Support in London for Argentina’s G20 Presidency agenda

In the lead-up to the next ministerial meeting of the G20 in Washington DC, Argentina’s Finance Deputy to the G20, Laura Jaitman, pursued a series of engagements in the UK.

Following the successful first G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors meeting, Jaitman met with her UK counterparts, with the aim of continuing to consolidate relations with G20 members.

In order to build on work in the priority areas identified by the Argentine presidency, doctor Jaitman was welcomed at the UK Prime Minister’s offices by Peter Hill, Principal Private Secretary to Theresa May and British G20 Sherpa. A further meeting of note was held with the Treasury team, who praised the work of the last ministerial meeting and the final communiqué’s focus on concrete matters. At both meetings the UK’s support for the Argentine Presidency’s agenda proved key.

The meetings provided an opportunity both to continue gathering information on matters of mutual interest at the bilateral level and to discuss issues to be taken to the multilateral table next month. These conversations covered matters such as global trade, the need to strengthen multilateral organisations, Big Data, transparency, anti-corruption and the fight against the financing of terrorism, among others.

Doctor Jaitman gave talks at the Royal Economic Society and the London School of Economics, in addition to participating in a public event on crime in Brighton, in which she discussed the international scale of the challenges faced by the G20 in the domain of fighting terrorism financing, cybercrime and the agenda of transparency, giving special mention to the Latin American perspective.
Jaitman’s agenda included a working breakfast at the Embassy of Argentina to the UK with members of the Treasury, the Bank of England, multinational firms and monitoring and transparency bodies, where the Finance Deputy discussed the expected results of Argentina’s G20 Presidency. Finally, she gave talks at the British-Argentine Chamber of Commerce and the International Chamber of Commerce.