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# **Independent Redress Mechanism**

**Closure Report: Case 18/R001 Argentina** 

30 March 2018



## **Closure Report: Request for Reconsideration**

IRM Case 18/R001 Argentina

Project or Programme FP 057 Climate Action for Rural development: Community Based

Proposal Adaptation and Mitigation in Argentina

Date 30 March 2018

The Terms of Reference (TOR) of the Independent Redress Mechanism (IRM)<sup>1</sup> provide the basis of the IRM's mandate in respect of requests for reconsideration. The IRM's current procedures applicable to a request for reconsideration are set out in the Interim Procedures for the Reconsideration of Funding Decisions.<sup>2</sup>

## **Request and Procedural History**

On 26 January 2018, the National Designated Authority (NDA) of Argentina filed with the IRM a request for reconsideration of a funding proposal denied by the GCF Board in relation to Funding Proposal 057 titled "Climate Action for Rural development: Community Based Adaptation and Mitigation in Argentina". The accredited entity for the project was Unidad para el Cambio Rural (Unit for Rural Change, UCAR). The Board was informed of the receipt of the request through the Co-Chairs as required by this procedure.

The proposal was considered by the GCF Board at its 18<sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2017,<sup>3</sup> concluding "that there was no consensus to approve funding proposal 057". The decision of the Board was conveyed to the NDA on 28 November 2017. The Accredited Entity confirmed, on 20 December 2017, its purpose to implement and execute the programme in the event it is reconsidered and approved by the GCF Board.

#### **Eligibility Process**

Having acknowledged the request, the IRM was in the process of determining the eligibility of the request against the criteria set out in its TOR. The IRM communicated with the NDA and the AE, per their request, during this phase to provide clarity on the IRM's process for reconsideration requests and the information needed to meet the eligibility criteria. The NDA also twice requested additional time to provide further information to the IRM in support of its request, which the IRM granted. On 22 March 2018, the IRM received written notification from the NDA that it was formally withdrawing its request for reconsideration on funding proposal 057, opting instead to make adjustments to the project to present to the GCF Board. After confirming the decision with the NDA of Argentina, the IRM suspended its eligibility process.

 $<sup>\</sup>underline{\tt 1}$  GCF Board Decision B.BM-2017/10 dated 25 September 2017 accessible at  $\underline{\tt https://irm.greenclimate.fund/document/irm-tor}.$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> GCF Board Decision B.13/17 accessible at <a href="https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gcf-b13-17">https://www.greenclimate.fund/document/gcf-b13-17</a>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Contained in document GCF/B.18/04/Add.12 and 23.

#### Withdrawal and Case Closure

Considering the withdrawal of the request by the NDA of Argentina, the IRM closed the case on 22 March 2018 and decided to take no further action on the matter. The Board has been informed of the closure of the case through its Co-Chairs as required by the applicable procedure.

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