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## Argentinean Alliance for Climate Action

### DELIVERING ON THE PARIS AGREEMENT TOGETHER WITH NON-STATE ACTORS

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The Paris Agreement gave the world hope that humanity can effectively address the global climate challenge. It provided a clear sense of direction through long-term temperature and emissions goals that will guide the transformation of economies and societies across the world before 2050.

The Paris Agreement also highlighted the extreme sense of urgency. If the world is to keep the 1.5°C goal within reach and ensure an adequate adaptation response, global emissions must peak by 2020, and climate action needs to ramp up rapidly everywhere. This means that national commitments made for the first period of the Paris Agreement must be turned into implementation plans now.

National governments cannot meet this challenge alone. Fortunately, the Paris Agreement explicitly recognizes the role of subnational and local governments and other actors including business, academia, indigenous people and civil society —known as non-state actors or NSAs—as critical to delivering climate action at the scale and speed required.

The role of non-Party stakeholders has been gaining traction across the world. Global platforms like the Global Covenant of Mayors, C40, CDP, the We Mean Business Coalition and others have been developing tools to promote the implementation of climate actions and helping raise the voices of NSA constituencies all over the world. In many countries, NSAs are making important commitments and fostering positive change.

### FOUNDING DECLARATION OF THE ARGENTINEAN ALLIANCE FOR CLIMATE ACTION

**Climate change** is a reality. This is why there are significant international efforts and **commitments** to adopt mitigation and adaptation measures to limit the increase in the planet's global temperature and its impacts. However, while the **Paris Agreement (2015) is entering its implementation phase, the gap between the global emissions goal consistent with 1.5°C and the aggregate commitments of national governments is still very wide and needs to be reduced.**

A large share of the global greenhouse gas emissions results from burning fossil fuels, agriculture and livestock farming, as well as urban and metropolitan centers around the world. In Argentina, the main sources of GHG emissions are energy (electricity generation and fuel use), agriculture, livestock, forestry, and other land uses<sup>i</sup>.

There is an increasing recognition at national and international levels that national government commitments alone cannot close the emissions gap. Meanwhile, there has been an increase in the number of commitments and measures implemented by subnational governments, civil society, businesses, and universities. There is a critical need to involve these actors proactively and collaboratively to generate synergies, expand climate action and support the implementation of "nationally determined contributions" (NDCs) to meet the Paris Agreement goals.

The signing non-State Actors are aware and concerned about this situation. Following the realization of the importance of contributing in a synergistic and articulated manner, the signing non-State Actor together with **Fundación Vida Silvestre Argentina, Avina Foundation, WWF<sup>ii</sup> and other global partners<sup>iii</sup>** see the need to establish the **Alianza para la Acción Climática Argentina** (the Argentinean Alliance for Climate Action).

The main purpose of this Alliance is 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 more broadly.



The signatories aim to: **make their climate action commitments visible**; foster the **implementation of actions with local adaptation and mitigation benefits**; and **promote collaboration and synergy** among companies, universities, sub-national governments and civil society to support the adoption of policies, strategies and climate actions, in so doing inspiring and encouraging more actors to join this local effort with global impact.

Through this Alliance, we, the signatories, plan to strengthen climate actions at all levels, from inside our institutions, companies or areas of development, and moving toward the construction of collective projects of larger scale and impact. We will also identify, collaboratively, conditions that can facilitate actions by sub-national and non-governmental actors, as well as to jointly explore opportunities which enable the support, implementation, and increase of the ambition assumed by Argentina in the Paris agreement.

The Alliance seeks to recognize, catalyze, and multiply the efforts of each Member.

By recognizing, mobilizing, integrating and scaling up local efforts and actions, we, the signatories, will actively contribute towards the Paris Agreement goals (2015) of keeping the global temperature increase below 1.5°C and ensuring the adaptation of our societies, and in so doing begin to close the current gap between the ambition and implementation of global agreements. This new paradigm calls us to work together to achieve a better future!

By signing this Declaration, we affirm our participation in the Argentinean Alliance for Climate Action and our intent to work collaboratively and constructively to strengthen the commitments made to address the climate crisis.

#### List of signatories (alphabetic order)

- Agencia de Protección Ambiental (APrA) – Buenos Aires
- Asociación Sustentar
- Banco de Galicia
- CREA
- FLACSO
- Fundación Avina
- Fundación Vida Silvestre Argentina
- Fundación Nueva Generación Argentina
- Municipalidad de Vicente López
- Natura
- Patagonia
- Periodistas por el Planeta (Journalists for the planet)
- Provincia de Santa Fe
- Red Argentina de Municipios frente al Cambio Climático (Argentinean Network of Municipalities facing Climate Change)
- Universidad Argentina de la Empresa
- Universidad del Salvador

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<sup>i</sup> Source: INECC Inventario Nacional de Emisiones de Gases de Efecto Invernadero (2015).

<sup>ii</sup> As part of the global initiative *Alliances for Climate Action* ([alliancesforclimateaction.com](http://alliancesforclimateaction.com)).

<sup>iii</sup> **Carbon Disclosure Project:** It is a non-profit organization that manages global reporting system for investors, companies, cities, States and regions in order to manage their impact on the environment. <https://www.cdp.net/es>

**C40** It is a network of the world's mega cities committed to tackling climate change. C40 supports cities to work together effectively, share knowledge and promote sustainable, measurable and meaningful actions on climate change. <https://www.c40.org/>

**CAN:** Climate Action Network (CAN) It is a global network of over 1300 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) in more than 120 countries, working to promote government and individual action to limit climate change induced by human beings to ecologically sustainable levels. <http://www.climatenetwork.org/about/about-can>

**We Mean Business** It is a non-profit global coalition that works with the most influential companies in the world to take action against climate change. Together, they catalyze business leadership to boost the ambition of policies and accelerate the transition to a low carbon economy. <https://www.wemeanbusinesscoalition.org/>

**The Climate Group** It brings together powerful networks of companies and State and regional Governments to accelerate the climate action, knowing that through effective cooperation at the subnational level we can change the markets and global policies towards a world of less than 2 °C of warming. <https://www.theclimategroup.org/>