



The Brazilian Academy of Sciences (ABC) reaffirms to the Argentine government the importance of the National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET) for global science

The Brazilian Academy of Sciences (ABC) once again expresses its deep concern over recent statements and actions by the government led by President Javier Milei, which indicate substantial reductions in funding for Argentina's National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET).

CONICET is widely recognized as a scientific institution of great importance in the Americas, playing a crucial role in supporting both basic and applied research that addresses a variety of national challenges. Its researchers, who are integrated into the university system and various institutions at the national level, represent a human capital built over decades of state investment. CONICET's work has been fundamental in generating specialized knowledge essential to meet the needs of both the public and private sectors, resulting in national and international patents, and contributing to the development of companies with a strong technological component.

According to the information available, the proposed funding cuts will be accompanied by the suspension of scholarships and layoffs, which will have a significant impact on the country's education and science, technology, and innovation (STI) systems. As international experiences have clearly shown, cuts in these areas should be avoided if governments wish to promote economic, social, and sustainable development.

Faced with this concerning scenario, the ABC expresses its solidarity with the Argentine scientific community and urges President Javier Milei's government to preserve investments in CONICET and its research institutes throughout the country. In times of crisis, the most developed nations have increased their investments in education and STI to boost their economies and overcome challenges. Without science, there is no economic, social, and sustainable development.

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