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National Coordination

Notes: XI Meeting of the IIRSA National Coordinators
Montevideo, Uruguay
November 6th and 7th, 2007

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The Secretariat of the CCT made a report on the main activities carried out during 2007.

In this respect, several accounts on the activities performed in the four lines of action of the IIRSA were carried out.

Implementation

1) Brief account on the results of the different GTEs by the National Coordinators from the countries that are the venue for the GTEs.

Hubs: Peru – Brazil – Bolivia and Central Inter.-oceanic
Amazon Hub

Andean Hub

Hubs: MERCOSUR – Chile, Capricorn and Southern Hub.

The information on the progress of the Projects of the AIC and the Portfolio was presented as well as the information on the development of the IIRSA Portfolio (the works developed during the GTEs, 2007), on the progress regarding the implementation, on the revision of the Groups of Projects in each of the EIDs, etc.

2) The state of the Export Project through Postal Services for PyMES was presented. It was a synthesis of the guidelines and phases of the project, the progress achieved in 2007 and the plans for 2008. Several delegations put forward the progress and the drawbacks involved.

Planning

1) There was an account on: the result of the first Planning stage of the GTE of the Hub: Paraguay – Paraná Waterway (HPP, in Spanish); the works carried out, the groups identified, the projects, the definition of the anchor project as well as the pending topics and the need for a new GTE in 2008. This was done in order to complete the application of the methodology: Indicative Territorial Planning, etc. The delegations made different comments on the presentation.

2) A summary regarding the works related to the planning methodology and the orientation of the planning works for 2008 was carried out. Emphasis was put on the need to request funds to continue the Initiative as well as to hire junior experts in order to train technicians in the countries.



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Integration Sectoral Processes

There was an analysis of: the strategic objectives 2006 – 2010, the work developed in 2006 and 2007 and the plans for 2008. The delegations exchanged opinions.

Outreach

Results achieved in 2007 were presented: the data base, the video-documents and the new design of the website and the SIGE, as well as the presentation of the IIRSA in the Meeting of the Ministers of Infrastructure and Transportation of Latin America.

The Paraguayan delegation presented the georeferenced features of its IIRSA projects. This work was carried out using the public tool: Google Earth. The methodology and the model can be used by all the countries. Paraguay proposed to standardize symbols.

Comments to the CCT from the private meeting of the CN and the delegates of the countries

1. In order to properly organize the Meeting of the CDE, the following was stated:

a) The need to perform a previous meeting for last-minute adjustments on Monday afternoon.

It was stated 11/20 as the deadline to have the documents for the Meeting of the CDE. It is necessary to deliver them so that each National Coordinator has said documents on that date.

b) The need to present a document with the following information: the state of the Project Portfolio and the AIC to 2004, meetings of the GTE in 2007, different topics to be analyzed, a final document that reflects which are the projects that are still in the Portfolio in each Hub.

For the presentation, it is important show progress taking 2004 as a base, with the 2007 revision.

c) It was requested to the CDE to have a prior video-conference on 11/31 among all the countries. This video-conference was rejected due to technical reasons.

2. Methodologies of Analysis

As regards the methodology related to the EAEs and the Productive Chains, it was decided to apply both methodologies to each selected group and according to the groups agreed. Additionally, it was agreed that the T of R and the specific products obtained from the work should be known previously in order for the countries to be able to make comments. The best mechanism will be implemented so that the technicians from the countries, who take part in the training courses, can become a critical mass to be capitalized. It must be design a program that covers all the



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identified groups in a two-year process. By 2010, it should be implemented and evaluated.

3. Sectoral Processes

Uruguay requested to add the topic related to road safety. This topic will be dealt further on and all participants agreed to deal with this topic within the framework of the UNASUR.

Ecuador requested to include within the Sectoral Processes related to Border Crossings, the analysis of the water border crossings. The country promised to present a specific Crossing. This idea was widely accepted. After the results of the pilot study, the scope will be defined.

November 7th

Work Plan - 2008

The Colombian delegation presented the activities program for 2008, based on the lines of action: Implementation, Planning, Sectoral Processes and Outreach.

After the presentation, the delegations make comments regarding the scope of Geosur, which covers the energy topic and its inclusion in the Unasur.

Presentation of the rough draft of the Agenda for the IX Meeting of the Executive Steering Committee

After the presentation, its content was analyzed.

- a) Different considerations on the inclusion of the UPAEP agreement were made (amendments included).
- b) Opinions were exchanged regarding the relationship between the IIRSA and Unasur and their roles (as regards the possibility of including this topic, or not, in the Agenda, it was discussed whether it should be a deliberative or informative instance. It was agreed that it should not be deliberative).
- c) Possibility of inviting the group of the energy sector to the meeting of the CDE.
- d) The National Coordinators will present the videos developed within the framework of the Outreach line of action.