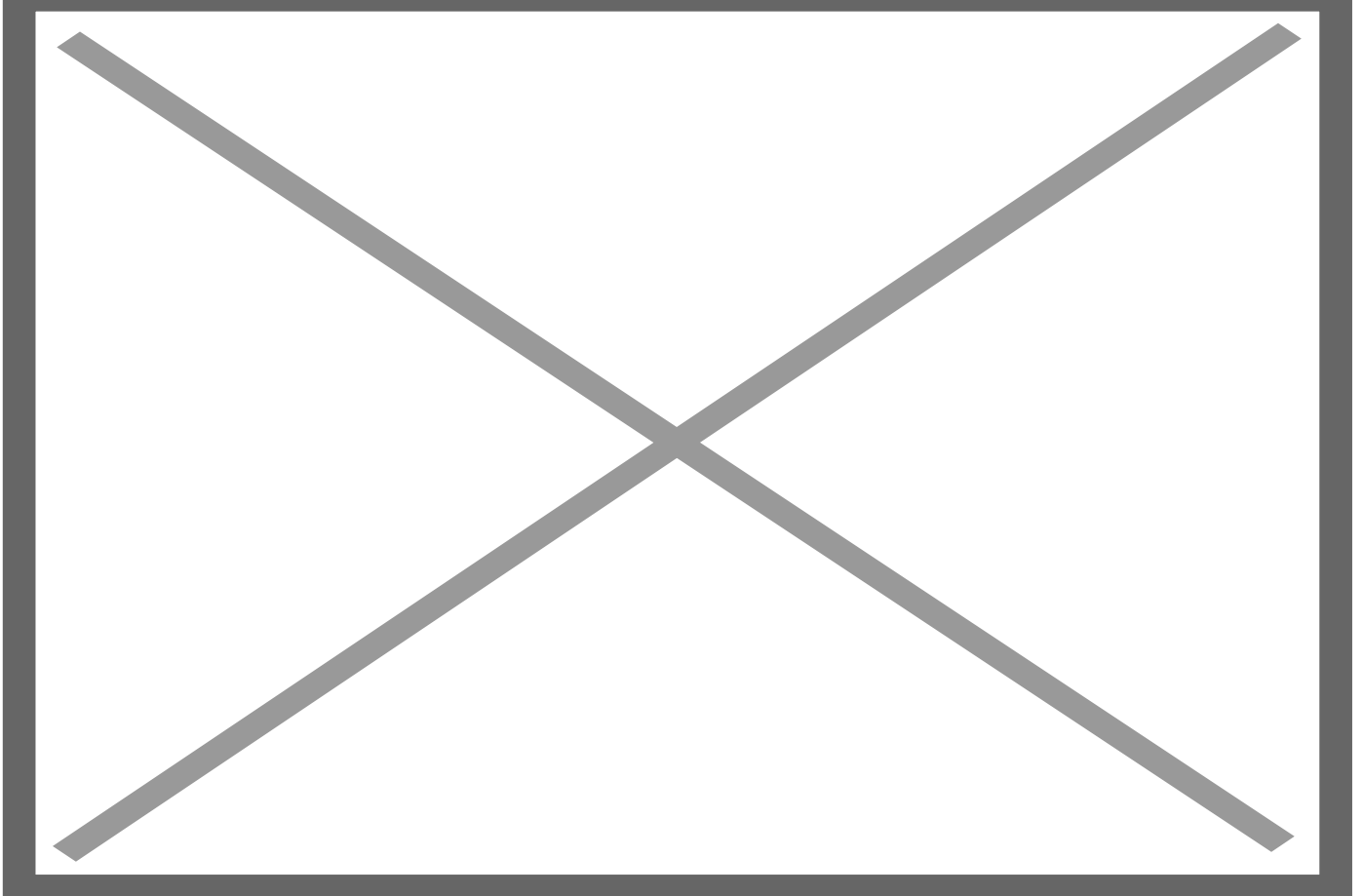


Argentinean president talks with Colombian vice-president-elect on current challenges

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During a meeting at the Casa Rosada, both also talked about the international context and the common work agenda between their respective countries. After the meeting, Fernandez said it was a great honor to receive the Colombian leader and called for strengthening bilateral ties.

"Our struggles unite us: against racism, gender discrimination and climate change. Her vision, together with that of Gustavo Petro, is what Colombia and Latin America need," said the head of state in his profile on the social network Twitter.

The meeting was attended by the Argentinean Minister of Foreign Affairs, Santiago Cafiero, the spokesperson Gabriela Cerruti, the Government's Legal and Technical Secretary Vilma Ibarra, the head of Women, Gender and Diversity Elizabeth Gómez and the Secretary of Climate Change, Social Development and Innovation Cecilia Nicolini.

The Colombian side was represented by Polo Democrático Alternativo senator Alexander López, political coordinator Carlos Rosero and advisors Yerney Pinillo and María Elvira Solís.

Márquez is visiting Argentina as part of a tour of South America, which also took her to Chile and Brazil and will also include Bolivia. She was received by the vice-president of this country, Cristina Fernández.

The Petro-Márquez ticket triumphed in the June 19 elections in a country presided for more than 200 years by right-wing sectors, which was described as historic by presidents and leaders of the region.

At the time, the Argentinean government congratulated the representatives of the Historical Pact and advocated the strengthening of bilateral ties and regional integration.

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