

Project Management update from Argentina



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The year 2015 ended with major changes in Argentina.

In the last presidential elections, during the runoff of November 22, 2015, it has won by the opposition party after 12 years of populist governments of Nestor Kirchner, from 2003 to 2007, and his wife, Cristina Fernandez de Kirchner, who ruled from 2007-2015.

Argentina's economy has been badly damaged in the last five years with high inflation, foreign currency shortages, isolation from world capital markets and low growth. Now, the new government brings winds of change, just as that has been their slogan during the campaign.

The new president of the Argentines, the engineer Mauricio Macri, founder of the independent party Republican Proposal (PRO), which formed the alliance "Let's Change" with the Radical Civic Union and the Civic Coalition, has been Governor of the Autonomous City of Buenos Aires since 2007. He was previously President of Boca Junior, the most popular football club in Argentina, which won a series of championships, including the Latin American cups and Intercontinental Cup in 2000.

Macri is committed to moderate protectionist import restrictions, reducing heavy taxes on agricultural exports and restructuring the foreign exchange market as well as other measures that surely will drive new investments for development projects in the country.

Given his track record as governor of Buenos Aires, it is expected that this government will invest in water infrastructure projects, among other areas, to stop flooding affecting several provinces of the country, since Buenos Aires has managed to prevent floods by the hydraulic Director, composed of a set of projects being implemented by the Ministry of Environment and Public Space and the Ministry of Urban Development of the City Plan.

Precisely, one of the projects of this Water Plan was introduced in Congress PMI Cono Sur Tour 2015 in Buenos Aires by Rodrigo Silvosa, Undersecretary Maintenance of Public Space, the Ministry of Environment and Public Space of the Government of the City of Buenos Aires. In this presentation Silvosa said about the works carried to give an end to the problem that had been suffering for many years the “porteños” (as are called the inhabitants of the city of Buenos Aires).

Based on management by Macri and his team during his 8 years in office, Buenos Aires was elected by SAP "for the realization of a technology project that contributes to the operational excellence, efficiency in managing their processes and transparency" according explained from the same company. The award was contested between other major cities in the world that also implement SAP such as Boston, USA; Cape Town, South Africa; Pune and Mumbai, India; Sydney in Australia; Melbourne and Montreal, Canada, and Singapore, the capital of the Republic of Singapore.

In addition, in April of 2015 during the opening of the "Climate Week" in New York, Buenos Aires was recognized by the C40 <http://www.c40.org/> as one of the ten cities in the world that have worked to counter the effects of climate change. C40 (<http://www.c40.org/>) is a forum that brings together more than 60 major cities committed to developing policies against global warming.

We hope that the great strides made in the City of Buenos Aires by the party formed by Macri are now carried throughout the country through the implementation of successful projects that contribute to the welfare of the entire population.

I take this opportunity to wish the new government every success for the good of all Argentines!

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