



ADAPTATION FUND

Adaptation Fund Board Secretariat

Approval of request for six-month postponement of project inception date: International Fund for Agricultural Development (Somalia)

Weight of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 16 March 2026¹, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) submitted its first notification of a project inception delay, requesting a six-month postponement of the inception date of the project “*Green and Resilient Ecosystems for Somali Livelihoods (Hal-Abuur)*.”

The original project inception date of 11 March 2026 is proposed to be revised to 11 September 2026. The request is driven by administrative and institutional start-up considerations, notably the recruitment of project staff, coordination and clarification of project governance arrangements following the designation of the National Climate Fund as the National Designated Authority for the Adaptation Fund, and consultations with federal and sub-national authorities.

Secretariat’s review of the request

The Secretariat has reviewed the justification provided by IFAD and considers the request for postponement of the project inception date to be justified. The Secretariat also confirms that the Designated Authority has been duly informed, in accordance with the Policy for Project/Programme Delays (Amended, 2025). The Secretariat notes that the proposed postponement does not result in changes to the project scope, budget, objectives, expected outcomes, or risk profile, and that the overall project completion date remains unchanged.

Conclusion

Following the review of the request for a postponement of the project inception date from 11 March 2026 to 11 September 2026 submitted by IFAD for the project “Green and Resilient Ecosystems for Somali Livelihoods (Hal-Abuur)”, the request has been cleared by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision B.44/44 and the Policy for Project/Programme Delays.

Clearance: AFBSEC-2026-11

¹ The initial request was received on 13 March 2026, after which the Secretariat requested revisions. The final package was subsequently received on 16 March 2026.