



Status Report on the WHF Status of Regional Initiatives

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A. From the Initiative to the Forum

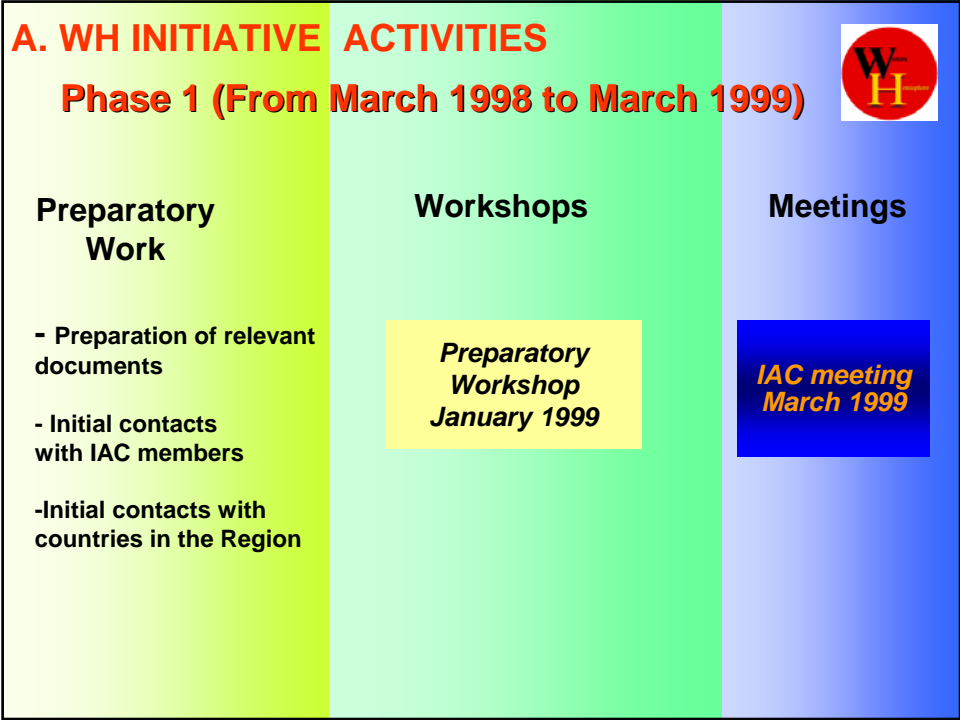
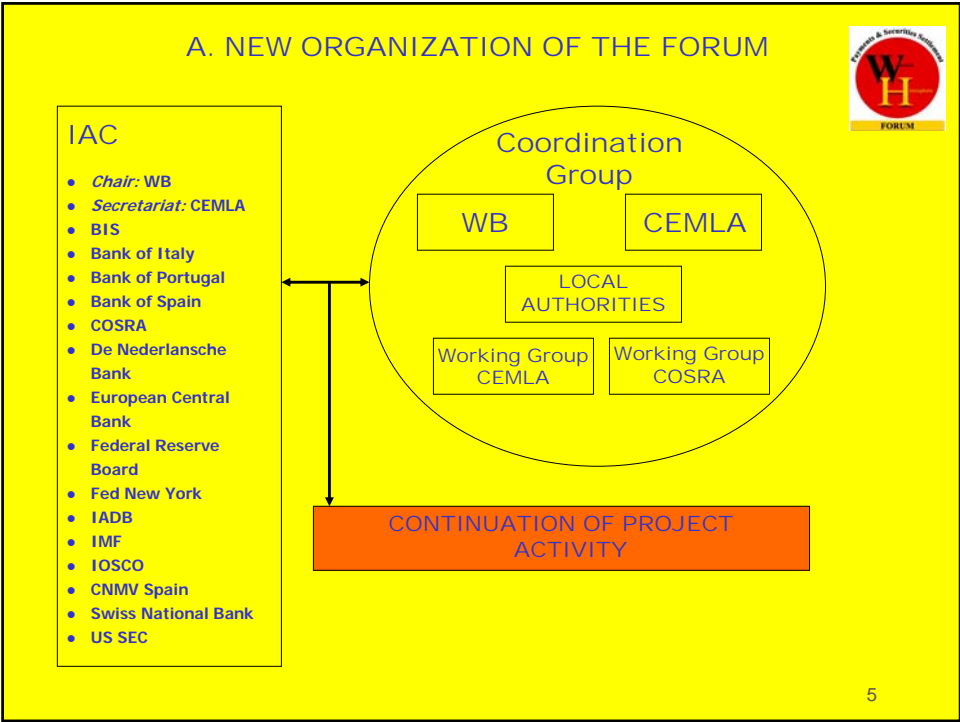



- **The Forum was formally launched in June 2003 at the WHI's Payments Week.**


- **The Forum, with an enhanced role of the Working Groups and other local authorities, is now undertaking the following tasks:**

- ✓ Knowledge dissemination, including administration of web page
- ✓ Preparation of reports on topics of regional interest
- ✓ Country studies, update of Yellow Books and Statistical Information

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A. WH INITIATIVE ACTIVITIES		
Phase 2 (From March 1999 to June 2001)		
Meetings	10 Country Assessments	Workshops
IAC meeting November 1999	Peru June 1999	Argentina July 1999
IAC meeting January 2001	Chile December 1999	Trinidad & Tobago February 2000
Groups	El Salvador February 2000	OECS / ECCB April 2000
COSRA Working Party December 1999	Brazil November 2000	Brazil November 2000
	Mexico March 2001	CEMLA-WB January 2001
CEMLA Working Group January 2001		Tools
		CEMLA Web Page www.ipho-whpi.org
		Core Principles Matrix Securities Matrix WG TOR Working papers 1 to 4

A. WH INITIATIVE ACTIVITIES		
Phase 3 (From June 2001 to June 2003)		
Meetings	Country Assessments	Workshops
IAC meeting April 2002	Costa Rica June 2001	The Bahamas (CBB) May 2001
IAC meeting June 2003	The Bahamas March 2002	Cartagena (Securities) November 2001
COSRA Working Party October 2001	Ecuador August 2002	Payments Week April 2002
COSRA Working Party February 2001	Netherlands Ant. December 2002	Payments Week June 2003
CEMLA Working Group November 2001	Honduras March 2003	Tools
CEMLA Working Group April 2002		WHI Research Series
CEMLA Working Group December 2002		Web Page www.ipho-whpi.org
		Core Principles Matrix Securities Matrix IMF-WB Guidance Note Working papers 1 to 4 Glossaries Standardized Tables of Contents and Statistics

A. WH FORUM ACTIVITIES

Phase 4 (From June 2003 to present)

Meetings	Country Assessments		Workshops
IAC meeting June 2004	<i>Nicaragua June 2003</i>	<i>Guatemala January 2004</i>	<i>Payments Week June 2004</i>
IAC meeting June 2005	<i>Paraguay April 2004</i>	<i>Bolivia October 2004</i>	<i>Payments Week June 2005</i>
COSRA Meeting October 2003			Ad Hoc TA
COSRA Meetings March/Sept 2004	<i>Panama December 2004</i>	<i>Uruguay May 2005</i>	<i>Brazil (Selic) April 2004</i>
COSRA Meeting March 2005			Tools
CEMLA Working Group June and Nov 2003	<i>Country 25!!! Upcoming</i>		<i>WHI Research Series</i>
CEMLA Working Group June and Oct 2004			<i>Web Page www.whpaymentsforum.org</i>
			<i>Core Principles Matrix Securities Matrix IMF-WB Guidance Note Working papers 1 to 5 Glossaries Standardized Tables of Contents and Statistics</i>

A. Activities of the Forum: Yellow Books

1. Peru (English and Spanish)	2000
2. Argentina (English and Spanish)	2000
3. Trinidad y Tobago (English and Spanish)	2000
4. El Salvador (English)	2000
5. Chile (English and Spanish)	2001
6. Colombia (English and Spanish)	2001
7. Costa Rica (English and Spanish)	2002
8. Mexico (English and Spanish)	2003
9. Ecuador (English and Spanish)	2003
10. Venezuela (English and Spanish)	2003
11. Dominican Republic (English and Spanish)	2003
12. OECS (English and Spanish)	2004
13. Brazil (English, Spanish and Portuguese)	2005
14. Guatemala (English and Spanish)	2005
15. Bolivia (English and Spanish)	2005
16. Paraguay (Spanish)	2005*
17. Uruguay (Spanish)	2005*
Updates: 1. Peru	2002

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A. Activities of the Forum: The Annual Payments Week



- Since 2003, LAC central banks, through the regional Working Group on Payment System Issues (WGPS-LAC), select the topics for discussion (one topic per day)
- WGPS-LAC members engage in high-level discussions among them and with extra-regional experts and prepare action points to be submitted to Central Bank Governors for their consideration

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A. Activities of the Forum: The Annual Payments Week



- As a result of the discussions held during the 2004 Payments' Week, a total of 17 action points were prepared in the following areas:
 - Integration and Regionalization of Securities Settlement Systems in LAC (trading, custody, settlement, role of authorities): 7 Action Points
 - Cross-Border Payments (large value and retail): 6 Action Points
 - Retail Payment Systems (innovative instruments, business, clearance and settlement circuits, role of authorities): 4 Action Points

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A. Activities of the Forum: the WGPS-LAC (June 2004-June 2005)



- Next presentation by the Working Group Presidency and Secretariat

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B. Future Activities of the Forum (June 2005 - 2006)



- Publication of Updates of country reports (Argentina, Chile, Trinidad and Tobago)
- Publication of country reports (Paraguay, Barbados, Uruguay)
- Beginning of second round of missions (Argentina, Chile)
- Assessments of remaining countries (e.g. Aruba, Belize, Cayman Islands, Cuba, Guyana, Haiti, Suriname)
- Further strengthening of the Forum organizational arrangements

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B. Activities of the Forum (June 2005 - June 2006)



- **Supporting the activity of the Working Groups**
- **Expanding research activities (through the Research Series)**
- **Responding to ad hoc demands for technical assistance from other countries in the Region**
- **Implementing agreed models for training courses in coordination with IAC institutions**

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B. Activities of the Forum (June 2005 - June 2006)



- **Coordination with COSRA activities**
- **Preparing the Payments Week 2006**
- **Assisting other regions in launching or managing similar efforts in the area of payment systems**
- **Assisting other regional initiatives in LAC on other issues related to the development of financial infrastructure: the Western Hemisphere Credit&Loan Reporting Initiative**

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C. Status of Other Regional Initiatives

The Western Hemisphere Credit & Loan Reporting Initiative (WHCRI)



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C. ORIGIN OF THE INITIATIVE



In Spring 2003, following up on the success of the WH Payments Initiative, discussions started on how to replicate the model for other areas in the financial sector



In September 2003, LAC central bank governors gave the mandate to CEMLA to launch a regional initiative in the area of Credit&Loan Reporting

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C. The Importance of Credit & Loan Reporting Systems



- Credit & Loan Reporting Systems (CLRSs), which provide rapid access to standardized information on the past performance of borrowers, are an important institutional element for financial markets.
- Good CLRSs help to evaluate credit risk for lenders.
- Good CLRSs, especially those operated by central banks/supervisory agencies are increasingly useful for banking supervision (e.g. calculating provisioning and capital requirements following Basel II approach).
- Good CLRSs provide borrowers with an ability to create "reputation collateral" so especially small borrowers, lower-income borrowers and SMEs have an ability to obtain credit in the financial system.

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C. PILLARS OF THE STRATEGY



OBJECTIVE: Assessing and recommending improvements to credit & loan reporting systems in the Hemisphere



Integration of Credit & Loan Reporting Issues



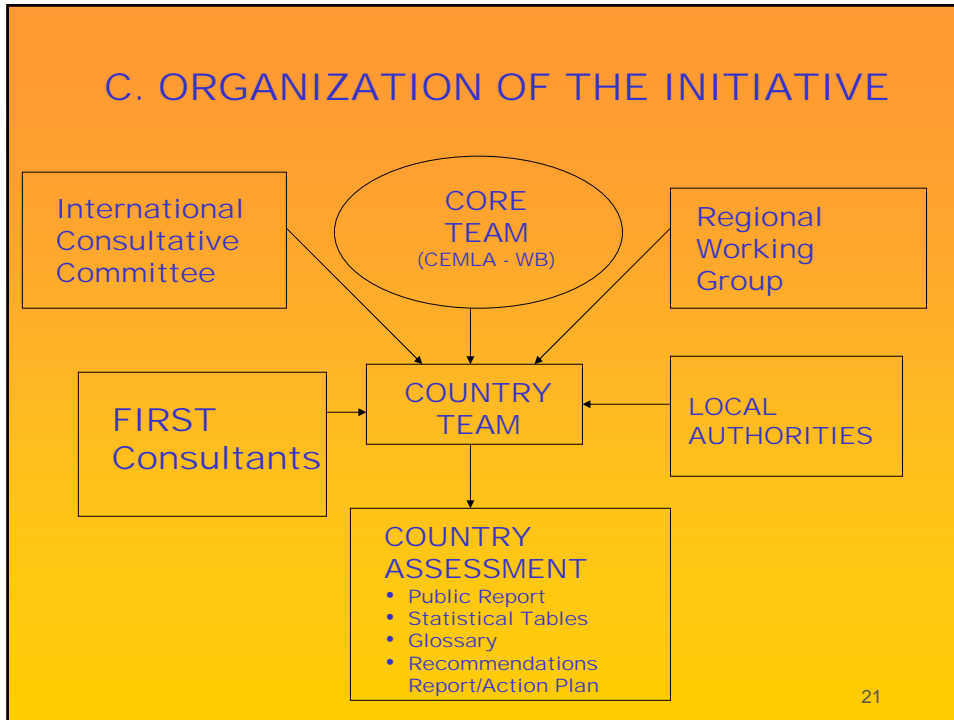
Cooperation with international organizations



Country Ownership

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C. ORGANIZATION OF THE INITIATIVE



C. INITIATIVE ACTIVITIES

Phase 1 (From May 2004 to August 2004)



Preparatory Work

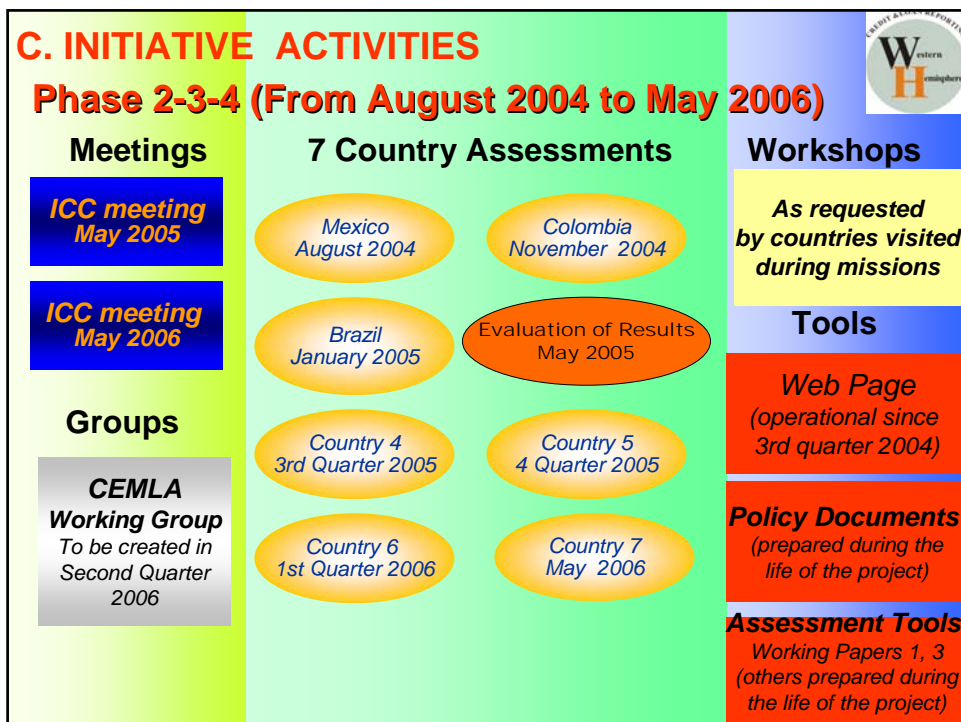
- Preparation of relevant documents
- Initial contacts with ICC members
- Initial contacts with countries in the Region
- Identification of consultants

Workshops

Launch Workshop August 2004

Meetings

ICC meeting August 2004



C. ACTIVITIES – PHASES 2-3-4

- In particular, three countries were covered in the first year of the project and results were positively evaluated in the 2005 Workshop and, eventually, the project extends to the other four countries
- Descriptive reports (“Orange Book”) for Brazil, Colombia, and Mexico are being finalized and will be available in July 2005
- The WHCRI is now ready to be converted into a sustainable effort and other countries in the LAC region will be covered

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C. ACTIVITIES: Outcomes

- Increased awareness in the Region on credit & loan reporting issues, that will create the momentum for the implementation of comprehensive reforms
- Through the ICC and the Working Group
 - Effective diagnostics
 - Cost effective access to international experts

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C. Activities: Outcomes

- Developing specific country-studies tools based on international best practices
- Identification of a set of immediate actions and timetable for each country to improve its credit & loan reporting schemes
- Improvement of information on the region's financial infrastructure, through the "Public Reports"

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C. Other Regional Initiatives



Payments and Securities Settlement Initiative

Cooperation in the Arab Region

Delegates at a Payment Systems Conference in Abu-Dhabi in December 2003, agreed that the Arab Monetary Fund (AMF), the region's central banks, the World Bank, the CPSS and other international organizations should gather in a Workshop to follow up on the outcomes of the Conference and discuss the modalities to launch initiatives to harmonize and integrate Payments and Securities Settlement in the Arab Region

Cooperation in the Arab Region

In 2004, the Governors of Arab Central Banks agreed to constitute a Regional Committee on Payment System Issues, whose Secretariat is provided by the AMF

Cooperation in the Arab Region

- The launch workshop for the Arab Payments and Securities Settlement Initiative (API) was held on March 14-15 in Bahrain**
- The World Bank, the Arab Monetary Fund, and the International Monetary Fund, in cooperation with regional and international organizations lead Arab Payments and Securities Settlement Initiative**

Cooperation in the Arab Region

- *The Initiative will assess payments and securities settlement systems in the Countries belonging to the Arab region (e.g. Algeria, Bahrain, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Mauritania, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen)*
- *Although the Arab Initiative will follow a similar infrastructure as other regional experiences, the content and interaction mechanisms will be adapted to the reality of the Region , in particular with regard to GCC Countries*



ARAB INITIATIVE ACTIVITIES		
Phase 2 (From II Quarter 2005 – IV Quarter 2007)		
Meetings	Country Assessments	Workshops/ Training
Annual Payments Workshop Egypt Oct 2005	Qatar March 2005	Bahrain June 2005
Annual IAC meeting Oct 2005	Yemen September 2005	Egypt-Sudan IV Q 2005
	Country 6, 7 II Q 2006	Country 8 III Q 2006
Groups	Country 9 IV Q 2006	Country 10 I Q 2007
Securities Commission Group Meetings	Country 11 I Q 2007	Country 12 II Q 2007
Central Bank Committee Meetings 1st January 05	Country 13 III Q 2007	Country 14 IV Q 2007
		Training Course March 2005
		Country Y
		Country Z
	
		Tools
		Web Page
		Ad Hoc Policy Papers Core Principles Matrix Securities Matrix WG TOR Working papers

Cooperation in the
Commonwealth of Independent
States



**Payments and Securities Settlement
Initiative**

Cooperation in the Commonwealth of
Independent States

**In September 2004, the World
Bank in cooperation with
regional and international
organizations launched the
Commonwealth of Independent
States Payments and Securities
Settlement Initiative in Almaty,
Kazakhstan**

Cooperation in the Commonwealth of Independent States

• The Initiative will assess payments and securities settlement systems in the Countries belonging to the Commonwealth of Independent States (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyz Republic, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan) with a view to identifying strategies and action plans to improve their safety, efficiency and integrity

Cooperation in the Commonwealth of Independent States

