



WEBINARS ON INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN ARGENTINA

In July, Embassy officials participated in various webinars on [investment opportunities in Argentina](#) organized by the Argentine Investment and International Trade Agency (AAICI) with the purpose of connecting Embassy officials with Argentine companies and other government officials who promote specific investment projects in different sectors.

In this regard, virtual meetings were held with Puna Mining (lithium production company), representatives of the Argentine mining sector and, finally, with the technology company Kuad System (e-commerce and logistics).

The webinars will continue for the remainder of 2021.



"ARGENTINES AROUND THE WORLD" AWARD CEREMONY



During the virtual celebration of our National Day on July 9, which gathered the Argentine community in Malaysia and Brunei, we honored the Argentine citizen Mariana Bacha de Spinelli with the "Argentines around the World" award for her contribution to the dissemination of the image and values of our country, as well as to the development and strengthening of the links between the Argentine community residing in Malaysia.

The official ceremony, carried out by videoconference and chaired by the Ambassador, was attended by 60 attendees, including members of the Argentine community residing in Malaysia and Brunei and special guests.

PARTICIPATION OF THE AMBASSADOR IN CONFERENCE OF FOREIGN TRADE AND INVESTMENTS

On July 2, the Ambassador spoke at the virtual conference on Foreign Trade and Investments organized by Equilibrium Global association together with the Bank of the Province of Buenos Aires, which aimed at presenting Malaysia as a business opportunity for Argentine companies.

The event was also attended by the Chargé d'Affaires a.i. of the Malaysian Embassy in Argentina, Ahmad Shazril bin Suhaimi, and the representative of the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) in our country, Aldana Depetro.

More than 70 Argentine companies from different sectors participated in the meeting.





AT WTO, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS CALLED FOR AGREEMENT TO ELIMINATE FISHERIES SUBSIDIES

Minister of Foreign Affairs Felipe Solá attended during July the fisheries subsidies ministerial meeting of the World Trade Organization (WTO) Trade Negotiations Committee, a global debate meeting headed by WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala and the chair of the Negotiating Group on Rules, Santiago Wills of Colombia.

Addressing representatives of more than 70 member states, Solá stated that “Argentina reaffirms its commitment to continue making its best efforts so as to reach, before the next WTO Ministerial Conference, a multilateral agreement that establishes specific prohibitions against subsidies in connection with illegal, undeclared, and unregulated fishing, overexploited fish populations and subsidies that affect overcapacity and overfishing”.

For over 20 years, our country has constructively worked and participated in negotiations to reach an agreement for the elimination of fisheries subsidies at the WTO. Argentina, as a coastal country with broad littoral zone, suffers as a result of the actions of huge fleets that navigate long distances thanks to the subsidies, engaging in unsustainable practices which often result in illegal fishing, with the associated impact on the fisheries industry and on resources.

MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS AT UN FOOD SYSTEMS PRE-SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS ARGENTINA’S CONTRIBUTION TO DEAL WITH HUNGER AND MALNUTRITION

Minister of Foreign Affairs Felipe Solá participated virtually in the ministerial segment of the UN Food Systems Pre-Summit that began on July 26 at the headquarters of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in Rome. The meeting included the United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres, the FAO Director-General, QU Dongyu, the Prime Minister of Italy, and ministers and representatives of the participating countries.

The Pre-Summit is an important meeting to set the stage for the UN Food Systems Summit, which will take place in September on the margins of the UN General Assembly in New York, and during which the participants will discuss topics related to healthy diets, hunger and malnutrition relief and productive aspects of health systems.

Argentina has taken on an active and constructive role since the beginning of the Summit’s preparatory process over a year ago, understanding the importance of food systems and the role of the country in this field, during times when there is much work to do to relieve hunger and malnutrition in the world, issues that have been exacerbated by the pandemic. Argentina, together with 12 other countries, is part of the Summit’s Advisory Committee and has joined Action Track 2 “Shift to sustainable consumption patterns”, one of the topics to be thoroughly discussed during the Summit.

During his address, Solá noted that “food systems are particularly important for Argentina, given that we are one of the main producers and exporters of healthy and nutritious food.”. He stated that “the sad truth is that the global indicators of hunger and malnutrition have worsened due to the COVID-19 crisis. The pandemic has also widened the enormous development gaps, affecting developing countries more severely. This situation requires that we devote all our efforts towards the promotion of policies aimed at fighting hunger and poverty and maintaining normal operation of agri-food value chains”.



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