I would like to start by thanking the panelists for their insights on this important topic and to Costa Rica and the United Kingdom for their leadership in promoting the economic empowerment of women in the framework of the United Nations.

This is a crucial time in the implementation and follow-up of the 2030 Agenda and therefore we have to increase all our efforts to reach the global goal of leaving no one behind.

During the Argentine Presidency of the G20 we will continue to promote and strengthen policies and actions towards the economic empowerment of women, recognizing their fundamental role for global growth and sustainable development and for combating poverty and inequality.

Nationally, Argentina is working on the promotion of women's rights in order to reach gender equality in three key areas: 1) prevention of violence; 2) autonomy and economic empowerment; and 3) participation in decision-making and political empowerment.

Our government supports women's access to education, training, entrepreneurship and financial inclusion, promoting public policies aimed at closing the labor and wage gap.

In order to give examples of recent initiatives, let me mention the creation of the Center for Economic Development of Women mandated to promote women's involvement in local markets and the establishment of the Entrepreneurship Program for Women which seeks to support women entrepreneurship in an integral way.
These two initiatives created in 2017 in the framework of the Ministry of Production join existing programs in other ministries and agencies in order to redouble our efforts to reach women equality.

We consider that the 2030 Agenda creates a great opportunity to build on existing commitments in order to provide a better life for all our people. We should not fail them.

Thank you