

ArgIQ – Information Quality in Argentina
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Mister Chairman, Director-General, Distinguished Delegates, CWC Coalition Colleagues,

Ladies and Gentlemen:

ArgIQ is a non-profit organization with the objective of spreading, through academic activities, the Information Quality methodology to Argentina and other Spanish-speaking countries.

The Information Quality methodology provides us with new tools for managing information, creating a new concept that goes from data collection to its transformation into information, intelligence and knowledge.

This work methodology is always advancing in all fields of knowledge, which can be used for business decision-making and applied in different types of scientific research.

Considering that some of our members combine the information quality knowledge with the chemical weapons one, we were able of carrying out several interesting projects.

We will present this week at the CWCC Open Forum our analysis of the case of chemical weapons use in Syria. Our conclusions were that: The analysis of the information on CW use in Syria, justifies in some way the lack of action both from governments and the UN.

But at the same time show us the way we can work on it and find a path to finally make the attacks stop and hold the perpetrators accountable for their acts: improving the quality of the information.

Several strategies could be taken, from finding members of civil society willing to work to make public the real situation (following certain parameters) to more fact-finding missions to find the FACTS and report them properly.

We also work in several projects with members of Green Cross Switzerland on the chemical risks in cities, among other activities.

Participating in this CWC Coalition Open Forum and this plenary session allows us to grow and to combine our experience with other representatives of the NGO community. Thank you for allowing us to be part of this and to present our work, however briefly, to you.

Thank you for your attention, and I request that this statement be made part of the final CSP record.