

Argentina holds Latin American Summit on Climate Change



The Secretary General of the United Nations advocated for resilience in the framework of the Latin American Summit on Climate Change. | Photo: @alferdezprensa

Buenos Aires, September 8 (RHC)-- The Latin American Summit on Climate Change is hosted by Argentina and hosted by President Alberto Fernandez, who opened the meeting to discuss the current environmental crisis affecting the region and the world.

"The challenge is the committed and coordinated involvement of four key actors, debtor countries, creditors, international financial institutions and the private sector," said Fernandez from the Bicentennial Museum.

President Fernández also stressed the need to think of innovative mechanisms with the aim of rebuilding and strengthening regional cooperation to take care of the territory and the communities that live in it.

Also participating virtually was the Secretary General of the United Nations, António Guterres, who called on countries to promote resilience in the face of climate change and to maintain, within everyone's reach, the goal of the Paris Agreement of not raising the average global temperature above 1.5 degrees.

"I will continue to advocate that the international development finance architecture must provide options that link climate action with debt sustainability in order to create jobs and alleviate debt distress," Guterres said.

"Know that you have the support of the United Nations in addressing the triple threat of Covid-19, climate change and debt," he said.

Looking ahead to this year's United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP26), the UN representative highlighted three key areas for countries to focus on: the global average temperature target and the pledge to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050, progress on resilience, and development actions to deliver on the solidarity agenda.

"We are currently a long way from achieving this," he noted. "Pledges to achieve net zero carbon emissions by 2050 must be accompanied well before COP26 by ambitious nationally determined contributions with targets for 2030."

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