

ARGENTINA TO THE WORLD

**ARGENTINA BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT FORUM
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PRESIDENT MACRI OPENED THE ARGENTINA BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT FORUM

City of Buenos Aires, Argentina – September 13, 2016.- President of Argentina, Mauricio Macri, opened the ARGENTINA BUSINESS AND INVESTMENT FORUM this morning, an event at which 1,900 global businessmen, investors, and business leaders from 65 countries and 400 government representatives will be participating for the first time over the next three days. In his welcome speech, President Macri stated that such high attendance demonstrates how much trust the world has placed on Argentina, and he highlighted investment opportunities in sectors such as agribusiness, biotechnology and energy, among others.

“I would like to thank all of you, especially those visiting our country from abroad: you are in the right place, at the perfect moment. Your presence in this Forum confirms your support for this new era that our country is starting, an era of good judgment, respect for the rules, where we try to be better every day, with specific goals and the determination to fulfil them,” the President stated, adding that “in this new era, the State is modernizing in order to smoothen the path for those who have the desire to act.”

“We are starting to see strong signs that the recession is on its way out and the world is once again looking at and talking about Argentina. Over the next few days, you’ll see the multiple opportunities offered by this country, with its natural and human resources. There are opportunities in areas such as agribusiness, sustainable mining, traditional and renewable energy, and various industrial sectors. Not only are there opportunities in every region, but there is a government committed to their development, for which we have an Infrastructure Plan and a Productive Plan.”

President Macri also stated that “we trust that this era ignites and inspires”, and that this “is not the decision of a new Government” but a waking up of the Argentine people. In this sense, Mr. Macri expressed that during the past 30 years of democracy “we have been bewitched with magical recipes which led us to terminal crises such as those of 1989 and 2002. Nine months ago, we were on the verge of a new crisis, with clearly evident corruption and a State that was lying to us. But we Argentines made the decision to avoid the crisis; Argentine society has changed, it wants more, it wants to connect to the world, it is more daring.”

President Macri thanked the strong support of his administration in this first stage and the “tens of thousands of dollars in investment announcements.” He then invited the members of the audience to meet with government officials and technical experts to clear any doubts and explore Argentina’s opportunities.

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The Forum aims to mark a smart return to the world for Argentina. It will lay out the government's visions and strategy to invigorate key economic sectors, and explore new investment opportunities that stimulate inclusive, long-term growth.

The Forum is organized by the ARGENTINE INVESTMENT AND TRADE PROMOTION AGENCY and includes plenary sessions, thematic roundtables, bilateral meetings, and networking opportunities; and seeks to generate foreign direct investment to boost Argentina's economic growth.

ACERCA DEL FORO DE INVERSIÓN Y NEGOCIOS DE ARGENTINA, DEL 12 AL 15 DE SEPTIEMBRE, 2016

Organizado por la Agencia Argentina de Inversiones y Comercio Internacional, a desarrollarse a lo largo de 3 días en el Centro Cultural Kirchner (CCK), en el centro de la Ciudad de Buenos Aires.

El Foro incluirá sesiones plenarias, mesas redondas temáticas, conversaciones bilaterales y espacios de relacionamiento en diversos sectores estratégicos de la economía para el crecimiento:

- Petróleo y Gas.
- Generación de Energía - Energías Renovables.
- Agroindustria.
- Bienes y Servicios Industriales.
- Minería.
- Transporte y Logística.
- Obra pública e Infraestructura.
- Tecnología y Telecomunicaciones.
- Servicios Financieros.
- Turismo.
- Industria Farmacéutica y Biotecnología.
- Construcción y Negocios Inmobiliarios.

Además, el 15 de septiembre se llevará a cabo el Día de la Innovación, dedicado al mundo emprendedor y las nuevas tecnologías.

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