



ADAPTATION FUND

4 September 2026

Adaptation Fund Board

Accreditation Panel Recommendation to Change the Status of the Unidad Para Cambio Rural (UCAR) to 'Not-Accredited' as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund.

Having reviewed the re-accreditation application of the ***Unidad Para Cambio Rural (UCAR), Argentina*** the Accreditation Panel recommended that UCAR be not re-accredited as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund.

A summary of the review is presented in Annex I below.

Re-accreditation Decision:

Having considered the recommendation of the Accreditation Panel and following the re-accreditation process approved by Decisions B.34/3, the Adaptation Fund Board took note of the expiry of the accreditation of and decided to not-accredit ***Unidad Para Cambio Rural (UCAR), Argentina*** as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund, as per paragraph 8(3) of the Re-accreditation process of the Adaptation Fund. The Board also decided to change the status of UCAR to 'not-accredited' on 4 September 2026.

Decision B.46-47/26

ANNEX I

REPORT OF THE ACCREDITATION PANEL ON AN ASSESSMENT OF THE GENERAL DIRECTORATE OF SECTORAL AND SPECIAL PROGRAMES AND PROJECTS (DIPROSE) OF THE UNDER-SECRETARIAT OF ADMINISTRATIVE COORDINATION, ARGENTINA AS A NATIONAL IMPLEMENTING ENTITY OF THE ADAPTATION FUND

BACKGROUND

The Unit for Rural Change (in Spanish, Unidad Para Cambio Rural or UCAR) within the Government of Argentina was first accredited in 2012 as a National Implementing Entity (NIE) of the Adaptation Fund. At the time, it was a special entity within the then Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries of Argentina (MAGyP), responsible for implementing environmental and social (E&S) sustainable projects financed totally or partially by external resources at the national and provincial levels. Thereafter it received a grant of USD5.64m from the Adaptation Fund for the project “Enhancing the Adaptive Capacity and Increasing Resilience of Small-scale Agriculture Producers of the Northeast of Argentina”. This 4.5-year project started in October 2013 and was completed in December 2018.

In the course of seeking re-accreditation in 2019, UCAR was legally succeeded by the General Directorate of Sectoral and Special Programmes and Projects (DIPROSE) of the Under-Secretariat of Administrative Coordination within MAGyP, following several Government-wide reorganizations in 2018-2019. DIPROSE achieved re-accreditation with the Adaptation Fund under its new form in January 2020. Since the last re-accreditation, DIPROSE has not received further Adaptation Fund grants.

MAGyP was dissolved as a Ministry in August 2022 through decree n° 451 turning it into a secretariat under supervision of the Ministry of Economy. The Secretariat of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries continues in this status in the current Government of Argentina. DIPROSE did not communicate to the Secretariat of the Adaptation Fund its status following this reorganization. Its accreditation status expired on January 21, 2025 and it had not taken steps to initiate the process of re-accreditation.

The Adaptation Fund Board’s reaccreditation decision provides that if the entity does not submit an application for re-accreditation by its accreditation expiry date, the Panel will make a recommendation to the Board to change the status of the entity from “Accredited” to “Not-Accredited” at the accreditation expiry date (AF Board Decision B34/3 approving document AFB/B.34/5, Annex II, paragraphs 7.2 - 7.3).

The decision also provides that, if the IE is an NIE, the secretariat will send an official letter to the Designated Authority (DA) of the NIE’s country requesting the DA to officially communicate to the Board regarding the NIE pursuing re-accreditation, so that any response from the DA related to the IE’s intention of not pursuing re-accreditation process would be attached to the Accreditation Panel’s recommendation to change the IE’s status from “Accredited” to “Not-Accredited” to the Board.

However, the Government has not, despite Secretariat requests, nominated a new DA for Argentina. As a result, the Secretariat of the Adaptation Fund has not been able to establish any communication with responsible officials in the Government regarding the next steps on re-accreditation or the accreditation of another entity. No DA response is therefore attached to this Panel recommendation.

CONCLUSION

The Panel noted that in the absence of a request for re-accreditation prior to expiry or any other communication from DIPROSE, the Designated Authority or other responsible officials in the Government of Argentina, the Panel needs to provide the AF Board with the recommendation on the change of status of DIPROSE accreditation.

RECOMMENDATION

On these bases, the Panel has noted that, prior to the expiry of its accredited status in January 2025, DIPROSE had not requested re-accreditation, there is currently no Designated Authority for Argentina and there have been no communications from other responsible officials in the Government of Argentina. Accordingly, the Panel recommends that DIPROSE's status be changed to "Not-Accredited" as provided in the Adaptation Fund's re-accreditation decision.