REGIONAL PAYMENTS WEEK 2011
Asunción, Paraguay
November 29th to December 2nd, 2011

PRELIMINARY AGENDA

NOVEMBER 29TH, TUESDAY

08.30 - 09.00 Registration

09.00 - 10.00 Welcoming remarks; Presentation of the agenda
- Banco Central del Paraguay
- World Bank
- CEMLA
- BIS-CPSS

10.00 - 10.30 Coffee Break

10.30 - 13.00 Paraguay: Comprehensive Payment System Reform. Session facilitated by Rolando Arrellaga, Banco Central del Paraguay; (the session will be opened to the participation of the private sector)

13.00 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 - 16.00 Working Groups Sessions – Opening remarks and presentation of the topics

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee Break

16.30 - 18.00 Working Group Sessions – Presentations and contributions from the countries

19.00 Welcome Dinner hosted by BIS-CPSS, CEMLA and WB
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DECEMBER 1ST, THURSDAY

09.00 - 10.30  Plenary Session – Presentation of the results of the Working Groups and open discussion

10.30 - 11.00  Coffee Break

11.00 - 13.00  Plenary Session – Discussion of a common position of the participants on the results of the Working Groups

13.00 - 14.30  Lunch

14.30 - 16.45  Presentation of topics of general interest in the area of Retail Payment Systems
   - Results of the WB Global Survey on Payment Systems, with particular attention to innovative payment systems and services. Massimo Cirasino, World Bank
   - Advancements in the area of m-payments, non-bank corresponding agents and new technologies and models. Experiences from LAC countries
   - Remittances in the LAC region - Update and on-going activities – WB and CEMLA

16.45 - 17.00  Coffee Break

17.00 - 17.45  Main findings of plenary sessions and concluding remarks

20.30  Dinner hosted by the Central Bank of Paraguay
DECEMBER 2ND, FRIDAY. XIV Annual Meeting of the Working Group on Payment System Issues of Latin America and the Caribbean (WGPS-LAC)

9:00 – 9:15 Welcoming remarks, review of previous commitments and presentation of the agenda
   – Ricardo Medina, Chairman, WGPS-LAC

9:15 – 10:45 Recent developments in the Latin American and the Caribbean Payment Systems
   Short statement of each central bank regarding main developments, policy issues and challenges in their national payment systems.

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 11:30 Recent developments in the Latin American and the Caribbean Payment Systems (Cont.)

11:30 – 12:30 Regional studies on payment systems: Direct debits
   Session facilitated by Francisco Linares, Banco de España

12:30 - 13:00 Future WGPS-LAC activities
   – Discussion and setting-up of the Group’s projects and activities
   – Sum up of the agreements

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

V Meeting of the Working Group for the Inter-American Payments Framework (GT-MIAP, for its Spanish initials)

14:30 – 15:45 V Meeting of the Working Group for the Inter-American Payments Framework
   – Moderator: Javier Guzman, Director General, CEMLA
     • Review of agreements during the IV Meeting
     • Presentation of progress made by the MIAP Subgroup on the diagnosis and rationale for a business model for interconnection
     • Definition of next steps and future of the project

16:00 Final toast
WORKING GROUP SESSIONS

The participants should indicate before the event which Working Group they wish to attend. Institutions represented by more than one participant will be able to attend more than one Working Group.

Each participant should provide inputs and contribute actively to the discussion. The organizers, before the event, will consider the candidatures from any participant who wants to propose presentations or any other kind of contribution.

**Working Group 1**

“The coordination between Central Banks and Securities Commissions in the area of clearing and settlement of systemically important payment systems, in the light of the new CPSS-IOSCO Standards on Financial Infrastructures”.

**Working Group 2**

“Applicability of the new CPSS-IOSCO Standards on Financial Infrastructures to the LAC Region and to the different financial realities of the continent”.

**Working Group 3**

“Retail Payment Systems: should the new CPSS-IOSCO Standards on Financial Infrastructures apply and how?”.