



ADAPTATION FUND

Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Approval of request for approval of revision of project results framework: “Use of Nature-based Solutions to Increase Resilience to Extreme Climate Events in the Atlantic Region of Central America” (CABEI)

Type of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 26 January 2026, the Central American Bank for Economic Integration (CABEI) submitted a request for a revision of the results framework for the project “*Use of Nature Based Solutions to Increase Resilience to Extreme Climate Events in the Atlantic Region of Central America*,” implemented in Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras. The Secretariat reviewed and revised the information provided, as summarized below.

- (i) The official cover letter from CABEI explaining and justifying the proposed changes;
- (ii) The revised project proposal with track changes, showing all proposed adjustments;
- (iii) The letters of endorsement from the Designated Authorities of Guatemala, Belize, and Honduras;
- (iv) The updated Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA).

Following its review of the submitted documentation, the Secretariat requested the Implementing Entity (IE), on 15 February 2026, to provide additional information to assess whether the proposed adjustments could be classified as a minor revision. Specifically, the Secretariat requested a comparative “before–after” mapping of the restoration areas; evidence of community consultations; updated stakeholder engagement and gender annexes; and an Environmental and Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) with tracked changes.

In addition, given the importance of the <20 per cent threshold for minor revisions, the Secretariat requested formal confirmation that the approved budget table remained unchanged, or where reallocations existed, a revised budget table clearly showing before and after changes with corresponding justifications, together with confirmation that the budget modification was not material.

In response, on 5 March 2026, the IE submitted a comprehensive package of clarifications and supporting documentation, including comparative maps of the updated micro locations, evidence of community consultations, updated stakeholder engagement and gender annexes, a revised ESIA with tracked changes, and formal confirmation that the approved budget table remains unchanged.

Secretariat’s review of the request

The Secretariat has reviewed the request and the rationale provided by CABEI and considers the proposed revision of the project results framework to be justified. The proposed revisions do not constitute a change in scope of the project that would result in a significant deviation from the project's expected adaptation outcomes and goals; accordingly the request is classified as a minor revision.

The Secretariat also acknowledges that the Designated Authorities of the three participant countries have submitted letters endorsing the proposed revision, and that the Implementing Entity has submitted a formal letter outlining the background and justification for the proposed changes.

Environmental, social and gender screenings, as well as new consultative processes, were not required given that the proposed changes do not affect the scope, nature or implementation of project activities. Nevertheless, the Implementing Entity has updated relevant documentation.

With respect to the revision of the results framework, CABEL proposes minor adjustments aimed at correcting internal inconsistencies and improving alignment between indicators and targets, informed by technical findings and community feedback generated during the first two years of project implementation. The proposed changes include:

- (i) Revision of Outcome 2 to correct a misplaced indicator and shifting from a flood-focused approach to a multi-hazard community early warning system model in response to emerging fire-related risks, with validation by national authorities.
- (ii) Under Outcome 3, the restoration strategy is updated to incorporate flexible restoration models, small supporting infrastructure, standardized planting densities, and revised micro-locations defined through technical studies and community consultations.
- (iii) For Outcome 4, CABEL corrects another misallocated indicator and replaces the originally envisioned regional mechanism—previously linked to CCCCC—with a more flexible, nationally led scheme for CEWS information exchange, while maintaining the original outcome's intent to strengthen regional knowledge exchange.
- (iv) Additional minor edits were made throughout the project document to ensure logical consistency, and the ESIA was expanded and updated to integrate new mitigation, prevention, and compensation measures. The main activities remain unchanged.

The submission included a revised fully developed project document in track changes, reflecting all modifications induced by the proposed revisions, in line with the Policy on Project Post-Approval Requests for Changes in Projects/Programmes.

Conclusion

Following the review of the request for a revision of the project results framework submitted by CABEL regarding the project "Use of Nature-based Solutions to Increase Resilience to Extreme Climate Events in the Atlantic Region of Central America" implemented in Belize, Guatemala and Honduras, this has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy on Project Post-Approval Requests for Changes (Amended, 2025).

Clearance: AFSEC-2026-7