

Minister for the Americas attends inauguration of Uruguayan President

Wendy Morton will become the first Foreign Office Minister to visit Uruguay in six years as she attends the Presidential inauguration of Luis Lacalle Pou in Montevideo today (Sunday 1st March).

The Minister will also travel to Buenos Aires on Monday for discussions with key members of the new Argentine Government, who came to power in December 2019.

Ahead of the visit, Minister Morton said:

On my first visit to the region as Minister, I am honoured to represent the UK at the inauguration of the new Uruguayan President, and have the opportunity to visit Argentina.

This trip emphasises the UK's commitment to working with governments across Latin America, broadening our relations across trade, climate change and global security.

While in Montevideo, the Minister will open the new wing of the British Hospital. Founded by British immigrants to Uruguay over 140 years ago, the hospital continues to serve the British community and also treats emergency medical evacuees from the Falklands, South Georgia and British Antarctic Territory.

The Minister will cross the border to Argentina for a series of meetings with the new Government of Alberto Fernández. She will meet new Deputy Foreign Minister Pablo Tettamanti to discuss the strengthening of UK-Argentina ties and working together on climate change and human rights, while she will discuss boosting trade with Production Minister Matías Kulfas.

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