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## **Leaders from Argentina’s Economy Pledge to Aid National Government in Accelerating Climate Action**

***New Coalition representing over 13 Million People and 30% in GDP inject new momentum into Argentina’s efforts to address climate change***

**Buenos Aires, ARGENTINA** – Today leaders from the private sector, higher education, banking, as well as state and local governments formed a new domestic coalition vowing to help the Argentinean government deliver on and deepen its international climate commitments.

The announcement was made today at an event held at the Auditorio Plaza Galicia in Buenos Aires, Argentina. The *Alianza para la Acción Climática Argentina* includes municipalities located across the country, from the capital city of Buenos Aires, to Río Grande, Tierra del Fuego Province, and Iruya, Salta Province. The coalition also includes leading actors in the banking, private and academic sectors, including Banco de Galicia, the clothing company Patagonia, and the University of El Salvador. The Alliance includes 2000 private producers of agro-commodities across Argentina united through the network CREA, which pledge to stimulate new climate action from agriculture. Agriculture, forestry and other land use (AFOLU) are together responsible for 39% of Argentina’s GHG emissions, and represent the second largest source of GHG emissions after energy.

**Cristian Feldkamp, Executive Director, CREA, said:** “We believe that proactively preparing for climate impacts and adjusting our practices to reduce our carbon footprint will make food production in Argentina more resilient, and our agriculture sector more competitive in global markets. Producers have a critical role to play, but we will be faster and more effective if we champion climate action together with other subnational and non-state actors across the country. The *Alianza para la Acción Climática Argentina* gives us a much-needed platform to accelerate climate action in Argentina, and to work with the national government to deliver on and enhance Argentina’s climate commitments.”

**Juan Bautista Filgueira, President, Environmental Protection Agency of the City of Buenos Aires said:** “Over 90% of Argentina’s population lives in urban centers. City governments are therefore at the crux of accelerating Argentina’s path towards decarbonization. We have the opportunity and the responsibility to make our cities cleaner, healthier and safer, but we cannot do this alone. We are proud to be founding members of the *Alianza para la Acción Climática Argentina* so that, together with businesses, investors, subnational governments, academic institutions and other subnational and local governments, we can put climate change at the center of our conversation about what kind of development is needed in our country.”

According to its founding declaration, the coalition aims to “work proactively and collaboratively to enable the proper implementation of the commitments undertaken by Argentina under the Paris agreement through its NDC, create the conditions for the inclusion of additional actions and set the foundation to enhance the ambition of Argentina’s NDC and climate actions.”

This coalition is the fourth domestic multi-stakeholder alliance to launch in the since June 2017, after similar coalitions launched in the United States, Japan and Mexico. These coalitions are part of [Alliances for Climate Action](#) (ACA), a global network of domestic multi-sector coalitions committed to supporting the delivery and enhancement of their countries' climate goals, and collaborating to build the groundswell of climate action across the world.

**Sergio Graf, Director of the Renewable Energies Institute, University of Guadalajara, Mexico, said:** “As founding member of the first Alliance for Climate Action in Latinoamérica, I am honored to welcome Argentina to this initiative. As more subnational and non-state actors in our region engage, our collective voice, work and commitment to climate action will grow. On behalf of the *Alianza para la Acción Climática de Guadalajara*, we look forward to exchanging experiences with Argentina to close the gap between statements and action.”

**Kevin Rabinovitch, Global VP for Sustainability and Chief Climate Officer for Mars Incorporated, said:** “We commend the *Alianza para la Acción Climática Argentina* for committing to accelerate climate action. The science is clear – it will take action from all countries and all companies to tackle climate change. That is why Mars has committed to cut greenhouse gas emissions across our value chain two-thirds by 2050. And it is why we joined *We Are Still In*, the largest climate coalition in the United States, as members of the Leaders' Circle to catalyze climate action in the U.S. and globally.”

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#### NOTE TO EDITORS

1. The ACA initiative is being jointly advanced by seven international organizations - [C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group](#), [CDP](#), the [Climate Action Network](#), [Fundación Avina](#), [The Climate Group](#), the [We Mean Business Coalition](#) and [WWF](#) – together with leading partners at the national level.
2. The *Japan Climate Initiative*, the *Alianza para la Acción Climática de Guadalajara*, the *Alianza para la Acción Climática Argentina* and partner effort *We Are Still In*, are each being coordinated by a subset of organizations at the national level.
3. Media interested in interviewing signatories from any of the Alliances for Climate Action Initiative should email [info@AlliancesForClimateAction.com](mailto:info@AlliancesForClimateAction.com).
4. The main goal of [Alliances for Climate Action](#) is to build robust and articulated domestic constituencies for climate action to work hand in hand with national governments to accelerate nationally determined processes of transformation towards low carbon and climate resilient societies. Alliances for Climate Action provides information and technical support to participating actors at the domestic level to develop actions jointly, engage constructively with national governments, and build domestic public support for accelerated climate action. Alliances for Climate Action also connects domestic coalitions with each other and elevates their voices internationally to encourage other

non-State actors and national governments to accelerate climate action and up ambition together.

5. Japan is ranked 6th in terms of global emissions ([Source](#): WRI CAIT). Japan's current commitment is found in its [climate pledge](#) submitted to the UN in 2015.
6. Mexico is ranked 10th in terms of global emissions. ([Source](#): WRI CAIT). Mexico's current commitment is found in its [climate pledge](#) submitted to the UN in 2015.
7. Argentina is ranked 19th in terms of global emissions ([Source](#): WRI CAIT). Argentina's current commitment is found in its [climate pledge](#) submitted to the UN in 2016.
8. The United States is ranked 2nd in terms of global emissions ([Source](#): WRI CAIT). The United States' current commitment is found in its [climate pledge](#) submitted to the UN in 2015.
9. Agriculture, cattle ranching, forestry and other land uses accounted for 39% of Argentina's GHG emissions in 2014 (source: <https://inventariogei.ambiente.gob.ar/files/inventario-nacional-gei-argentina.pdf>)
10. Find more information about:
  1. *Global Alliances for Climate Action initiative* [here](#);
  2. *Japan Climate Initiative* [here](#);
  3. *Alianza para la Acción Climática de Guadalajara* [here](#);
  4. *We Are Still In* [here](#).