



Safeguards - environmental and social standards for IKI projects

International Climate Initiative (IKI) project implementing organisations are expected to apply the [Performance Standards on Environmental and Social Sustainability of the International Financial Corporation \(IFC\)](#). The systematic consideration of safeguards within IKI is a precaution taken to avoid potential negative impacts of projects on people or the environment. This enhances the overall quality of project planning and implementation. Please note that Performance Standard 1 does not apply for IKI programmes.

Project applicants are expected to suggest a risk category based on a screening of all Performance Standards and to develop measures to avoid and mitigate the risks. The risk category will not have an impact on the project selection process. In case of potential risky activities, relevant instruments for risk mitigation, monitoring and management have to be included in the project concept.

Implementing organisations without institutional safeguard system or in-house expertise will receive guidance from IKI Secretariat in the risk assessment process. Applicants selected for stage 2 can request funding for preparing the project, including the assessment of safeguards risks and mitigation measures.

If the risk categorization changes during project implementation, this has to be communicated to the IKI Secretariat immediately.