ITALY MEETS ARGENTINA

Strengthening cooperation in the critical and industrial minerals sector

December 3rd, 2026 – 11:30-13.00 (Buenos Aires) / 15.30-17.00 (Rome)

Hybrid Event: Círculo Italiano de Buenos Aires (Libertad 1274) and live streaming on:

CDP Business Matching Platform

11:00-11:30 **Registration of participants in presence in Buenos Aires**

Introduces and moderates: **Giovanni Dioguardi**, Head of Network Development and International Business Projects, CDP

11:30-12:05 **Opening Remarks**

- **Fabrizio Nicoletti**, Ambassador of Italy to Argentina
- **Laurent Franciosi,** Head of International Markets Development, CDP
- **Giorgio Alliata di Montereale**, President Italian Chamber of Commerce in Argentina
- **Martin Rapallini,** President Uniòn Industrial Argentina (UIA)
- **Tiziano Mestriner**, Vice President Assorisorse

12:00-12:15 **Institutional Agreement between Italy and Argentina on critical raw material: Objective and Perspective**

- **Ricardo Thiem**, Undersecretary of State for Mining Development
- **Alberto Castronovo,** Special Envoy for Critical Raw Materials, Head of the Internationalisation Unit in the Cabinet of the Minister, MIMIT, Italy

12:20-12:30 **Critical and industrial minerals in Argentina: Global overview and opportunities for Italian companies**

- **Manuel Benítez**, President CAPMIN, Cámara Argentina de Proveedores Mineros

12:30-12:50 **Testimonials from Argentinean companies**

- **Ticiana Caruso**, Business Development Expert Tecpetrol
- **Fernando Eleit**, Executive Director Project “Pirca”

12:50-12:55 **CDP's Strategic Initiatives in Critical Minerals**

- **Agostino Casillo,** Head of Natural Resources Competence Center CDP

12:55-13:10 **Promotional and Financial instruments to support private sector initiatives in Brazil**

- **Alessandra Marcarino,** Director of ITA - Italian Trade Agency in Argentina
- **Sara Colombo,** Relationship Manager Brazil and LATAM, SIMEST
- **Giovanni Conio,** Relationship Manager International Network, SACE

13:10-13:20 **Concluding remarks**

- **Riccardo Honorati Bianchi**, Head Country System Initiatives Development and Business Matching, CDP

In the following days: Business to Business Meetings between Italian and Argentinean companies to be held on CDP Business Matching Platform