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**Represented Argentina in the ISO 20400 committee**

**Why we joined the ISO 20400 committee.**

We both started our participation in the study committee of the International Standard ISO 26000 Social Responsibility Guidance, from the very beginning.

During the process, we understood that social responsibility exceeds the boundaries of the organizations themselves and that sustainable purchases are an ideal way to address this challenge.

That is why we actively involved ourselves in the development process of the International Standard ISO 20400 sustainable procurement and participated in the Working Group throughout the entire process representing Argentina/Civil society (NGO and Academia).

**What we have done to promote the standard since its launch in 2017.**

Since the launch of the Standard, we participated in a number of activities at the national, provincial and local levels. We worked hard on the generation of spaces in general events of social responsibility and sustainability as in specific ones related to procurement in the public and private spheres. In total we participated in more than twenty events aimed at public officials and representatives of public and private companies.

Regarding training, we were asked to develop new competences on sustainable procurement in several companies of the private sector as well as in different National and local Ministries.

In the framework of the formal education, we were asked to include this subject in the curricula of a number of undergraduate and graduate university degrees along our extensive country.

**Cristina Lopez - Fundación el otro**

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