tasks entrusted to them, which will be later distributed to the Member States. These developments will be analyzed in a videoconference scheduled for October 10, 2012. Deadline for submitting information: September 14.
- Meeting of Communications Ministers: Since this meeting depends on the results attained by the Work Group on Telecommunications, it will be rescheduled for 2013.
- COSIPLAN Website: A work group including Argentina, Brazil and Venezuela, in coordination with the PPT and the UNASUR General Secretariat, will be established.

Based on the progress reports on each activity, the timetable for August-December 2012 was discussed and consensus was reached on the following:

- Workshop on Air Integration: September 25, Lima, Peru
- GTE Meeting on the API Continuous Monitoring System: September 26 and 27, Lima, Peru
- GTE Meeting on GIS and Cartography: October 17, Santiago de Chile
- Workshop on Infrastructure Disaster Management: October 18 and 19, Santiago de Chile
- Videoconference on the Developments of the Work Group on Financing and Guarantee Mechanisms and the Work Group on Telecommunications: October 10
- XXV Meeting of IIRSA National Coordinators: November 6, Lima, Peru
- VI Meeting of the COSIPLAN Coordinating Committee: November 7, Lima, Peru
- III COSIPLAN (Ministers) Ordinary Meeting: November 8, Lima, Peru
- Workshop on Border Crossings and Visit to the Huaquillas-Aguas Verdes Border Station: December 12 and 13, Tumbes, Peru

The timetable for August-December 2012 is attached as Annex 4.

It was agreed that the following activities will be rescheduled to 2013:

- II Meeting of the Work Group on Financing and Guarantee Mechanisms
- I Meeting of the Work Group on Rail Integration
- GTE Meeting on Trade Integration through Postal Services
- II Meeting of the Work Group on Telecommunications
- GTE Meeting on Border Crossings
- III Meeting of Communications Ministers

Concerning the schedule of activities aimed at drafting the Work Plan 2013, the following dates and deadlines were agreed upon:

- Presentation of proposals (Member States, PPT, General Secretariat and CCT): Not later than September 28
- Consolidation of the Work Plan 2013 by the PPT and consultation with the COSIPLAN CC delegates: October 8
- Presentation of remarks: Not later than October 20
- Consolidation of comments regarding the Work Plan 2013 by the PPT: Not later than October 25
- Presentation of the Work Plan 2013: November 7
- Approval of the Work Plan 2013: November 8

### **Other Issues of Interest**

The Venezuelan delegation presented a geographic information system that could serve as a reference for the implementation of the COSIPLAN website.

The Venezuelan delegation proposed that the analysis of the integration of the UNASUR geographic areas should be furthered, and will submit a document proposal to be presented at the next November meeting.

The PPT expressed the need for in-depth consideration of the COSIPLAN vision and objectives beyond 2022 provided for in the Strategic Action Plan in force, and will submit a document proposal to be presented at the next November meeting.

Peru communicated that a National Workshop on Prospective Planning will be held in November 2012 in the city of Lima, Peru, and invited the delegations to participate in this event in view of the importance of prospective planning as a tool for a long-term vision.

It was agreed that the UNASUR General Secretariat will be requested to make any efforts necessary to complete the approval process by the UNASUR Council of Heads of State regarding the decisions proposed by Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs on March 17, 2012, in Asunción, in connection with the agreements adopted by the COSIPLAN Ministers on November 30, 2011.

It was agreed that the practice of allowing some time solely for discussion by the delegations of the Member States at the UNASUR Coordinating Committee meetings will be kept.

List of Annexes

Annex 1: Meeting Agenda

Annex 2: List of Participating Delegations

Annex 3: Presentations by IIRSA CCT and the COSIPLAN PPT

Annex 4: Activities Timetable for August-December 2012

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| Argentine Republic               | Republic of Bolivia          |
| Federative Republic of Brazil    | Republic of Chile            |
| Republic of Colombia             | Republic of Ecuador          |
| Republic of Guyana               | Republic of Peru             |
| Republic of Suriname             | Oriental Republic of Uruguay |
| Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela |                              |