



# SDG implementation in G20 countries

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# Argentina





# Argentina – UNSDSN SDG Index Ranking

**Global Rank: 43 (out of 149)**

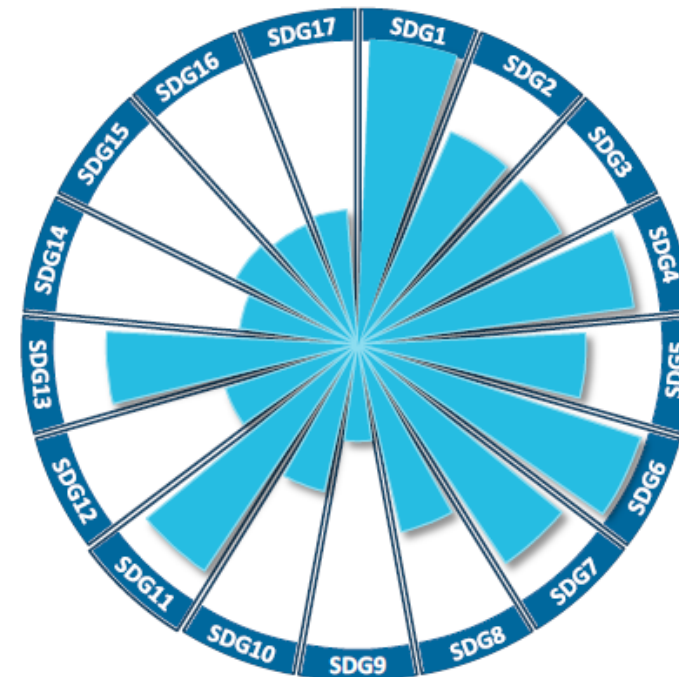
## Key challenges for Argentina:

- SDG 3 Good health & well-being
- SDG 9 Industry, innovation & infrastructure
- SDG 10 Reduced inequalities
- SDG 12 Responsible consumption & production
- SDG 13 Climate action
- SDG 14 Life below water
- SDG 15 Life on land
- SDG 16 Peace & justice

Source: SDG Index & Dashboard Global Report, Country Profiles, July 2016  
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OVERALL SDG PERFORMANCE	Global rank	Score or value	Regional average
SDG Index	43 (of 149)	66.8 /100	57.8 /100
Comparison with other development metrics			
Human Development Index, 2014	40 (of 188)	0.84 /1	0.7 /1
Subjective Wellbeing, 2015	30 (of 149)	6.6 /10	6.1 /10
GDP per capita, PPP, 2015	47 (of 149)	US\$ 22375	US\$ 12912
Global Competitiveness Ind., 2016	106 (of 140)	3.8 /10	3.9 /10
Environmental Perf. Index, 2016	43 (of 180)	79.8 /100	71.7 /100
AVERAGE PERFORMANCE BY SDG			



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- In December 2015, Argentina started restructuring its National Public Administration (APN) network. The process called for all organizations & ministries of APN to prepare long-term strategic plans identifying main objectives & priorities with the aim of:
  - contributing to economic development,
  - promote human & social development,
  - strengthening public institutions of Argentine public life.
- Eight principal objectives and 100 priority initiatives were established. The National Council for the Coordination of Social Policies has been tasked with aligning these priorities with the SDGs.




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- Key objectives:

- Achieve macro-economic stability
- Boost national productivity
- Develop infrastructure
- Ensure sustainable human development
- Combat drug trafficking & improve security
- Strengthen institutions
- Modernize the state through measures such as standardization of national statistical data, open government, digitization etc.
- Integrate effectively in global economic & political affairs



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- In 2016, Argentina presented a preliminary approach to national SDG implementation during a two-day event.
- National SDG plan will be published in July 2017.
- Argentina will also participate in UN's Voluntary National Reviews at HLPF in 2017.
- Business is considered as an important actor in SDG implementation alongside civil society & academia.



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- Experienced a recent shift from trade protectionism & active role of state in income redistribution towards economic liberalism & reduced state intervention in the economy:
  - Massive layoffs in the private sector
  - Return to foreign debt & imports with negative effects on domestic production
  - Reduction of real wages
  - Regressive tax policies resulting in income transfer to economy's most concentrated business sector
- Social security expanded to cover an additional one million people.
- State resumed its role in provision of public services & sustained a policy of subsidies for water, electricity & gas.
- Planning was strengthened as a public policy instrument for management of territory.



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- Focus must be placed on ensuring that economic policy measures are compatible with the SDGs. There is need for:
  - Extension of policies that expand the capacity of social protection and the population's level of well-being.
  - Development of reliable poverty indicators
  - Water, electricity, gas subsidies that take into account social needs, environmental impacts and different business structures.
  - Investment in distribution infrastructure to avoid service outages.
  - Updated provincial land management standards/programs as well as new vehicles to implement complex social and territorial processes.



# Argentina – Examples of what business can do

- The informal sector represents about 40% of Argentina's workers. The government is working towards incorporating companies & workers into tax regimes while reviewing non-salary elements that increase the cost of employment to improve labor productivity & encourage quality job creation. Support these government efforts to boost productivity, **pay your taxes & build human capital by training workforce & teaching skills** for tomorrow.
- Renewables represent less than 2% of energy generation in Argentina. With the aim of increasing this share to 12% in 2019 & 20% in 2025, the government pursues ambitious plans to incorporate solar, wind, biogas & biomass. Support government efforts in **developing & deploying renewable energy capacity** in Argentina.



- Argentina aims to create a Federal Network of Sustainable Cities through a paradigm shift in the local management of cities & municipalities. Work with national & local governments on the axes of **waste management, preservation of biodiversity, sustainable energy & water use** as well as **environmental education**.
- Agribusiness is one of the main drivers of the Argentinian economy. The government promotes development strategies focused on agriculture, livestock, fishing, dairy & forestry sectors. Work with the government in **increasing transparency across value chains & support regional economic development** by bringing **data & insights** to the economies where you operate as a basis for solving **rural challenges** & creating **market opportunities**.



# Key WBCSD Collateral on SDGs in Argentina

