Climate targets in public banks

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Three examples of climate targets

Inter-American Development Bank (IDB)



Emissions avoided	No target	
New Country Strategies considering country's official commitments	100%	2021–25
IDB Group operations aligned with the MDB methodology for Paris Alignment	100%	2023
Projects with considerable disaster and climate change risk that applied risk analysis to identify resilience actions	100%	2023
Climate finance in IDB Group operations	30%	2020–23
Projects supporting climate change mitigation and/or adaptation	65%	2020–23
Projects supporting agriculture, forestry, land use, and coastal zone management	10%	2020–23
IDB Group facilities and fleet emissions	<9,600†CO ₂ e	2023

Source for alignment target: <u>COP26 Press release</u>

Source for other targets: <u>IDB Climate Change Action Plan 2021-2025</u>

Within the IDB Group, IDB Invest and IDB Lab have different targets for some of these indicators

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French Development Agency (AFD)



Financing to projects with climate co-benefits	50%	2022
Share of climate finance favourable to biodiversity	30%	2025
Share of climate finance for adaptation	30%	2022
Operations consistent with decarbonisation and resilience trajectories ("100% Paris Agreement")	100%	2022
Emissions avoided	No target	
Absolute emissions of the portfolio		

Source: <u>2017-2022 Climate-Development Strategy: Midterm Review</u>.

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Dutch Entrepreneurial Development Bank (FMO)

Absolute emissions of the portfolio	Reducing year by year until 2050
Emissions avoided	1.15MtCO2e/yr
Green finance	No target

Source 1: <u>Deriving a 1.5°C Pathway for a Financial Institution</u>

Source 2: Interim Report 2018

New targets for emissions avoided will be published in 2022

Climate finance versus emission reductions

Climate finance	Emission reductions
Adaptation + mitigation	Only mitigation
Mitigation finance tracking relies on a taxonomy of activities	 Difficulties to measure emission reductions: Definition of baseline and boundaries Challenges in some sectors Challenges in a rapidly changing context
Focuses on an input	Focuses on an output
	Builds on CDM methodology corpus

Climate finance versus 100% alignment

Climate finance	100% alignment
Distortions against other development objectives	
Required by governments to report on the \$100bn commitment	
Inertia of institutional targets	
Problems to define what counts	
Substantial institutional effort	
Volatility (importance of large projects)	
	Responds to the need to ensure alignment of all financial flows (Paris Agreement Article 2.1.c)

Alignment with a pathway versus absolute emissions of the portfolio

Alignment with a pathway	Absolute emissions of the portfolio
Relies on a qualitative assessment of consistency with a development pathway	Relies on a quantitative assessment
Recognizes that some emissions are consistent with a decarbonisation pathway	Considers all emissions equally
Considers decarbonisation and resilience	Only considers decarbonisation
Better consistency with a development mandate (i.e. where public support is required)	

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