Buenos Aires Becomes the Global Capital of Corporate Governance for a Week

IGEP hosts the GNDI annual meeting, the first ReGCLAC meeting and the Latin American Directors Summit, and celebrates 20 years of advancing board practice in Argentina

During the week of 17 August 2026, Buenos Aires brought together leaders from institutes of directors across five continents. The Instituto de Gobernanza Empresarial y Pública (IGEP), Argentina's institute of directors, hosted the annual in-person meeting of the Global Network of Director Institutes (GNDI). The network represents 55 countries and more than 180,000 directors and governance professionals, and IGEP is its only Argentine member. The week also saw the inaugural annual meeting of the Regional Network for Corporate Governance in Latin America and the Caribbean (ReGCLAC), which unites institutes from seven countries.

A summit with a regional agenda. The Global Governance & Latin American Directors Summit opened on 19 August at the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange (BCBA). Over two days, panels addressed the region's geopolitical context, the role of regulators and state-owned enterprises, the conditions for attracting long-term investment under macroeconomic uncertainty, and the outlook for capital markets and project finance. Speakers included regulators, exchange executives, multilateral lenders and academics from Argentina, Brazil, the OECD, the IDB and BID Invest. Discussions also covered a proposed reform of Argentina's Companies Law currently before Congress and the deregulation of the country's capital markets.

Building the director profession. A central theme was how to align director training, certification and networking worldwide. Institute representatives from Panama, Brazil and Argentina shared their practices, and a dozen stakeholders from markets, regulators, academia and headhunting firms contributed. A later session examined how professional certification shapes the market for directors. IGEP also awarded the first Certificates of Expert Directors from its 2026 pilot programme, assessed by a jury of practitioners.

Hands-on roundtables. Four parallel discussions covered family businesses, strategic sustainability, innovation and AI, and crisis management, reputation and transparency, including corporate fraud and governance failures.

Closing with the 15th IGEP Convention. On 21 August, more than one hundred members and regional delegates gathered for sessions on diversity and climate change, climate action and the 2030 Agenda, and whether Latin America's political shift toward pro-market governments creates a window for institutional strengthening. Senator Patricia Bullrich also spoke, defending the private sector's role in national prosperity and anticipating regulatory changes in capital markets and corporate law.

Why it matters for boards. The week showed that governance is increasingly a shared agenda across regions, covering professional standards for directors, resilience in volatile economies, sustainability and AI oversight, and a stronger voice for institutes in regulatory dialogue. IGEP announced it will

launch an annual Corporate Governance Forum in Argentina to bring stakeholders together and raise the country's governance profile. The next date to mark is the 16th IGEP Convention in 2027.



Santiago Gallichio (IGEP Argentina) and Mark Rigotti (AICD Australia and Chair GNDI) during the GNDI General Annual Meeting 2026 at the Board Room, Buenos Aires Stock Exchange, August 19, 2026.



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Vũ Phương Thảo and Mrs. Ha Thu Thanh (Vietnam IoD), Shafaq Fauzil Azim (Pakistan IoD), Sheila Ujoodha (Maurituis IoD), Kulvech Janvatanavit (Thailand IoD) and Ka-yin Li (Hong Kong IoD) during IGEP's Annual Convention, Buenos Aires Stock Exchange, August 21, 2026.



The leaders of the institutes of Latin America, in the ReGCLAC Annual Meeting in the Buenos Aires Stock Exchange, August 21, 2026: