



Submission on behalf of UNCT Argentina for the 3rd cycle UPR Session -Argentina

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The United Nations has been present in Argentina since 1948 and the United Nations Country Team (UNCT) is currently composed by 13 resident agencies and 5 non-resident office¹. Its decision making process is based on monthly meetings, besides *ad-hoc* meetings and retreats when relevant.

In order to contribute to the achievement of the inclusive and sustainable development agenda, the UNCT makes use of coordinated joint activities addressing a wide range of issues, both in terms of human rights and efficacy and efficiency of the Organization's operations. There are present 6 formal interagency structures, namely: Thematic Group on Gender and Human Rights; Joint Team on HIV/AIDS ; Operations Management Team; UN Communications Group and four results groups derived from the UNDAF 2016-2020.

The year of 2015 concluded the five-year term of the United Nations Development Assistance Framework (UNDAF) 2010-2015. The following UNDAF 2016-2020 was formulated in dialogue with government counterparts, and it is structured in accordance with the five axes of the 2030 Agenda - People, Planet, Prosperity, Peace and Partnerships – aiming at leave no one behind. The current UNDAF for the period 2016-2020, includes five cooperation areas: Cooperation and inclusive and sustainable economic development; Protection and Universal Access to basic services; Citizenship and promotion of human rights; Environment and Cooperation for Development. It is based on a Human Rights and Gender Based perspective. Additionally, the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development has been mainstreamed as well as UPR, treaty bodies and special procedures recommendations. (see Annex 3)

After the last UPR report (2012), the UN System in Argentina played a key role to support and provide assistance to follow-up and implement UPR recommendations, as well as other human rights recommendations to different stakeholders (state, civil society, NHRI) . It supported the State and other actors in capacity building to ensure a more active commitment towards international human rights mechanisms; to establish mechanisms to monitor the recommendations, particularly national and provincial coordination mechanisms, such as the National System of Periodic Reports (SIPEN); and to reinforce the dialogue and cooperation among all local actors.

During 2016, the UNCT has contributed to implement a federal approach for UPR report by working with the national and provincial governments and civil society organizations in order to disseminate the UPR, treaty bodies and special procedures recommendations and their relationship with Agenda 2030 and to involve the provinces in the mechanisms of the Universal System and to deepen the federal perspective in the UPR national report and local civil society organizations.

¹ List of UNCT Members: ECLAC, Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean; FAO, Food and Agriculture Organization; ILO, International Labour Organization; IOM, International Organization for Migration; OHCHR, Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights non-resident; PAHO-WHO, Pan American Health Organization | World Health Organization; UNAIDS, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV and AIDS; UNDP, United Nations Development Programme; UNDSS, United Nations Department of Safety and Security; UNEP, United Nations Environment Programme; UNESCO, United Nations Organization for Education, Science and Culture; UNFPA, United Nations Population Fund; UNHCR, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees; UNIC, United Nations Information Centre; UNICEF, United Nations Children's Fund; UNOPS, United Nations Office for Project Services.