



ADAPTATION FUND

Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Approval of request for postponement of project inception date: International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)- Cuba and Panama

Weight of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 17 February 2026, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) submitted a notification of delay of project inception for the project “*Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity of Coastal Communities of Cuba and Panama to Climate Change through the Binational Exchange of Best Practices for Climate Management and Local Food Security*” implemented in Cuba and Panama. According to the memo provided by IFAD, the delay is due to the complexity of coordinating a multi-country regional project involving three executing entities, which has required additional time for joint planning, alignment of governance roles, and finalization of downstream agreements. To mitigate these challenges, IFAD is strengthening coordination with partners, accelerating internal processes, and consolidating key documentation to ensure full readiness for an effective project launch.

Secretariat’s review of the request

The Secretariat has reviewed the request and the reasons provided by IFAD and considers the request for a postponement of the project inception date to be justified. It also acknowledges that the DAs have been duly notified, in line with the Policy for Project/Programme Delays (Amended, 2025).

Conclusion

Following the review of the request for a postponement of the project inception date from 19 March 2026 to 18 September 2026 submitted by IFAD for the project “Strengthening the Adaptive Capacity of Coastal Communities of Cuba and Panama to Climate Change through the Binational Exchange of Best Practices for Climate Management and Local Food Security” implemented in Cuba and Panama, this has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy for Project/Programme delays.

Clearance: AFBSEC-2026-09