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**Q1** **AFDB**

Respondent (Donor country or headquarters location in the case of Organizations)

**Q2**

About you

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**Q3**

Does your Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan include trade priorities (i.e., Aid-for-Trade priorities)?

**Yes,**  
 Additional information on the trade (or Aid-for-Trade priorities) included in your Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan (or other trade-related policy document):  
 Infrastructure Development - Regional Integration  
 Private Sector Development Governance & Accountability Skills & Technology

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**Q4**

If yes, please highlight what these Aid-for-Trade priorities are: Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top priority areas among the ones listed below (1 being the most important).

Regional integration	<b>1</b>
Trade facilitation	<b>2</b>

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**Q5** **No**  
Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2019?

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**Q6** **Respondent skipped this question**  
If yes, please identify the top drivers of change in your Aid-for-Trade priorities from the list below: (Please select no more than 5 options from the areas listed below).

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**Q7** **More,**  
Has Aid for Trade become a more or less important part of your development policy since 2019?  
Additional information on the reasons why Aid for Trade may have become more, less, or remained equally important than in the past.:  
The Bank has given more support to trade-enabling infrastructure in the recent years for countries to overcome structural bottlenecks for regional integration.

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**Q8** **Yes**  
Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?

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**Q9** **Unsure**  
Do you have a specific development or aid strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic?

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**Q10** **Respondent skipped this question**  
If yes, please indicate whether your strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic addresses any of the following areas: (You may tick more than one box).

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**Q11**

Please provide names, titles, references or weblinks to policy documents relevant to your Aid-for-Trade activities and action.

AfDB. 2013. "Ten Year Strategy", [online]. Available at <https://www.afdb.org/en/about-us/mission-strategy/afdb-strategy>

AfDB. 2019. "Aid for Trade Trust Fund", <https://www.afdb.org/en/topics-and-sectors/initiatives-partnerships/aid-for-trade-trust-fund>

AfDB. 2021. "Aid for Trade Initiatives and partnerships", [online], available at: <https://www.afdb.org/en/topics-and-sectors/initiatives-partnerships>

AfDB. 2021. "AfDB Group Gender Strategy 2021-2025", [online], Available at: <https://www.afdb.org/en/documents/african-development-bank-group-gender-strategy-2021-2025>

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**Q12**

Is the environmental dimension of sustainable development reflected in your development or aid policy document(s), plan(s) or strategy(ies)?

**Yes,**

Additional information on how sustainable development is reflected in your development or aid policy document(s), plan(s) or strategy(ies). (Please provide weblinks as applicable):

The Bank formulated strategies on climate change mitigation and established funding for same. A green growth readiness assessment conducted. More information here-

<https://www.afdb.org/en/documents/africa-green-growth-readiness-assessment>

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**Q13**

If yes, please indicate in which of your strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) sustainable development is reflected:(You may tick more than one box).

**Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan,**

**Trade development strategy, policy or plan,**

**Environmentally sustainable growth strategy, policy or plan**

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**Strategy, policy or plan for COVID-19 recovery**

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**Q14**

**Climate Action (SDG 13)**

Does your Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan explicitly target any of the following environment-specific goals? (You may tick more than one box).

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**Q15**

Does your sustainable development strategy, policy, or plan include trade objectives?

**Yes,**

Additional information on the trade objectives found in your Aid-for-Trade or development strategy policy, or plan that includes sustainable development. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:

The Bank formulated a regional integration strategy that is anchored on trade and sustainable development

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**Q16**

If yes, do the trade objectives address the environmental dimension of sustainable development?

**Yes**

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**Q17**

As a donor, do you have coordination or dialogues with developing countries' national committees, ministries of trade and agencies on sustainable development?

**Yes,**

Additional information on how the Ministry of Trade is represented in your coordination or dialogue held with developing countries' national committee committees, ministries of trade and agencies on sustainable development.:

The Bank delivery approach is through regional and local institutions at member state level

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**Q18**

If yes, do these dialogues address the environmental dimension of sustainable development?

**Yes,**

Additional information on how the committee, ministries of trade or agencies addresses the environmental dimension of sustainable development.:

All infrastructure development projects are implemented after rigorous environmental impact assessments at country level

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**Q19**

Please identify the economic sector(s) in your developing and least-developed partner countries that would gain the most in terms of economic and export diversification as a result of the move to sustainable development? (You may tick more than 1 box).

**Agriculture,**

**Fisheries,**

**Forestry,**

Additional information on the economic sector(s) that would gain the most in terms of economic and export diversification as a result of the move to sustainable development.:

Most countries in Africa are agricultural based.

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**Q20**

Please identify the economic sectors that may face the biggest challenge from the move to sustainable development. (You may tick more than 1 box).

**Agriculture,****Fisheries,****Forestry,****Mining,****Industry,**

Additional information on the economic sectors that may face the biggest challenge from the move to sustainable development.:

Most of these industries rely of nature based inputs and risk of exhaustion is high unless they delve into sustainable production technologies which require huge investment.

**Q21**

In your view, what challenges constitute the main obstacles to the transition towards sustainable development in developing and least-developed partner countries?(You may tick more than 1 box).

**Business climate,****Dependence on a narrow basket of goods and services**

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**Domestic political challenges (e.g., security and stability)**

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**Existing transport infrastructure,****Limited agricultural processing capacity,****Limited economic and export diversification,****Low productivity of agricultural sector,****Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity,****Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment****Q22**

Please highlight the main challenges that Aid for Trade should address to support a transition to sustainable development? (You may tick more than 1 box)

**Business climate,****Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,****High trade costs,****Limited agricultural processing capacity,****Low productive capacity in manufacturing,****Low productivity of agricultural sector,****Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment**

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**Q23****Unsure**

Do your Aid-for-Trade or development strategies include a circular economy strategy, policy, plan or objectives?

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**Q24** Respondent skipped this question

If yes, which economic sectors does the circular economy strategy, policy, plan or objectives cover?(You may tick more than 1 box).

**Q25** Respondent skipped this question

If yes, does the circular economy strategy, policy, plan or objectives include trade goals?

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**Q26** Yes

Is digital connectivity reflected as a priority in your sustainable development strategy, policy, or plan?

**Q27** Yes

Do you have an Aid-for-Trade strategy, policy or plan for digital connectivity (including digital economy, e-commerce, etc.)?

**Q28** Agriculture,

In which sectors could digital connectivity best support the transition to sustainable development?(You may tick more than 1 box).

Services

**Q29** E-civil service,

Please identify which issues where digital connectivity would offer most promise in the move to sustainable development?(You may tick more than one box).

E-commerce,

E-government,

E-learning,

E-logistics,

Smart energy grids,

Transport information systems

**Q30** Unsure

Is there an existing Aid-for-Trade project for digital connectivity towards sustainable development and/or environmentally sustainable growth (or circular economy) that you want to showcase as an example of best practice?

**Q31**

Yes

Do you agree that the COVID-19 pandemic has acted as an accelerator for the move to digital economy in your developing and least developed partner countries?

**Q32**

In which areas has the COVID-19 pandemic exposed shortcomings in digital connectivity?(You may tick more than one box).

**E-commerce development strategy needs to be developed/updated**

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**Poor access to internet services,**

**Poor digital skills and IT literacy,**

**Rules relating to e-commerce need updating,**

**Trade facilitation and logistics issues**

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**Q33**

Looking ahead, in which sectors do you think future Aid-for-Trade support should focus so as to support sustainable development objectives? (You may tick more than 1 box).

**Agriculture,**

**Industry,**

**Services**

**Q34**

Looking ahead, in which categories of Aid for Trade do you think support should be focused so as to advance the environmental dimension of sustainable development?(You may tick more than 1 box).

**Trade facilitation,**

**Regional trade agreements (RTAs),**

**(b) Trade development (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development)**

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**(a) Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)**

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**(c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)**

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**Q35**

To which developing and least-developed partner countries do you provide Aid-for-Trade financing for the environmental dimension of sustainable development ? (You may tick more than one box).(You may tick more than 1 box).

**Benin,**  
**Botswana,**  
**Burkina Faso,**  
**Burundi,**  
**Cabo Verde,**  
**Cameroon,**  
**Central African Republic,**  
**Chad,**  
**Comoros,**  
**Congo,**  
**Côte d'Ivoire,**  
**Djibouti,**  
**Eritrea,**  
**Eswatini,**  
**Ethiopia,**  
**Gabon,**  
**Ghana,**  
**Kenya,**  
**Lesotho,**  
**Madagascar,**  
**Malawi,**  
**Mali,**  
**Morocco,**  
**Mozambique,**  
**Namibia,**  
**Niger,**  
**Nigeria,**  
**Rwanda,**  
**Senegal,**  
**Seychelles,**  
**Somalia,**  
**South Africa,**  
**South Sudan,**  
**Tanzania,**  
**Uganda,**  
**Zambia,**  
**Zimbabwe**



**Q36****Unsure**

Please identify the South-South and Triangular cooperation partners you work with in order to provide financing for sustainable development.(You may tick more than 1 box).

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**Q37**

Is there an Aid-for-Trade project or programme for sustainable trade or development, green growth or circular economy that you want to showcase as an example of best practice?

The African Development Bank will deploy resources within the framework of its ten-year Climate Change and Green Growth Strategy (2021-2030) to position Africa's financial industry at the forefront of the low-carbon and climate-resilient transition.

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**Q38****Yes**

Do you implement policies that address the environmental dimension of sustainable development and that also support progress on gender equality and/or women's economic empowerment?

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**Q39****Yes**

Do you implement Aid-for-Trade projects that combine the objectives of women's economic empowerment and environmentally sustainable development?

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**Q40**

Any other information you wish to share? (e.g., where support for sustainable trade or development is needed).

The Bank formulated the 2021-2025 strategy for gender equality and women and girls' empowerment that aims at transforming the continent's key sectors into grounds of accessible opportunities where women, girls, men and boys, regardless of their background, enjoy equal access and control over productive resources and benefit from supportive infrastructure and services to thrive.

More information here: <https://www.afdb.org/en/documents/african-development-bank-group-gender-strategy-2021-2025>

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**Q41**

Is women's economic empowerment included as an objective in your development or Aid-for-Trade strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s)?

**Yes,**

Additional information on how women's economic empowerment is included as an objective in your Aid-for-Trade strateg(ies) policy(ies) or plan(s):

The Bank formulated the Gender strategy to strengthen women's economic position in the productive sectors of the continent. More information here:

<https://www.afdb.org/en/documents/african-development-bank-group-gender-strategy-2021-2025>

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**Q42**

If yes, please indicate the strategy, policy, or plan in which women's economic empowerment is included: (You may tick more than one box).

**Gender equality strategy, policy or plan,****Trade development strategy,**

Additional information on the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) that include women's economic empowerment. (Please include weblinks as applicable):

All key strategic documents (policies and strategies) of the Bank

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**Q43**

Do the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) that you have identified seek to ensure non-discrimination with respect to conditions of employment or occupation (including through the provision of flexible work arrangements)?

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**Yes**


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**Q44**

Does your government collect/institution data on women's economic empowerment in relation to trade and development?

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**Unsure****Q45**

In your view, what trade and development constraints do women face the most?(You may tick more than one box).

**Difficult working conditions,****Discriminatory practices,****Difficulties in meeting regulatory and procedural requirements**

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**High trade barriers,****Time and mobility constraints****Q46**

Can Aid for Trade play a role in addressing these constraints?

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**Yes**


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**Q47**

Have you provided Aid for Trade to finance projects for women's economic empowerment during the period 2015-2020?

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**Yes**

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**Q48**

If yes, please provide further information on the countries in which you have provided Aid-for-Trade programmes on women's economic empowerment.

Number of total projects implemented in the period 2015-2020	<b>All 54 African countries. Data N/A</b>
Duration in years (1, 2 or more than 3)	<b>Data N/A</b>
Percentage of projects that included women's economic empowerment as their sole/main objective (please include the % sign in your response)	<b>Data N/A</b>
Percentage of projects that also included other objectives (please specify which in the box below and include the % sign in your response)	<b>Data N/A</b>

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**Q49**

Please specify the areas that your Aid-for-Trade projects for women's economic empowerment sought to address:(You may tick more than one box).

**Developing training programmes,**  
**Developing Access to trade related infrastructure,**  
**Capacity-strengthening initiatives,**  
**Facilitating access to trade finance,**  
**Gender sensitive awareness initiatives for trade stakeholders (e.g., border officials regarding safety issues);**  
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**Supporting women's entrepreneurship,**  
**Supporting women-owned/led MSMEs to export,**  
**Supporting women's representation in trade policy and design of trade/Aid-for-Trade initiatives**

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**Q50**

Have you used public-private partnerships to achieve your Aid-for-Trade objectives in relation to women's economic empowerment?

**Yes,**

Additional information on the public-private partnerships used to achieve your Aid-for-Trade objectives in relation to women's economic empowerment. Please include reasons as to why or why not. Kindly provide a list of your private sector partners, the number of projects run, and the sectors concerned. You may also describe each project and their impacts in no more than 300 words per project. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: The Bank launched the AFAWA (Affirmative Finance Action for Women in Africa) is a pan-African initiative to bridge the \$42 billion financing gap facing women in Africa; including \$15.6 billion in agriculture alone. The expected projects under consideration include: Finance: lending to women is seen as riskier, so they face prohibitive interest rates. In addition, women often lack traditional collateral and guarantees. Capacity: financial institutions lack the capacity to understand and respond appropriately to women entrepreneurs, who also often lack the financial and business acumen to respond to the needs of financial institutions. Business environment: in many countries, legal and regulatory frameworks hinder women's full participation in private sector growth.

**Q51**

Does Aid for Trade help to mobilize funds for women's economic empowerment?

**Yes,**

Additional information on how Aid for Trade helps to mobilize funds for women's economic empowerment, including the reasons as to why or why not.: Refer to AFAWA fund in question 46. More information available at: <https://www.afdb.org/en/topics-and-sectors/initiatives-partnerships/afawa-affirmative-finance-action-for-women-in-africa/why-afawa>

**Q52**

Are your Aid-for-Trade projects involving women's economic empowerment underpinned by a monitoring and evaluation/ results framework?

**Yes,**

Additional information on how your Aid-for-Trade projects involving women's economic empowerment are underpinned by a monitoring and evaluation/ results framework.: The Bank has a robust results driven monitoring framework that evaluates the performance of funded projects and issues annual reports to stakeholders.

**Q53**

Does the Aid-for-Trade support for women's economic empowerment that you provide align with your partners' trade priorities and objectives?

**Yes,**

Additional information on how the Aid-for-Trade support for women's economic empowerment you provide aligns with your partner's trade priorities and objectives.: The Bank is a member-country driven enterprise. All funded programs and projects are aligned to the countries' strategic papers where all national and regional priorities are well articulated.

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**Q54**

**Unsure**

Do women face particular difficulties in accessing digital technologies?

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**Q55**

**Respondent skipped this question**

Please identify the top 5 barriers that prevent women from accessing digital technology:(You may tick a maximum of 5 boxes).

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**Q56**

**Agriculture,  
Fisheries,  
Industry,  
Services**

Looking ahead, in which trade sectors do you think future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed?(You may tick more than 1 box).

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**Q57**

Looking ahead, in which Aid-for-Trade categories do you think future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed?(You may tick more than 1 box).

- Trade policy and administrative management,
- Trade facilitation,
- Regional trade agreements (RTAs),
- Trade education/training,
- (b) Trade development (Including investment promotion, analysis and institutional support for trade in services, business support services and institutions, public-private sector networking, e-commerce, trade finance, trade promotion, market analysis and development)
- ,
- (a) Trade policy and regulations (Including training of trade officials, analysis of proposals and positions and their impact, support for national stakeholders to articulate commercial interest and identify trade-offs, dispute issues, institutional and technical support to facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)
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- (c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)
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- Transport and storage infrastructure,
- Communications infrastructure,
- Energy supply and generation infrastructure

**Q58**

You may use the box below to elaborate on how you think that Aid for Trade can advance women's economic empowerment.

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q59**

CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply):

none