



REGULATEL

Is a forum constituted by 21 Ibero American regulators of which 19 are full members: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Equator, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Dominican Republic, Uruguay, Venezuela and two observers: Spain and Portugal.



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Objectives of RegulateL

- ✓ Facilitating the exchange of information and experiences on the framework and the regulating management; the services and the market of telecommunications between the members.
- ✓ Promoting the harmonization of the telecommunications regulation to contribute the integration of the region.
- ✓ Identifying and to defend the regional interests seeking common positions in international forums.



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Strategic Objective for 2005

“To position REGULATEL as space of investigation and regulatory proposal of regional and global reach”



Problems for the future development of the Forum

- ✓ This kind of organizations present certain difficulties.
 - Continuity of their members due to changes.
 - At different levels
 - Presidency, Steering Committee.
 - Officials representatives or collaborating.
 - Need of an agency that administry it and give the organization continuity.
 - This raise the need of resources and future sustainability.



ACTION PLAN 2005

Pilars of work

- ✓ Sustainability Plan.
- ✓ Institutional strengthening.
- ✓ Construction of regional regulatory best practice rules for the development of the telecommunications.
- ✓ Improvement capacities and promote the exchange of information and experiences between the members of the forum.



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Sustainability Plan



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Sustainability Deliveries

- ✓ Defining a Strategic Action Plan for the organization.
- ✓ Establishing a System of Control and Internal Management.
- ✓ Establishing a Structure of Financing to middle and long term that guarantee sustainability and independence of – REGULATEL.
- ✓ Identifying the possible sources of financing to middle and long term, ways and procedures to REGULATEL towards a stronger the organization.
- ✓ Proposing specific activities to carry strategic objectives and the mandate of the organization.



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Financing structure

- ✓ Income by payment of services from Regulators
- ✓ Subsidies from public Institutions
- ✓ Trusts
- ✓ Support the Forum by specific projects, example:
 - A network of regulators and universities;
 - research on specific topics of public and private interest
- ✓ It should be financed at least the basic cost of operation of Regulatel



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Institutional strengthening



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- ✓ Creation of bonds and alliances with international agencies and associations interested in the development of the sector in the region.
 - ✓ European Commission
 - ✓ International Telecommunications Union (ITU)
 - ✓ World Bank
 - ✓ Institute for Connectivity in the Americas (ICA)
 - ✓ Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean (ECALC)
 - ✓ Inter-American Development Bank (IADB)



Construction of regional regulatory framework for the development of telecommunications rules



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- ✓ Prompting the execution of studies with regional reach that support the design of national strategies for the development of the sector of the telecommunications.
 - Universal service
 - Broadband
 - Interconnection
 - Regional Indicators
 - Voice over Ip
 - Information Society



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- ✓ Development of training programs
- ✓ Information and communications Plan that favor the exchange of information and experiences as well as the conformation of networks of regional experts between the members of the Forum thru:
 - Creation of a Latin-American network of information services in telecommunications regulation
 - Website



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Training Plan 2005

On Site Courses	Place, Date
Regional Indicators Workshop	Mexico, February 2005
Universal Service	Rio de Janeiro, April 2005
Interconnection	Panama (Lima), August 2005
Voice over IP	Cartagena, September 2005



Information and Communication Services

- ✓ Creation of a Latin-American network of information services specialized in telecommunications regulation. Initially of the following products:
 - Specialized bibliography in telecommunications regulation and bibliographical database.
 - Database on legal regulation of the region applicable to the sector.



Meetings for 2005

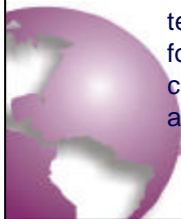
Event	Place, Date
IV Meeting Of Contact Person	Lima, Peru, January 2005
Preparation Meeting for the WSIS	Rio de Janeiro, Brasil, April 2005
VIII Summit of Regulators and Operators REGULATEL – AHCJET	Asunción, Paraguay, July 2005
IV Summit of European and Latin American Regulators	Europe, September 2005
VIII Plenary of Regulatel	Mexico, November 2005



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Joint Declaration IRG-REGULATEL, Cusco, Peru, 2004

- ✓ Emphasized the need of a better coordination between the general competition authorities and the telecom regulatory agencies
- ✓ recognized that broadband promotion and regulatory intervention should take into account penetration and market shares of different technologies such as DSL and Cable.
- ✓ Underline the importance of guaranteeing the independence of regulatory agencies
- ✓ Recognize that the development of VoIP technology will enhance innovation and competition
- ✓ IRG and Regulatel are convinced that an adequate regulatory framework has to consider convergence of information and telecommunications technologies. This orientation sets the foundation to develop the Information Society, therefore, contributing to improve welfare and economic growth and avoiding the risk of the digital divide.



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