

Research Update:

# FONPLATA 'A/A-1' Ratings Affirmed; Outlook Remains Stable

August 21, 2025

## Overview

- FONPLATA approved its third general capital increase (GCI) of US\$3.5 billion with payments expected to commence in 2027, demonstrating shareholder commitment to the institution.
- The institution's creditworthiness is supported by its very strong capital adequacy ratio, and its liquidity has improved following several issuances under its medium-term note (MTN) program.
- We affirmed our 'A/A-1' ratings on FONPLATA.
- The stable outlook reflects our expectations of very strong preferred creditor treatment (PCT) from FONPLATA's members and that the institution's financial profile will remain very strong.

## Rating Action

On Aug. 21, 2025, S&P Global Ratings affirmed its 'A/A-1' long- and short-term issuer credit ratings on Fondo Financiero para el Desarrollo de la Cuenca del Plata (FONPLATA). The outlook remains stable.

## Outlook

The stable outlook reflects our expectations that member countries will remain supportive of FONPLATA while the institution maintains its PCT status. We expect the entity will maintain its strong presence in South America, prudently managing its high capital levels along with ample and high-quality liquid assets.

## Downside scenario

We could lower our ratings on FONPLATA in case of weaker shareholder support, such as persistent and significant delays in capital payments, or if members do not treat FONPLATA as a preferred creditor. A deterioration in capital or liquidity could also lead us to lower the rating.

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## Upside scenario

We could upgrade the institution if FONPLATA's capitalization strengthens considerably and sustainably to above 23%. We could also consider a positive rating action should FONPLATA's shareholder base increase, especially through the addition of nonborrowing members with higher creditworthiness, which could mitigate the bank's concentrated nature.

## Rationale

In August 2025, FONPLATA's board of governors defined the terms of the GCI announced last year, which in our view reflects the shareholders' support to the institution. Around half of the total authorized capital increase of \$3.5 billion will take the form of paid-in capital, which will bring total-paid in capital to US\$2.9 billion from US\$1.35 billion. Capital contribution installments are expected to start in 2027 and last until 2036.

The institution last approved a GCI in 2016, with final installments due in 2024 (except for Brazil, which will make scheduled payments up to 2026). Bolivia (CCC-/Negative/C) has delayed its US\$10.4 million capital contribution due in 2024 due to foreign currency shortages led by macroeconomic imbalances, but we expect it to make the payment over the next year. Bolivia has remained current with all debt service commitments to FONPLATA, preserving the institution's PCT status.

Combined with its constitutive agreement, which all members' legislatures approved, the third GCI allows for the incorporation of new shareholders at a maximum share of 18.2% of FONPLATA's total capital. In our view, depending on the extent that new members join the institution, this could strengthen shareholders' support and FONPLATA's governance by reducing concentration in its five founding members.

We expect lending to somewhat stabilize in the next few years after years of strong growth. Disbursements in 2024 more than doubled to US\$737 million due to normalization of lagged approvals and disbursements to Argentina while its potential withdrawal was pending; disbursements normalized after confirmation that Argentina would remain a member. FONPLATA has also rebalanced the loan portfolio, increasing lending exposure to Brazil and Uruguay. We expect approvals and disbursements to moderate at around US\$750 million and US\$700 million, respectively, for 2025 and 2026.

The third GCI should support a pickup in FONPLATA's lending in 2027 and deepen its presence in the region. Meanwhile, we expect the institution to maintain a very strong risk-adjusted capital (RAC) ratio (21.0% with financial information as of December 2024 and rating parameters as of August 2025). The RAC ratio declined from 25.1% in June 2024, in part given an increase in disbursements to Argentina (foreign currency ratings: CCC/Stable/C) as well as rating pressures in Bolivia (which we downgraded to 'CCC-' in June 2025). Still, we continue to expect its members to treat FONPLATA preferentially.

As of December 2024, FONPLATA's six-month and 12-month liquidity coverage ratios were 2.50x and 1.26x, respectively--an improvement from 1.59x and 0.94x as of June 2024. We expect liquidity will remain robust, anchored by FONPLATA's liquidity policy, which targets one-year coverage.

FONPLATA has been active in expanding and diversifying funding sources to reduce its borrowing costs. The bank's funding strategy has shifted to debt issuances from credit lines, mainly from other multilateral lending institutions. The institution's main funding source has been issuances

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under its \$2 billion MTN program. The bank has issued US\$490 million through 11 issuances in 2025, representing up to 89% of its yearly capital markets funding goal.

FONPLATA has been able to issue in four different currencies in different jurisdictions. Issuances are denominated in Swiss francs, Japanese yen, U.S. dollars, and most recently, Australian dollars under its MTN program. Almost 50% of its MTN program issuances were under FONPLATA's sustainable debt framework.

## Ratings Score Snapshot

Issuer credit rating	A/Stable/A-1
Stand-alone credit profile	a
Enterprise risk profile:	Moderate
Policy importance	Strong
Governance and management expertise	Weak
Financial risk profile:	Very Strong
Capital adequacy	Very Strong
Funding and liquidity	Strong
Extraordinary support	0
Callable capital:	0
Group support:	0
Holistic approach	0

## Related Criteria

- [Criteria | Governments | General: Multilateral Lending Institutions And Other Supranational Institutions Ratings Methodology](#), July 26, 2024
- [Criteria | Financial Institutions | General: Risk-Adjusted Capital Framework Methodology](#), April 30, 2024
- [General Criteria: Environmental, Social, And Governance Principles In Credit Ratings](#), Oct. 10, 2021
- [General Criteria: Methodology For Linking Long-Term And Short-Term Ratings](#), April 7, 2017
- [General Criteria: Principles Of Credit Ratings](#), Feb. 16, 2011

## Related Research

- [Research Update: Bolivia Long-Term Ratings Lowered To 'CCC-' From 'CCC+' On Heightened Debt Service; Outlook Negative](#), June 25, 2025
- [Bulletin: FONPLATA's Medium-Term Note Program Supports Efforts To Diversify Funding](#), Nov. 19, 2024
- [Research Update: FONPLATA 'A/A-1' Ratings Affirmed; Outlook Remains Stable](#), Sept. 11, 2024
- [S&P Global Ratings Definitions](#), June 9, 2023

# Ratings List

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FONPLATA

Issuer Credit Rating	
Foreign Currency	A/Stable/A-1
Senior Unsecured	
Foreign Currency LT	A
Foreign Currency ST	A-1

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