



Argentina: Short Way to Go

On December 29, 2020, Argentina submitted its updated NDC to the UNFCCC.

Argentina has enhanced its ambition, as the new target represents an emissions reduction of 25.7% compared to its previous NDC. The country has also moved from having conditional targets to an unconditional target, although international support would be welcome. However, the NDC is still not aligned to 1.5°C. Progress can be noted in the adaptation component and on the inclusion of social aspects with a focus on a just transition. A participatory process is another highlight. Aspects such as finance and sectoral targets need further development, that the Government has informed should happen in 2021.

Considering Argentina's responsibility and capacity, we conclude that the updated NDC has a Short Way to Go to become the NDC We Want.

Advances

Mitigation: Argentina commits to an absolute, economy wide and unconditional goal of not exceeding the net emission of 359 million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO₂e) in 2030 (previously 438 MtCO₂e; and possibly 369 MtCO₂e with conditional measures). Therefore, the country has increased its mitigation ambition since the new target means a reduction of 25,7% from the previous one. Argentina has also moved from having conditional targets to an unconditional target, although international support would be welcome. The NDC also mentions that a Long-term Strategy with a carbon neutrality objective for 2050 will be presented in Glasgow.

Adaptation: The Adaptation Section of the updated NDC can be considered Argentina's Second Adaptation Communication. It establishes the following national objective for adaptation: *the population will be aware of the adverse effects of climate change and the corresponding adaptation measures and will have built capacities that allow them to respond in solidarity to the urgent challenge of protecting the planet.* It also establishes a national objective and 35 priority measures in seven sectors, with gender, diversity and intergenerational equity considerations and that contribute to other international frameworks.

Social and Just Transition Policies: Among the 15 principles that guided the design, implementation, monitoring and evaluating of all national adaptation and mitigation actions are the following: Human rights; Just transition; Equity; Gender; and Interculturality. Work and Just Transition are also elements of the Vision 2030 presented in the NDC.

Inclusiveness and Participation: Articulation and participation were central in the process of preparation of the revised NDC. The document is supposed to be the result of the joint work of 15 working groups of the national public administration, roundtables of federal articulation and working meetings with different sectors of society.

Gaps

Mitigation: According to CAT (2021), Argentina's target falls within the “Insufficient” category, meaning it is not consistent with the Paris Agreement’s 1.5°C limit. The position of Fundación Vida Silvestre/WWF, based on other research sources, is that Argentina's 2030 emissions should be within the range of 250-319 MtCO₂e to be aligned with the 1.5C.

The updated NDC does not elaborate on the national budget for climate change or international support needed. It does, however, present new structures and steps taken for the elaboration of a long-term climate finance strategy. The Government has announced several times that the Finance strategy and future requirements are going to be developed simultaneously with sectoral plans, that should include sectoral targets. Despite presenting plans for an M&E system focused on adaptation, more clarity is needed on instruments and a system for tracking progress on implementation.

WWF's NDC rating grades	WWF checklist for Argentina's 2020 NDC assessment
 NDC We Want	Mitigation
 Short Way to Go	Adaptation
 Some Way to Go	Finance
 Long Way to Go	Fostering system change
 NDC We Don't Want	Inclusiveness and Participation
	Contribution to Sustainable Development
	Tracking progress
	Argentina's rating grade after assessment:  Short Way to Go

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