

Mr. Patricio Boyd

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Patricio Boyd is 32 years old and has a degree in Political Sciences. He is a founding partner and Project Manager of Emprenda, one of Argentina's leading Microfinance Institutions, that since 2004 is working to expand access to energy for rural households. Emprenda pioneered the use of microcredit for solar energy provision by installing and financing over 1200 solar home systems in the north of Argentina, reaching 6 out of 10 households in its area of influence. Since 2010 Emprenda is working on a new project in Peru, with the aim of consolidating a sustainable business model for renewable energy in Latin America.

He states: "I believe that solar energy is currently the solution for electrification of isolated rural households. It can be provided for in a profitable way and with lasting social and economic impacts. New technologies and growing awareness and support for solar energy are great opportunities ahead."