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**Q1**

**AUSTRIA**

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

**Q2**

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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):

Yes, following the previous questionnaire there is a continuous intersection with some parts of the Aft agenda in a wider sense. There are mainly 3 fields of intervention which touch upon Aid for Trade: 1) Improving the business climate which by definition is part of "Trade development"; it is mostly implemented in cooperation with IFIs like IFC. 2) Renewable energy generation - part of "trade related infrastructure" - is a traditional field of intervention of both, the Austrian Development Agency and the Austrian Development Bank. 3) Finally, within the main instrument for working with the private sector - "business partnership programme" - several projects aim to set up supply chains, e.g. on fruits, herbs or strengthen value chains.

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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).

|   |   |
|---|---|
| Building productive capacity  | 1 |
| Connecting to value chains  | 4 |
| MSMEs growth and development  | 2 |
| Women's economic empowerment (please specify in the box below: rural women, women-owned businesses, women-led businesses, female workers, etc.) | 3 |
| Youth economic empowerment  | 5 |

Additional information and weblink(s) to the relevant strategy(ies), polic(ies) or plan(s) in which your Aid-for-Trade priorities are included.

**For the Austrian Development Policy in general, see the "Three Year Programme 2019-2021" - [https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/3\\_JP/Englisch/3JP\\_2019-2021\\_EN.pdf](https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/3_JP/Englisch/3JP_2019-2021_EN.pdf) For Austrian engagement in "Women's economic empowerment" - see section 3 of the questionnaire and "Gender Policy" - [https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/Leitlinien/Englisch/PD\\_Gender\\_2017\\_EN.pdf](https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/Leitlinien/Englisch/PD_Gender_2017_EN.pdf) For engagement in renewable energy see policy document "Energy for sustainable development" - [https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/Leitlinien/Englisch/PD\\_Energy\\_July2010\\_EN.pdf](https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/Leitlinien/Englisch/PD_Energy_July2010_EN.pdf)**

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**Q5**

Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2019?

**No,**

Additional information: please specify which of the priorities you selected are new and provide further information. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: No, in principle there is continuity. However, today there is an enhanced focus on women's economic empowerment - see section 3. Furthermore, for years Austrian Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs contributes annually € 200.000,- to the Doha Development Agenda Global Trust Fund/DDAGTF. Until 2020 it was an unearmarked contribution for WTO technical assistance. Since 2021 this contribution has been earmarked for the "WTO Chairs Programme" to strengthen capacities of academic institutions in developing countries with a focus on research for trade and development.

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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** **Same,**  
 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.:  
 There is no specific AfT strategy – but some engagements of Austrian Development Cooperation form part of AfT agenda in the wider sense. These engagements remained equally important.

**Q8** **No**  
 Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?

**Q9** **Yes,**  
 Do you have a specific development or aid strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic?  
Additional information on your development or aid strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:  
 The upcoming "Three-Years Programme on Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) 2022-2024" repeatedly refers to COVID-19 recovery. This will be done both via bilateral projects and via joint financing of multilateral initiatives. It will be conducted in traditional ADC focus sectors.

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**Q10** **Agricultural sector, food production and supply chain support**  
 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).  
**,  
 Building productive capacity,  
 Job creation,  
 MSME support,  
 Poverty reduction objectives,  
 Women's economic empowerment and gender equality**

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**Q11**

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

For the Austrian Development Policy in general, see the "Three Year Programme 2019-2021" -

[https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/3\\_JP/Englisch/3JP\\_2019-2021\\_EN.pdf](https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/3_JP/Englisch/3JP_2019-2021_EN.pdf)

For Austrian engagement in "Women's economic empowerment" - see section 3 of the questionnaire and "Gender Policy" -

[https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/Leitlinien/Englisch/PD\\_Gender\\_2017\\_EN.pdf](https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/Leitlinien/Englisch/PD_Gender_2017_EN.pdf)

For engagement in renewable energy see policy document "Energy for sustainable development" -

[https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/Leitlinien/Englisch/PD\\_Energy\\_July2010\\_EN.pdf](https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/Leitlinien/Englisch/PD_Energy_July2010_EN.pdf)

For sustainability issues see "Strategic guideline on environment and development"

[https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/Strategien/Englisch/EN\\_Strategic\\_Guidelines\\_Environment.pdf](https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/Strategien/Englisch/EN_Strategic_Guidelines_Environment.pdf)

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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):

Yes, the environmental dimension is treated as a crosscutting issue. Along with poverty reduction, peace and human security, environmental protection is one of the three main ADC goals enshrined in the Development Cooperation Act. Therefore, ADC projects are reviewed with regard to their impact on the environment. Negative impacts must be minimised or widely mitigated.

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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).

**Other (please specify),**

Additional information on the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) in which sustainable development is reflected.:

3 Year Programme on Austrian Development Policy 2019-2021

[https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/3\\_JP/Englisch/3JP\\_2019-2021\\_EN.pdf](https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/3_JP/Englisch/3JP_2019-2021_EN.pdf)

Intergovernmental guideline on "Environment & development"

[https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user\\_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/Strategien/Englisch/EN\\_Strategic\\_Guidelines\\_Environment.pdf](https://www.entwicklung.at/fileadmin/user_upload/Dokumente/Publikationen/Strategien/Englisch/EN_Strategic_Guidelines_Environment.pdf)

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**Q14**

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).

**Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7),  
Sustainable Production and Consumption (SDG 12),  
Climate Action (SDG 13),  
Life on Land (SDG 15),  
Other (please specify),**

Additional information on the environment-specific goals and approaches such as financing, sharing of know-how, technology transfer (including sharing of know-how), promotion of value chain integration targeted by your Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan.:

waste water treatment / sanitation; water resources management

**Q15**

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

**No**

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**Q16**

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

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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?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q18**

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

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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,  
Industry**

**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,  
Mining,  
Industry**

**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).

**Domestic political challenges (e.g., security and stability)**  
,  
**Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,**  
**High concentration of economic activity in the informal sector**  
,  
**Lack of data to support decision-making,**  
**Limited agricultural processing capacity,**  
**Limited economic and export diversification,**  
**Low productivity of agricultural sector**

**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)

**Dependence on a narrow basket of goods and services**  
,  
**Limited agricultural processing capacity,**  
**Limited economic and export diversification,**  
**Low productivity of agricultural sector,**  
**Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity**

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**Q23**

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

**Yes,**  
Additional information on your circular economy strategy, policy, plan. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: The upcoming new "Three years programme on Austrian Development Policy 2022-2024" will include a reference to the role of circular economy which forms part of the subchapter "sustainable resources management". Specific objectives are: o Promote resource efficiency and the circular economy. o Contribute to the safe handling, trade and disposal of chemicals. o Promote sustainable waste management and reduce food losses. o Promote sustainable production and consumption and related education. o Responsible use of natural resources in rural and urban areas.

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**Q24**

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

**Agriculture,  
Forestry,  
Industry**

**Q25**

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

**Yes,**  
Additional information on the trade objectives included in the circular economy strategy policy, or plan. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:  
.. but just for chemicals - see question 19 of this on-line version of the questionnaire.

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**Q26**

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

**No**

**Q27**

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

**Unsure,**  
Additional information on your Aid-for-Trade policy documents for digital connectivity. (Please include weblinks of the source used).:  
There is no specific policy, however individual initiatives. For instance, the SDG Strategy of the Global Compact Network Austria has assisted companies since 2016 in implementing the SDGs. This multi-stakeholder network raises awareness of the 2030 Agenda while giving companies helpful orientation in implementing the SDGs and devising intersectoral next-practice solutions. The SDG Compass developed within the Global Compact is available to companies as a practical implementation guide.

**Q28**

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

**Agriculture,  
Forestry,  
Industry,  
Services**

**Q29**

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-healthcare,  
E-learning,  
E-logistics,  
Home energy management systems**

**Q30**

**No**

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?

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**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?

Additional information on the impact of the pandemic on the uptake of the digital economy.:  
... in the same way as it happened in industrialized countries.

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**Q32**

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

**Insufficient or uneven internet coverage,**  
**Poor access to internet services,**  
**Poor digital skills and IT literacy,**  
**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,**  
**Forestry,**  
**Industry**

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**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).

**(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)**  
,  
**(d) Building productive capacity,**  
**(c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)**  
,  
**Energy supply and generation infrastructure,**  
**Agriculture,**  
**Forestry,**  
**Industry**

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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).

**Albania,**  
**Armenia,**  
**Burkina Faso,**  
**Ethiopia,**  
**Georgia,**  
**Moldova,**  
**Mozambique,**  
**Uganda**

**Q36**

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).

**Respondent skipped this question**

**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?

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**Q38**

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?

**No,**  
Additional information on whether you implement policies that address the environmental dimension of sustainable development while also supporting progress on gender equality /women empowerment. You may also provide information on your intention to draft such policies in the future. (Please include weblinks as applicable).:  
There is no policy yet on this issue, but individual projects – see Q 39.

**Q39**

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

**Yes,**

Additional information on the Aid-for-Trade projects which combine the twin objectives of women's economic empowerment and environmental environmentally sustainable development. Please indicate the number of projects, the sector concerned (agriculture, fisheries, sustainable tourism, circular economy, etc.). (Please include weblinks as applicable):.

Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) contributes throughout 2020-2025 to the Africa focused water initiative "Achieving Gender Equality through Climate Resilient Development of Water Infrastructure Investments" managed by GWPO - Global Water Partnership Organisation. The initiative aims at promoting gender-transformative planning, decision making and institutional development for climate resilient water investments in Africa. Across the continent, investment and institution building through water and climate change adaptation projects are typically not gender responsive or gender transformative. Therefore the following activities will be conducted: •) Mobilise political commitment for gender-transformative action •) Develop business case for institutional change in decision making and finance of gender-sensitive water investments •) Increase women's individual agency, decision making power, choices and access to information •) Develop gender-transformative water investment index •) Undertake social and gender analysis to assess opportunities, risks and impact of interventions on vulnerable groups disaggregated by sex, age and socio-economic class •) Accelerate preparation and implementation of local projects, enhancing access to water investments •) Establish gender responsive Monitoring & Evaluation systems

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**Q40**

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

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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 strategy(ies) policy(ies) or plan(s):

In 2017 the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) has launched a policy paper on "Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls". Its key objective was the Implementation of the EU Gender Action Plan II in Austria's Development Cooperation. It is based on 3 pillars, the empowerment of women and girls being one of them. For further information see

PD\_Gender\_2017\_EN.pdf (entwicklung.at). Following the adoption of EU Gender Action Plan III in 2021, Austria is going to update its Gender Policy document in due time.

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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,**

**Other (please specify),**

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

In 2019 the Austrian Development Bank's (OeEB) strategy has been adopted for the period 2019-2023. According to the strategy OeEB will anchor gender equality as a cross-sector issue throughout the strategic cycle. All business activities will be structured in such a way as to avoid discrimination and specifically empower women. A more specific Gender Action Plan describes the approach and planned activities – see: <https://www.oe-e-b.at/news-presse/news/2020/gender-action-plan.html>

**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)?

**Yes,**

Additional information on how the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) that you have identify seek to ensure non-discrimination with respect to conditions of employment or occupation. (Please include weblinks as applicable):

According to its Gender Action Plan OeEB has committed to integrate a "gender lens" into all investment activities and 'Gender Lens Investing' is the approach chosen to do this. Gender Lens Investing is the intentional integration of a gender analysis into financial analysis to achieve gender-equity that benefits women and girls. Besides better accesss to capital for businesses which are owned and led by women, the promotion of gender-equitable workplaces where women work in leadership positions and their workplace needs are met, is key.

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**Q44**

**No**

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

**Q45**

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

**Difficulties accessing financial services,**  
**Difficult working conditions,**  
**Gender pay gap,**  
**Harassment, security and safety issues,**  
**Informal employment,**  
**Poor access to information,**  
**Poor access to professional bodies (e.g., chambers of commerce)**  
 ,  
**Unpaid care and domestic work,**  
**Unpaid employment**

**Q46**

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

**No,**  
 Additional information on the role that Aid for Trade can play in addressing these constraints.:  
 Only very limited role of AfT; e.g. regarding better access to capital.

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**Q47**

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

**Yes,**  
 Additional information on whether you have requested Aid for Trade to finance projects for women's economic empowerment in 2015-2020, including reasons as to why or why not.:  
 As pointed out in Q41 (economic) empowerment is one of the pillars of ADC Gender policy. Austrian Development Agency (ADA) has supported several initiatives on economic empowerment, for information on projects financed - see. question 45.

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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

**n.a.**

Duration in years (1, 2 or more than 3)

**ADA projects normally 3 years; OeEB credit lines more than 3 years**

Percentage of projects that included women's economic empowerment as their sole/main objective (please include the % sign in your response)

**n.a.**

Percentage of projects that also included other objectives (please specify which in the box below and include the % sign in your response)

**n.a.**

Additional information on the developing country and the South-South or triangular cooperation partners you have worked with to provide your Aid-for-Trade programmes on women's economic empowerment. You may list other objectives of the projects where women's economic empowerment was not the sole/main focus and provide additional information on the partners with which you have worked. (Please include weblinks as applicable).

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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,**

**Supporting women's entrepreneurship,**

**Supporting women-owned/led MSMEs to export,**

Additional information on the areas that the Aid-for-Trade projects for women's economic empowerment sought to address. Please describe your project(s) in no more than 300 words per box. (You may include references and weblinks and add information on results achieved as applicable, i.e. figures, case stories):

Burkina Faso - "improvement of women's living conditions in cashew nut production areas in the Cascades and Hauts Bassins regions". Objectives of the initiative are: - O1: Increasing the productivity of cashew nut plantations - O2: Improving women's access to the business assets needed to process Cashew fruits. Burkina Faso – Project TUUMA – it aims at supporting the professional and entrepreneurial skills as well as improving the employment opportunities of women and youth in rural communities in Burkina Faso. It seeks to increase economic opportunities, as well as access to stable and permanent employment for women and youth. ADA has been supporting UNWOMEN to implement the “Women’s Economic Empowerment in South Caucasus” programme, which applies a holistic approach including – skills development necessary for self-employment and in the formal labour sector; as well as creation of adequate legislative and policy framework and introducing the WEE principles in the local privatsector since 2018. In a cooperation with UNFPA ADA also supports learning, exchange and introduction of gender family responsive policies for the private sector in the Western Balkans and Moldova to improve labour conditions and increase women's share in the labour market. In addition, the Austrian Development Bank OeEB provides several long-term credit lines for on-lending to local MSMEs. In many cases earmarked percentages of the funds (in some cases up to 100 %) are dedicated to women-owned/led businesses. This not only contributes to closing the funding gap for MSMEs and to preserving and creating jobs but also to improving gender equality and strengthening women entrepreneurs.

**Q50**

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

**No**

**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.:  
AfT has the potential to mobilize funds for women's economic empowerment - but there are also other channels to do this - like gender policy objectives or peace & conflict policy objectives.

**Q52**  
Are your Aid-for-Trade projects involving women's economic empowerment underpinned by a monitoring and evaluation/ results framework?

**Unsure**

**Q53**  
Does the Aid-for-Trade support for women's economic empowerment that you provide align with your partners' trade priorities and objectives?

**Unsure,**  
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.:  
ADC initiatives in women's economic empowerment are aligned with ADC country strategies which are aligned with partner countries' priorities in general. This does not necessarily mean trade priorities in the narrow sense.

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**Q54**  
Do women face particular difficulties in accessing digital technologies?

**Yes**

**Q55**  
Please identify the top 5 barriers that prevent women from accessing digital technology:(You may tick a maximum of 5 boxes).

**Difficulty obtaining proof of identification necessary to access internet services**  
,  
**Inadequate electricity infrastructure,**  
**Lack of access to public facilities where the internet is available**  
,  
**Poor IT literacy and/or skills**

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**Q56**  
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).

**Agriculture,**  
**Industry**

**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).

**(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)**

,  
**(d) Building productive capacity,**  
**Energy supply and generation infrastructure,**  
**Banking and financial services,**  
**Building productive capacity,**  
**Agriculture,**  
**Industry,**  
**Travel and tourism**

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**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):

Austrian Development Agency; Austrian Development Bank; Austrian Ministry for Digital and Economic Affairs

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