

FARN'S PROJECTS

GOVERNANCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

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- The drafting of technically sound environmental rules with participation by all stakeholders has been one of FARN's areas of action since its creation. FARN works on regulatory proposals governing minimum standards of environmental protection nationally, but also at provincial and municipal level, and within the sphere of the City of Buenos Aires (with participation in preparing the Draft Environmental Code)
- The program of environmental enforcement and compliance is another of FARN's areas of work. It covers the training of civil servants and public officials, perfecting the tools used to implement laws (inspections, sanctions), as well as the indicators to assess how the authorities are enforcing the laws and how the community complies with them.



PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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- FARN disseminates and promotes a series of instruments and mechanisms designed to open public processes and institutions to participation, information and monitoring by citizens with sufficient clarity to enable them to adopt an active role in the advocacy of their environmental rights. This involves organizing workshops and meetings around the country and also offering advice to local communities, disadvantaged neighborhoods and settlements of original peoples.
- Joint actions are also carried out with other civil society organizations and the National Ombudsman in various river basins (Reconquista, Riachuelo). As regards the Matanza Riachuelo Basin, it has participated in the lawsuit as a third party and along with other organizations has been involved in monitoring the remediation plan.



CONSERVATION

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The aim is to promote sustainability, the viability of ecosystems and their biodiversity, and a balanced relationship between society and nature. These are based on appropriate (public and private) management models, policies, participation and effectiveness of legal and institutional frameworks. Actions are carried out through research into tools for promotion, workshops and recommendations on topics such as the Patagonian Sea, wetlands, private conservation and the Protection of Native Forests Law.

TRADE AND SUSTAINABILITY

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Our aim is to foster research work and recommendations that propose not mere economic growth but sustainable trade policies and negotiations (e.g., sustainable agricultural practices, renewable energies, bio fuels, climate change).

Another area of work is within the framework of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Various different actions are carried out with a view to disseminating and promoting tools of good corporate practice. To this end, work is also done together with other civil society organizations and networks linked to the issue (Global Compact, Social Balance, among others) and the creation of institutional frameworks for the application of CSR instruments (OECD guidelines).



TRAINING

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The main targets are those social, public and private leaders who need information and tools to allow them to make sustainable decisions. This means organizing discussion workshops and conferences which are often used at a later stage as material for training, dissemination and proposed recommendations. The following activities are carried out:

- **Courses on Environmental Policies and Law:** held every year with Universities for graduates: ITBA, Di Tella, GAM, UBA.
- **Legal Clinic on Environmental Law: FARN together with the School of Law of the University of Buenos Aires (UBA)**
- **Course for journalists organized with universities.**
- **Distance training together with on-line Environmental Courses.**
- **Training with law schools, bar associations and judicial schools around the country.**
- **Visitors program for international students and graduates with foreign universities**

INSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES

- To foster knowledge building in the areas of sustainable development, governance, environmental policy, pollution, conservation, trade, corporate social responsibility and social inclusion.
- To foster consensus building in public and private policies relevant to their objectives
- To train social leaders in questions of sustainable development at the public and private level
- To promote access to information and participation in decision-making processes
- To disseminate and promote the necessary legal instruments to allow citizens to take an active part in defending their rights
- To promote the creation of instruments to help ensure improved conduct by authorities and citizens in environmental enforcement and compliance

FARN works closely with other organizations in Argentina and also at a regional level in other countries of Latin America.

All activities and actions undertaken by FARN are financed thanks to the contribution of organizations and persons. If you are interested in making a contribution, please contact:

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Who are we?

The Environment and Natural Resources Foundation (FARN) was created in 1985. It is a non-partisan, non-profit, non-governmental organization whose mission is to promote sustainable development through policy, law and the institutional organization of society.

FARN's vision

Our aim is to work towards a democratic, participative society which incorporates sustainable strategies in its public policies.



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