

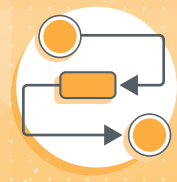
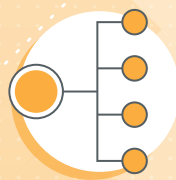
NDC TRANSPARENCY CHECK



ARGENTINA

MAKING ARGENTINA'S 2020 NDC UPDATE MORE TRANSPARENT

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The NDC Transparency Check provides recommendations on what information countries should provide in their 2020 NDC Update to ensure its clarity, transparency, and understanding.

This is done by evaluating existing NDCs, and assessing information provided in the NDCs in terms of the information requirements for NDCs listed in Annex 1 of decision 4/CMA.1, under Article 4.8. of the Paris Agreement.

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INTRODUCTION TO THE 'NDC TRANSPARENCY CHECK'

The Paris Agreement was agreed in 2015 at the 21st United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change Conference of the Parties (UNFCCC COP 21), and came into force a year later. Almost all countries are currently signatories of the Agreement¹.

The objective of the NDC Transparency Check is to provide a robust reference to assess whether the communication of Parties on the proposed mitigation in their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) is clear, transparent and understandable, in terms of the requirements set out in the Paris Agreement, its accompanying decision (1/CP.21) and the Annex to decision 4/CMA.1, which sets out the “information to facilitate clarity, transparency and understanding”.

Legally, the Annex is only binding from the second NDC onwards. However, Parties are “strongly encouraged” to apply the Annex to updated NDCs, due in 2020.

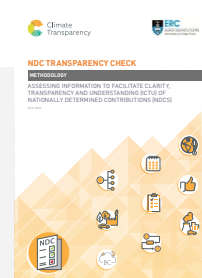
While the approach taken for this assessment is based on conformance with the Annex, this ‘NDC Transparency Check’ aims to assess both:

- i. Conformance of a country’s NDC with the Katowice Rule Book, and;
- ii. The extent to which a country has provided additional information in relation to each element of the Annex which enhances clarity, transparency and understanding.

Argentina’s government is revising the current NDC to update its commitment in relation to the Paris Agreement’s long-term goals, under the country’s specific circumstances.

In this context, this assessment aims to provide methodological information to support this process, especially in relation to the clarity of the proposed mitigation outcomes. This could help not only to provide additional clarity on Argentina’s mitigation goals and their underlying policies and measures, but also provide clarity on the likely collective outcome of mitigation efforts committed to NDCs.

The detailed methodology as well as other assessment are available on: www.climate-transparency.org



¹ A possible exception is the United States of America, which is currently a signatory, but has started the withdrawal process from the Agreement, and is expected to withdraw formally in November 2020. Yet, president-elect Joe Biden announced that under his presidency the US will re-join the Paris Agreement.

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SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATIONS

As a signatory of the Paris Agreement, Argentina made an international commitment to be part of the fight against climate change. In a context of ecological and climate crisis, this commitment entails being in line with the best available science and bucking the trend in order to maintain global temperature rise below 1.5°C. The time to be ambitious is now, and Argentina – as one of the top 25 global emitters – needs to lead in a region that is being increasingly hit by climate change impacts.

Argentina submitted its first NDC in 2015 but, due to a change in administration that took place halfway through COP 21, there was a political decision to submit a revised NDC in 2016. Although it did not provide a significant level of ambition or further emission reduction objectives, it provided a consolidated overview of assumptions and other technical work behind the NDC. Partly, this was achieved by creating the Climate Change National Cabinet, a high-level and formal space that gathered the heads of Ministries and Secretariats from all sectors.

In 2019, Argentina passed a Minimum Standards National Law on Adaptation and Mitigation to Climate Change.

Despite not having a specific target or mitigation objective, the law formalised most of the work carried out by the Climate Change National Directorate (such as National System for Climate Change Information) and gave an official and irrevocable status to the Cabinet.

Argentina's current NDC target consists of an absolute unconditional emissions target of 483 MtCO₂eq by 2030, and a conditional target of 369 MtCO₂eq, subject to the availability of foreign climate finance.

Argentina has stated its intention to update its revised NDC and submit it by December 2020. This represents an opportunity to raise the ambition in terms of emissions reductions. The main messages from the Argentinian government are on the need for support for a strong commitment from various stakeholders across society. This is highly relevant for a solid and realistic target and even more so for its implementation. However, in order to be aligned with the Paris Agreement objectives, this target also needs to be technically ambitious and show a significant amount of emission reductions.

Furthermore, the NDC needs to be established and communicated in a transparent way. For example, one noteworthy aspect to consider for the update of the new NDC is the decline in the participatory spaces such as the Climate Change Extended Cabinet, where civil society, the private sector and academia are allowed to give input to climate policy. As time has passed, this space went from participatory to informative. It is vital that the updated NDC is built not only by government officials but by society as a whole.

This assessment provides detail on the availability and quality of information on what should be included in the NDC update.

Argentina's current NDC target

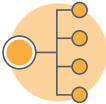








Absolute unconditional emissions target of

483 MtCO₂eq
by 2030

An assessment of the NDC target can be found in the Brown to Green Report: www.climate-transparency.org
A detailed analysis is provided by the Climate Action Tracker: www.climateactiontracker.org

To enhance the transparency of its 2020 NDC Update, Argentina should implement the following key recommendations (further information on the recommendations can be drawn from the detailed assessment below):

ICTU Category	Current NDC	Room for improvements for NDC Update 2020
 Reference point	<p>NDC defined in absolute terms. “Argentina shall not exceed a net emission of 483 million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO₂eq) by the year 2030”, and therefore does not have a reference point. In section 3, on additional information on the NDC, information is provided on the target in terms of a reduction from BAU, and a potential additional conditional target is also provided, but the conditions under which Argentina may move to a more ambitious target (an emissions level of 369 MtCO₂eq, or a reduction from BAU of 37%) is not thoroughly detailed.</p>	<p>Given the fact that there is no reference point due to the use of an absolute target, it will be important to apply the no-backsliding principle and ensure that any update of the NDC does not include a reference to BAU or other weaker reference point.</p>
 Time frame	<p>Target is for the year 2030 (implying a 10-year timeframe) but the timeframe and period of implementation are not stated.</p>	<p>Include time frame and/or period for implementation, including start and end date.</p>
 Scope and Coverage	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information is provided on carbon pools, and it is not clear how much of the land sector is included. • It is not clear from the NDC whether all land sector categories have been included. No comparison of coverage is made with any previous commitments. 	<p>Provide information on carbon pools and detailed information on the land sector.</p>
 Planning process	<p>Institutional arrangements are reported on in the Argentinian NDC in some detail. Consultation with stakeholders is reported on, including with local government, but no details are provided on consultation with indigenous communities, and no details are provided on whether the NDC process was conducted in a gender-sensitive manner.</p>	<p>Provide detailed information on domestic institutional arrangements, public participation and engagement with local communities and indigenous peoples, in a gender-responsive manner.</p>
 Assumptions, and methodological approaches	<p>No information provided on whether and how Argentina will use existing methods to account for emissions and removals.</p>	<p>Include information on how Argentina will take into account existing methods and guidance under the Convention to account for anthropogenic emissions and removals, in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 14.</p>

ICTU Category	Current NDC	Room for improvements for NDC Update 2020
 Fairness and ambition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No references are provided to equity analyses by either in-country experts or international experts. • Argentina presents its NDC goal as ambitious in the context of the 2 degree limit on the basis of the relationship between its current emissions and its share of the global mitigation effort in 2030 which its target implies that it will take on. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide an explanation for why its target is ambitious – the NDC gives no detailed explanation on whether and why the target represents the highest possible ambition (e.g. reference to mitigation potential analysis). • Provide information on ambition in relation to the 1.5°C limit. • Add additional details with regards to why the target represents a fair share.
 Contribution to global temperature goals in the Paris Agreement and in the UNFCCC	<p>Argentina's NDC contains a reference to Article 2 of the Convention, but not specifically in relation to mitigation ambition.</p>	<p>Include a specific reference to Article 2.1 (a) of the Paris Agreement</p>

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DETAILED ASSESSMENT

Note: The following assessment has been done on the basis of the Annex to 4/CMA.1, but it needs to be noted that Argentina's NDC assessed below was submitted before the Annex was agreed. Argentina's INDC was submitted to the UNFCCC in 2015.

The NDC assessed is Argentina's "first revision" of its NDC as contained in the UNFCCC's interim NDC registry, as submitted on 17 November 2016: https://www4.unfccc.int/sites/ndcstaging/PublishedDocuments/Argentina%20First/Traducci%C3%B3n%20NDC_Argentina.pdf



1. Quantifiable information on the reference point (including, as appropriate, a base year):

Element of ICTU	Included in NDC	Category of assessment	Information in NDC and assessment
(a) reference year(s), base year(s), reference period(s) or other starting point(s)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	<input type="radio"/> Reference year(s) – including for reduction against a baseline <input type="radio"/> Base year(s) <input type="radio"/> Reference period(s) <input type="radio"/> other starting point(s)	NDC defined in absolute terms. "Argentina shall not exceed a net emission of 483 million tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (MtCO ₂ eq) by the year 2030", and therefore does not have a reference point. In section 3, on additional information on the NDC, information is provided on the target in terms of a reduction from BAU, and a potential additional conditional target is also provided, but the conditions under which Argentina may move to a more ambitious target (an emissions level of 369 MtCO ₂ eq, or a reduction from BAU of 37%) is not thoroughly detailed.
(b) Quantifiable information on the reference indicators, their values in the reference year(s), base year(s), reference period(s) or other starting point(s), and, as applicable, in the target year; (If 1 (c) is completed, this is not applicable)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	<input type="radio"/> Quantified – in CO ₂ or CO ₂ -eq or in other emissions units <input type="radio"/> Quantified – other units <input type="radio"/> Quantifiable information provided – to quantify in CO ₂ or CO ₂ -eq <input type="radio"/> Quantifiable information provided – to quantify in other units <input type="radio"/> No quantifiable information	Not applicable.
(c) For strategies, plans and actions referred to in Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Paris Agreement, or policies and measures as components of nationally determined contributions where paragraph 1(b) above is not applicable, Parties to provide other relevant information; (If 1(b) is completed, this is not applicable, unless a country has provided policies and measures as well)	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	<input type="radio"/> The country has provided reference points for relevant quantified goals for specific PAMs. <input type="radio"/> The country has provided reference point for qualitative goals for PAMs with non-quantified goals.	Not applicable.
(d) Target relative to the reference indicator, expressed numerically, for example in percentage or amount of reduction;	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	<input type="radio"/> % reduction from base year <input type="radio"/> % reduction from BAU <input type="radio"/> % intensity reduction from base year <input type="radio"/> Other	Not applicable.
(e) Information on sources of data used in quantifying the reference point(s);	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	Source: <input type="radio"/> GHG inventory <input type="radio"/> Reference to underlying data sources <input type="radio"/> Other studies Enhanced conformance – traceability: <input type="radio"/> Source readily found	Not applicable.

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(f) Information on the circumstances under which the Party may update the values of the reference indicators.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	GHG inventory: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> How values may be updated <input type="radio"/> When Baseline projections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Information on whether the baseline will be updated, when and why. Intensity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> If, whether and how the country will update its intensity reference indicator. 	Not applicable.



2. Time frames and/or periods for implementation:

(a) Time frame and/or period for implementation, including start and end date, consistent with any further relevant decision adopted by the Conference of the Parties serving as the meeting of the Parties to the Paris Agreement (CMA);	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Stated time frame of 5 years <input type="radio"/> Stated time frame of 10 years <input type="radio"/> Other stated time frame <input type="radio"/> Start date: 2021 <input type="radio"/> End date: 2030 	Target is for the year 2030 (implying a 10-year timeframe) but the timeframe and period of implementation are not stated.
(b) Whether it is a single-year or multi-year target, as applicable.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Single-year target <input type="radio"/> Multi-year target 	Implied single year target, but information not explicitly provided.



3. Scope and coverage:

(a) General description of the target	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Key goals of the target – emissions reduction/limitation, intensity, BAU reduction, PAMs, mitigation co-benefits, in quantitative or qualitative terms. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Time frame, period of implementation, target year(s). 	General description provided – Argentina's target consists an emissions threshold of 483 Mt CO ₂ -eq in 2030. Period of implementation not stated; target year is 2030. Argentina also includes a conditional target of 369 Mt CO ₂ -eq in their NDC.
(b) Sectors, gases, categories and pools covered by the nationally determined contribution, including, as applicable, consistent with Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) guidelines;	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No	Sectors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Energy <input checked="" type="radio"/> IPPU <input type="radio"/> AFOLU – specified separately for land use and agriculture <input checked="" type="radio"/> LULUCF (if specified separately from above) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Agriculture (if specified separately from above) <input checked="" type="radio"/> Waste <input type="radio"/> Other Categories: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Categories and sub-categories used for each sector above in the NDC Gases: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Carbon dioxide: CO₂ <input checked="" type="radio"/> Methane: CH₄ <input checked="" type="radio"/> Nitrous oxide: N₂O <input checked="" type="radio"/> Perfluorocarbons: PFCs <input checked="" type="radio"/> Hydrofluorocarbons: HFC <input checked="" type="radio"/> Sulphur hexafluoride: SF₆ <input type="radio"/> Nitrogen trifluoride: NF₃ Pools: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Aboveground biomass <input type="radio"/> Belowground biomass <input type="radio"/> Dead wood <input type="radio"/> Litter <input type="radio"/> Soil organic matter 	Argentina's NDC contains information on coverage – all sectors and six gases (except nitrogen trifluoride). No information is provided on carbon pools, and it is not clear how much of the land sector is included.

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(c) How the Party has taken into consideration paragraph 31(c) and (d) of decision 1/CP.21;	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Comparison of categories of anthropogenic emissions and removal included in previous NDC and current NDCs. <input type="radio"/> Explanation for the omission of any categories.	It is not clear from the NDC whether all land sector categories have been included. No comparison of coverage is made with any previous commitments.
(d) Mitigation co-benefits resulting from Parties' adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans, including description of specific projects, measures and initiatives of Parties' adaptation actions and/or economic diversification plans.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	<p>Economic diversification:</p> <input type="radio"/> Energy Efficiency <input type="radio"/> Renewable energy <input type="radio"/> Carbon Capture and Utilization/Storage <input type="radio"/> Utilization of gas <input type="radio"/> Methane recovery and flare minimization <input type="radio"/> Other <p>Adaptation actions with mitigation co-benefits:</p> <input type="radio"/> Water and waste-water management <input type="radio"/> Urban planning <input type="radio"/> Marine Protection <input type="radio"/> Reduced desertification <input type="radio"/> Other <p>Mitigation co-benefits:</p> <input type="radio"/> Stated – yes / no <input type="radio"/> Quantified <input type="radio"/> In t CO ₂ -eq	Not applicable.

Element of ICTU	Included in NDC	Category of assessment	Information in NDC and assessment
 4. Planning processes:			
(a) Information on the planning processes that the Party undertook to prepare its nationally determined contribution and, if available, on the Party's implementation plans, including, as appropriate:			
(i) Domestic institutional arrangements, public participation and engagement with local communities and indigenous peoples, in a gender-responsive manner;	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Domestic institutional arrangements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> No information provided <input checked="" type="radio"/> Some information provided <input type="radio"/> Detailed information provided Public participation and engagement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> No information provided <input checked="" type="radio"/> Some information provided <input type="radio"/> Detailed information provided Information on stakeholder engagement: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> No information provided <input checked="" type="radio"/> Information on engagement with local communities provided <input type="radio"/> Information on engagement with indigenous peoples provided <input checked="" type="radio"/> Information on other stakeholder engagement provided Does the country report on whether the NDC process was conducted in a gender-responsive manner?: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No information provided <input type="radio"/> Some information provided <input type="radio"/> Detailed information provided 	Institutional arrangements are reported on in the Argentinian NDC in some detail. Consultation with stakeholders is reported on, including with local government, but no details are provided on consultation with indigenous communities, and no details are provided on whether the NDC process was conducted in a gender-sensitive manner.
((i).cont.) ..if available, information provided on a Party's implementation plans;		Implementation plans: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> No information provided <input type="radio"/> Some information provided Enhanced conformance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Detailed information on how implementation plans will achieve the objectives of its NDC. 	No specific information was provided on implementation in Argentina's NDC.

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(ii) Contextual matters, including, inter alia, as appropriate:	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No	a. Inclusion of relevant national circumstances, such as geography, climate, economy, sustainable development and poverty eradication <input type="radio"/> No information provided <input checked="" type="radio"/> Some information provided <input type="radio"/> Detailed information provided b. Reporting on best practices and experience related to the preparation of the nationally determined contribution; Best practices and experience shared: <input type="radio"/> None <input checked="" type="radio"/> Some <input type="radio"/> Many c. Information provided on other contextual aspirations and priorities acknowledged when joining the Paris Agreement: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Some information on national circumstances related to the role of agriculture in the Argentinian economy was provided. Some information on the effectiveness of institutional arrangements in the development of the NDC was provided.
(b) Specific information applicable to Parties, including regional economic integration organizations and their member States, that have reached an agreement to act jointly under Article 4, paragraph 2, of the Paris Agreement, including the Parties that agreed to act jointly and the terms of the agreement, in accordance with Article 4, paragraphs 16–18, of the Paris Agreement;	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	<input type="radio"/> Terms of the agreement to act jointly. <input type="radio"/> Emission level allocated to each Party within the relevant time period Enhanced conformance: <input type="radio"/> Detailed description of the basis for burden-sharing within the REIO.	Not applicable to Argentina.
(c) How the Party's preparation of its nationally determined contribution has been informed by the outcomes of the global stocktake, in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 9, of the Paris Agreement;	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	Information on how the previous global stock-take (GST) informed the NDC: <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Enhanced conformance: <input type="radio"/> Consideration of the Secretariat's synthesis paper in the 2020 update.	No information included on this.
(d) Each Party with a nationally determined contribution under Article 4 of the Paris Agreement that consists of adaptation action and/or economic diversification plans resulting in mitigation co-benefits consistent with Article 4, paragraph 7, of the Paris Agreement to submit information on:			
(i) How the economic and social consequences of response measures have been considered in developing the nationally determined contribution;	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	<input type="radio"/> The NDC contains information on how the economic and social consequences of response measures have been considered in developing the NDC.	Not applicable.

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(ii) Specific projects, measures and activities to be implemented to contribute to mitigation co-benefits, including information on adaptation plans that also yield mitigation co-benefits, which may cover, but are not limited to, key sectors, such as energy, resources, water resources, coastal resources, human settlements and urban planning, agriculture and forestry; and economic diversification actions, which may cover, but are not limited to, sectors such as manufacturing and industry, energy and mining, transport and communication, construction, tourism, real estate, agriculture and fisheries.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	<p>The NDC contains information on specific projects, measures and activities for adaptation which mitigation co-benefits in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Energy resources <input type="radio"/> Water resources <input type="radio"/> Coastal resources <input type="radio"/> Human settlements <input type="radio"/> Urban planning <input type="radio"/> Agriculture and forestry <input type="radio"/> Other <p>Specific projects, measures and activities for economic diversification actions in sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Manufacturing and industry <input type="radio"/> Energy and mining <input type="radio"/> Transport and communication <input type="radio"/> Construction, tourism <input type="radio"/> Real estate <input type="radio"/> Agriculture and fisheries <input type="radio"/> Other 	Not applicable.



5. Assumptions and methodological approaches, including those for estimating and accounting for anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions and, as appropriate, removals:

(a) Assumptions and methodological approaches used for accounting for anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions and removals corresponding to the Party's nationally determined contribution, consistent with decision 1/CP.21, paragraph 31, and accounting guidance adopted by the CMA;	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	<input checked="" type="radio"/> A general description of the accounting approach. <input type="radio"/> Detailed description of how the country will account for the land sector in its NDC.	Argentina's NDC states that an inventory-based approach will be used to account for sources and sinks.
(b) Assumptions and methodological approaches used for accounting for the implementation of policies and measures or strategies in the nationally determined contribution;	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	<input type="radio"/> No information provided <input type="radio"/> Some information provided <input type="radio"/> Detailed information provided	Not applicable – Argentina's NDC is not stated in terms of policies and measures.
(c) If applicable, information on how the Party will take into account existing methods and guidance under the Convention to account for anthropogenic emissions and removals, in accordance with Article 4, paragraph 14, of the Paris Agreement, as appropriate;	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> The country has specified that they will use existing methods and guidance. <input type="radio"/> The country has specified that they will not use existing methods and guidance. <input checked="" type="radio"/> The country has not provided any information on this.	No information provided on whether and how Argentina will use existing methods to account for emissions and removals.

Element of ICTU	Included in NDC	Category of assessment	Information in NDC and assessment
(d) IPCC methodologies and metrics used for estimating anthropogenic greenhouse gas emissions and removals;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> The country has specified in their NDC whether they have used 1996 or 2006 IPCC guidelines for estimating emissions and removals, and/or other IPCC guidance. <input checked="" type="radio"/> The country has specified which GWP values it is using (from which IPCC assessment report). <input type="radio"/> The NDC target is not expressed in GHG emissions terms, and contains no relevant information on GHG emissions (not applicable). 	Argentina's NDC states that 2006 IPCC guidelines were used, with GWP values from the IPCC's SAR.
(e) Sector-, category- or activity-specific assumptions, methodologies and approaches consistent with IPCC guidance, as appropriate, including, as applicable:			
(i) Approach to addressing emissions and subsequent removals from natural disturbances on managed lands:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Approach to addressing emissions and removals on managed lands reported in the NDC. <input checked="" type="radio"/> No information included in the NDC. 	No information included.
(ii) Approach used to account for emissions and removals from harvested wood products;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Approach to harvested wood products reported. <input checked="" type="radio"/> No information included in the NDC. 	No information included.
(iii) Approach used to address the effects of age-class structure in forests;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No <input type="radio"/> n/a 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Approach to age-class structure in forests reported. <input checked="" type="radio"/> No information included in the NDC. 	No information included.
(f) Other assumptions and methodological approaches used for understanding the nationally determined contribution and, if applicable, estimating corresponding emissions and removals, including:			
(i) How the reference indicators, baseline(s) and/or reference level(s), including, where applicable, sector-, category- or activity-specific reference levels, are constructed, including, for example, key parameters, assumptions, definitions, methodologies, data sources and models used;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a 	<p>If the Party has chosen a mitigation target relative to a reference level, including emissions reference levels, base years, intensity targets etc:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Method for estimating the reference level. <input type="radio"/> Sources of data, as applicable. <p>If the Party has chosen a mitigation target relative to a baseline scenario:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Base year <input type="radio"/> Key assumptions (GDP, population, etc) <input type="radio"/> Methodology (analytical tool) and <input type="radio"/> Resulting projection at least up to the end year <input type="radio"/> Data sources 	Argentina's NDC is not expressed in terms of a reference indicator.

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(ii) For Parties with nationally determined contributions that contain non-greenhouse-gas components, information on assumptions and methodological approaches used in relation to those components, as applicable;	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	Assumptions and methodologies for non-GHG components: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Quantified in a manner where mitigation outcomes are clear. <input type="radio"/> Quantifiable, but requiring assumptions to understand mitigation outcomes. <input type="radio"/> Not quantifiable. 	Not applicable.
(iii) For climate forcers included in nationally determined contributions not covered by IPCC guidelines, information on how the climate forcers are estimated;	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> The NDC includes black carbon, and includes information on how it is estimated. <input type="radio"/> The NDC includes other short-lived climate forcers, and information on how these are estimated. 	Not applicable.
(iv) Further technical information, as necessary;	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	Further information provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> Not Applicable 	Argentina's NDC would be sufficiently transparent if all information in the Annex was provided.
(g) The intention to use voluntary cooperation under Article 6 of the Paris Agreement, if applicable.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Information on whether the country intends to participate in Article 6 activities during the NDC implementation period. <input type="radio"/> Information on whether the country intends to use ITMOs to achieve its NDC. Enhanced conformance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> The extent to which the target depends on use of ITMOs. 	Argentina's NDC contains a section on Article 6, but it is not stated whether Argentina intends to participate in Article 6 activities.



6. How the Party considers that its nationally determined contribution is fair and ambitious in the light of its national circumstances:

(a) How the Party considers that its nationally determined contribution is fair and ambitious in the light of its national circumstances;	Fair <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No Ambitious <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Inclusion of grounds for why the NDC target is fair. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Inclusion of grounds for why the NDC target is ambitious. 	Argentina's NDC contains a detailed section on why the country considers its NDC "fair and ambitious". See below.
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Element of ICTU	Included in NDC	Category of assessment	Information in NDC and assessment
b) Fairness considerations, including reflecting on equity;	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No 	<p>The country has provided in its NDC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> References to equity analyses by international experts. <input checked="" type="radio"/> References to equity analyses by in-country experts. <input checked="" type="radio"/> References to indicators found in equity literature. <input type="radio"/> References to the application of preferred equity indicators to other countries. 	<p>Argentina conducted its own analysis of fairness, based on its percentage contribution to global emissions reduction (based on a baseline, on which no further information is provided) in 2030 compared to its contribution to global emissions in 2014. Since this percentage contribution would be significantly higher (if the NDC is implemented), the conclusion is drawn that its contribution is fair. Its NDC also asserts that Argentina's share of global emissions will decline in 2030 from its present level.</p> <p>No references are provided to equity analyses by either in-country experts or international experts. It should also be noted that equity literature generally does not regard "grandfathering" (maintaining a historical share of emissions space) as a valid equity principle.</p>
c) How the Party has addressed Article 4, paragraph 3, of the Paris Agreement;	<p>Progression</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No <p>Ambition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No <p>CBDRRC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> Partly <input type="radio"/> No 	<p>Progression:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> The NDC contains a statement that the mitigation target in NDC is more stringent than the country's previous NDC or emissions target under the Convention or Kyoto Protocol. <input type="radio"/> If a developing country, the target type has changed to an economy-wide absolute emissions target, and/or more sectors have been included in the target. <input type="radio"/> An assessment of progression is provided, with reference to mitigation potential analyses. <p>Highest possible ambition, referring to 6 (a) above:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> A reference to ambition in terms of the 1.5 °C target. <input checked="" type="radio"/> A reference to ambition in terms of the "well below 2 °C" target. <input type="radio"/> A reference to a national mitigation potential analysis. <input checked="" type="radio"/> An explanation in terms of national circumstances for the level of ambition chosen, with reference to the national mitigation potential analysis. <p>Common but differentiated responsibilities and respective capabilities, in the light of different national circumstances (CBDRRC-ILONDC):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="radio"/> Explanation of ambition in terms of common but responsibilities and respective capabilities. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Explanation of ambition in terms of national circumstances. <input type="radio"/> None. 	<p>Argentina has unusually submitted a revised NDC in 2016, with a more ambitious mitigation target than the one contained in its original INDC. Much of this increase in ambition is however a result of GHG inventory recalculations as a result of shifting from 1996 to 2006 guidelines. The actual improvement in ambition is reported in the NDC as a further reduction of 8 Mt CO₂-eq.</p> <p>Argentina presents its NDC goal as ambitious in the context of the 2 degree limit on the basis of the relationship between its current emissions and its share of the global mitigation effort in 2030 which its target implies that it will take on. This does not in itself comprise an explanation for why its target is ambitious – the NDC gives no detailed explanation on whether and why the target represents the highest possible ambition (e.g. reference to mitigation potential analysis).</p>

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(d) How the Party has addressed Article 4, paragraph 4, of the Paris Agreement;	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> Developed country NDCs – reference to leadership via economy-wide absolute emission reduction targets. <input type="radio"/> Developing country NDCs – reference to enhancing their mitigation efforts. <input checked="" type="radio"/> Developing country NDCs – timing to move to an economy-wide emission reduction or limitation target indicated.	No reference to Article 4.4 in the NDC. Argentina does currently have an economy wide emission reduction target (and should explicitly state this in terms of Article 4.4. in the next NDC).
(e) How the Party has addressed Article 4, paragraph 6, of the Paris Agreement.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No <input checked="" type="radio"/> n/a	NDCs of LDCs and SIDS: <input type="radio"/> Fairness addressed in strategies, plans and actions communicated. <input type="radio"/> Ambition addressed in strategies, plans and actions communicated. <input type="radio"/> Neither of the above.	Not applicable.



7. How the nationally determined contribution contributes towards achieving the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2:

(a) How the nationally determined contribution contributes towards achieving the objective of the Convention as set out in its Article 2;	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> The NDC refers to Article 2 of the Convention in relation to mitigation ambition. <input type="radio"/> The NDC contains information on how it contributes to the reduction of emissions in terms of Article 2 of the Convention. <input type="radio"/> The NDC contains information on how natural sinks are being maintained and enhanced.	Argentina's NDC contains a reference to Article 2 of the Convention, but not specifically in relation to mitigation ambition.
(b) How the nationally determined contribution contributes towards Article 2, paragraph 1(a), and Article 4, paragraph 1, of the Paris Agreement.	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> Partly <input checked="" type="radio"/> No	<input type="radio"/> The NDC contains a reference to the peaking year – either when it occurred or when it is projected to be. <input type="radio"/> For countries whose emissions have peaked, the NDC provides grounds for the NDC target being consistent with “rapid reductions thereafter”. <input type="radio"/> The NDC contains a reference to a national policy goal of net zero emissions, and by which year. <input type="radio"/> The NDC contains a clear link between the long-term temperature goals and the country's NDC.	Argentina's NDC refers to the “goal of 2°C” and “the goals of the Agreement” but does not explicitly refer to Article 2.1 (a) of the Paris Agreement (“Holding the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels and pursuing efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5 °C above pre-industrial levels”, which is a global temperature goal which requires more ambition than the 2 degree goal. The relationship between the “goal of 2°C” and the NDC target is explained in terms of Argentina's contribution to global emissions. See 6 (b) above.

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