

Thank you all for being here.

On behalf my distinguished colleagues cochairs, and myself I want to thank, specially President Macri for giving us this responsibility and the opportunity to face such an extraordinary challenge.

I want to give Ambassador Pedro Villagra Delgado, G20 Sherpa, my most sincere appreciation for hosting this ceremony in such a significant and beautiful venue: the historical “Palacio San Martin”. Also, I would like to acknowledge and thank Dr. Jürgen Heraeus, B20 Chair and Dr. Stormy Mildner, B20 Sherpa, for the effort on travelling from their country to this handover ceremony.

We have been working hand in hand for the past several months for a smooth and coordinated handover.

We have much to thank you both for this collaborative spirit. It is with much honour that we receive today the B20 leadership.

We commit ourselves to do our best for continuing with such successful performance.

We subscribe to a positive vision that can address an agenda for inclusive and sustainable development.

The opportunity of the B20 in Argentina is not only important for our country, but for the whole region. But we are facing a challenge in the level of participation.

During the B20 German round, the LATAM members represented only 5% of the total members. We want to substantially increase this participation.

Seven years have passed since the business 20 community gathered for the first time in Seúl, South Korea in order to assess and provide the G20 leaders with constructive, consistent and effective policy proposals.

As we all know, B20 give business leaders from all around the world the possibility to provide our views and perspectives to the G20 and generate policy recommendations for growth and jobs creation.

Although several recommendations have been set, the main economic and social concerns are still an unsolved challenge, and we as business leaders are called upon to give our points of view.

The private sector through B20 has proven to be a responsible voice for innovative and clear views on how these challenges may be approached.

In general terms, B20 Argentina task-forces will not be different from those proposed by B20 Germany, because we want to stabilize the debating process and because we believe those issues are still of key relevance for the promotion of global prosperity.

I would like to mention them not by reading out loud their names but by commenting the vision behind them.

We need a planified and inclusive new Industrial Revolution (Industry 4.0), within and across borders but at the same time.

We should modernize labor and educational systems adapting them to address the challenges of employability, new technologies and the digitalization of the economy.

We also must strive for an inclusive, fairly-balanced international trading system.

We can achieve smart and technological climate adaptation, energy efficiency and sustainability.

We need to stress the crucial role of infrastructure in national growth and development plans, but – at the same time, promoting transparency and applying anticorruption clear rules and principles.

We strongly believe in sustainable, “accessible food for all”, a theme that will constitute the only new task force during the B20 Argentina process.

Finally, I would like to invite you to join us tomorrow at the first B20 Argentina Event; *“On the way to the G20 Argentina 2018. Argentine Business Leaders Forum”*, Where We will promote the participation of local leaders to take an active role in the B20 process.

In order to conclude, I thank you all for being here today.

Your presence reaffirms your commitment to the B20 process.

Let's do it together.