

Press release

APEC Business Advisory Council incorporates two new members in Chile

The Chile Pacific Foundation welcomes Patricia López and Charles Kimber, new members of the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC), who have just begun their functions as ABACs Chile by participating in a coordination meeting hosts by the Foundation.

Patricia López, infrastructure manager at CAP Group, and **Charles Kimber**, vice president of people and sustainability at Arauco, recently became new representatives of Chile at the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC), the private branch of the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, the main multilateral organization in the region in which Chile participates along with 20 other economies. López and Kimber join **Mónica Retamal**, executive director of Kodea; companies board member **María Olivia Recart**, and **Ramón Jara**, director of Antofagasta Minerals, who was also named chair of the Chilean chapter of ABAC. They were all invited by President Gabriel Boric to join the council at the beginning of his mandate.

The new representatives of Chile in the influential ABAC formally began their duties yesterday during a coordination meeting under the auspices of the Chile Pacific Foundation, the organization hosting the secretariat of the council in Chile.

ABAC is the body providing APEC leaders with perspectives, recommendations and action plans from the private sector on the working agenda of the forum. Representatives of the private sector and government authorities meet regularly in multisectoral meetings at the highest level, including the annual meeting between ABAC members and the highest authorities (heads of government of the 21 APEC economies), as well as the APEC CEO Summit.

The activity was aimed at presenting the ABAC working groups, the overall work dynamics of the council - which holds four general meetings annually - and for the new Chilean representatives to choose the ABAC teams in which they prefer to concentrate their participation.