



Approval of request for extension of project inception date: International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (Pakistan)

Weight of request: Minor

Summary of request

On 5 June 2026, the International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD) submitted a third request for extension of project inception date for the project “Sustainable Actions for Ecosystems Restoration in Pakistan (SAFER Pakistan)” implemented in Pakistan. According to the memo provided by ICIMOD, the delay is related the clearance by the secretariat of a parallel request for change in implementation arrangements (AFBSEC-2026-14), which formalized revised arrangements between ICIMOD and its Executing Entities. Pending confirmation of such arrangements, inception activities were deferred to ensure full compliance with the revised arrangements. This request for extension of inception date will allow the inception activities to be completed in an orderly manner consistent with the recently cleared revised implementation arrangements.

The second extension of project inception date from 29 December 2025 to 30 June 2026 was due to a structural legal and policy misalignment between the Adaptation Fund’s compliance framework and the Executing Entities regulatory frameworks, which prevented the Implementing Entity to sign Letters of Agreements with the Executing Entities (AFBSEC-2025-187). The first extension of project inception date from 28 September 2025 to 29 December 2025, was due to an extraordinary flood emergency in the country (AFBSEC-2025-17).

Secretariat’s review of the request

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

Conclusion

Following the review of the request for extension of project inception date from 30 June 2026 to 28 September 2026 submitted by ICIMOD for the project “Sustainable Actions for Ecosystems Restoration in Pakistan (SAFER Pakistan)” implemented in Pakistan, the request has been cleared by the Secretariat as per Decision B.44/44 and the Policy for Project/Programme delays

Clearance: AFBSEC-2026-19