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Q1

FRANCE

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

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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):

The French Aid for Trade strategy was defined in 2009 and targets two priority areas of intervention: i) the development of regional trade policies on the one hand, through the definition and implementation of regional trade policies, the structuring of regional professional players, the implementation of a standardization and quality policy, and the management of market risks for strategic products; ii) and the development of a competitive offer on the local, regional and international markets on the other hand, through the reinforcement of production capacities, the development of sectors, the financing of infrastructures with a regional vocation, and the use financing tools adapted to the development needs of the productive sectors. An evaluation of France's contribution to Aid for Trade (APC) 2009-2019 is underway in order to revise the French Aid for Trade strategy by the end of 2022 and thus guarantee better consideration emerging issues, particularly in terms of trade and sustainable development.

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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).

Export diversification	1
International competitiveness	5
Regional integration	3
Trade facilitation	4
Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	2

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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 Same

Has Aid for Trade become a more or less important part of your development policy since 2019?

Q8 Yes

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

Q9 Yes,
Additional information on your development or aid strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic. (Please provide weblinks as applicable):
The issue of economic recovery after the 2019 COVID pandemic is at the heart of the various Aid for Trade programs implemented by France. Indeed, the programs aim to “build back better” by finding practical solutions for a more sustainable, resilient and inclusive economic recovery.

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Q10 Environmentally sustainable (or green) growth, including circular economy
,
Poverty reduction objectives,
Preparedness, recovery and resilience,
Trade policy modernization and upgrading

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Q11
Please provide names, titles, references or weblinks to policy documents relevant to your Aid-for-Trade activities and action.

LAW No. 2021-1031 of August 4, 2021 on programming relating to solidarity development and the fight against global inequalities
Link: <https://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/jorf/id/JORFTEXT000043898536>

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Q12**Yes**

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

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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,****Sustainable trade strategy, policy or plan,****Strategy, policy or plan for circular economy/sustainable consumption and production patterns**

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Strategy, policy or plan for COVID-19 recovery

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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).

Sustainable Production and Consumption (SDG 12),**Climate Action (SDG 13),****Life on Land (SDG 15)****Q15****No**

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

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Q16**Respondent skipped this question**

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

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Q17**Respondent skipped this question**

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

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Q18

Respondent skipped this question

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

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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,
Forestry,
Industry,
Services

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,
Forestry,
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).

Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,
Gender inequality,
Limited economic and export diversification,
Other (please specify),
Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment

Lack of technology transfer (including know-how),

Additional information on the challenges most likely to constitute obstacles towards sustainable trade, sustainable consumption and production patterns (i.e., circular economy). (Please provide examples as applicable):

Inadequate network infrastructure (electricity, water, telecommunications)

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)

Gender inequality,**Other (please specify),****Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment**

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Lack of technology transfer (including sharing of know-how)

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Additional information on the main challenges that Aid for Trade should address to support a transition to sustainable development. (Please provide examples as applicable):

Inadequate network infrastructure (electricity, water, telecommunications)

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Q23**Yes**

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

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Q24**Agriculture,**

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

Forestry,**Industry****Q25****No**

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

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Q26**Unsure**

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

Q27**No,**

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

Additional information on your Aid-for-Trade policy documents for digital connectivity. (Please include weblinks of the source used):

Not included in the 2009 French Aid for Trade Strategy

Q28

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

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-commerce,**E-learning,****Smart energy grids****Q30**

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?

Unsure**Q31**

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?

Yes**Q32**

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

Digital gender divide,**Inadequate network infrastructure including broadband capacity**

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E-commerce development strategy needs to be developed/updated

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Poor digital skills and IT literacy

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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,****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 policy and administrative management,

Trade facilitation,

Multilateral trade negotiations,

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)

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(d) Building productive capacity,

(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,

Building productive capacity,

Agriculture,

(e) Trade related adjustment (Including supporting developing countries to put in place accompanying measures that assist them to benefit from liberalized trade)

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,
 Burundi,
 Colombia,
 Comoros,
 Democratic Republic of the Congo,
 Ecuador,
 Egypt,
 Ghana,
 Guinea,
 Guinea-Bissau,
 Haiti,
 Indonesia,
 Kenya,
 Lao People's Democratic Republic,
 Liberia,
 Madagascar,
 Mali,
 Mauritius,
 Morocco,
 Mozambique,
 Niger,
 Nigeria,
 Peru,
 Rwanda,
 Senegal,
 Seychelles,
 Sierra Leone,
 South Africa,
 South Sudan,
 The Gambia,
 Togo

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).

South Africa

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?

Project funded under the PRCC (Commercial Capacity Building Program) to control the fruit fly in West Africa:

The horticultural production sector contributes to the food balance of millions of consumers in West Africa and represents an important source of foreign exchange and employment for low-income countries. The contribution of the fruit and vegetable sector to the export earnings of member countries of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) is handicapped by non-compliance with European Union phytosanitary standards, in particular following infestations of the pulp by phytophagous flies. Interceptions at EU borders lead to heavy losses for producing countries in West Africa. 10 of the 15 ECOWAS Member States are particularly concerned by the mango trade in the sub-region and towards the European area.

France therefore supports a regional program in West Africa to control these flies to strengthen the compliance of horticultural products with European phytosanitary standards. This initiative has made it possible to reduce losses on production exported to the European Union and therefore to improve the income of market gardeners. A way to reduce poverty and contribute to food security in this region.

Link: <https://www.afd.fr/fr/carte-des-projets/soutien-au-plan-regional-de-lutte-contre-la-mouche-des-fruits>

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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?

Q39**Yes**

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

Q40**Respondent skipped this question**

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

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Q41**Yes,**

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

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):
 Within the framework of the United Nations 2030 Agenda, and with a view to achieving SDG 5, France has decided to significantly strengthen its action, at the strategic and operational levels, in order to integrate equality between women and men and the systematic consideration of gender, both transversally and specifically, at the heart of its action in terms of solidarity development policy.

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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).

Aid-for-Trade or development strategy, policy or plan,
Gender equality strategy, policy or plan

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)?

Unsure

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Q44

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

Unsure,

Additional information on the data on women's economic empowerment that your government/institution collects. (Please include weblinks as applicable).:
 France relies on cross-data on trade and gender collected in international bodies (including OECD and OECD), as well as on impact studies carried out both ex ante and ex post by the European Union in under its trade agreements.

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,
Difficulties in meeting regulatory and procedural requirements
 ,
Exclusion from male-dominated distribution networks
 ,
Gender pay gap,
Lack of access to digital services,
Informal employment,
Smaller sized business

Q46

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

Yes

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Q47**Yes**

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

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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	5
Duration in years (1, 2 or more than 3)	From 2 to 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)	0%
Percentage of projects that also included other objectives (please specify which in the box below and include the % sign in your response)	100%

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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 women traders' inclusion in regional trade.
 ,
Supporting women's entrepreneurship

Q50**Yes**

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

Q51**Yes**

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

Q52**Yes**

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

Q53**Yes**

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

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Q54**Yes**

Do women face particular difficulties in accessing digital technologies?

Q55

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

Inadequate network infrastructure,**Lack of awareness of opportunities offered by digital technologies**

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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,****Services**

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,

Regional trade agreements (RTAs),

Multilateral trade negotiations,

(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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(d) Building productive capacity,

(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)

Q58

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

Project funded under the PRCC (Commercial Capacity Building Program), known as Equity II

The Equity II project aims to contribute to sustainable economic development, fight against poverty and strengthen family farming by supporting the development of fair trade sectors that are resilient to climate change in West Africa (Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Ghana, Togo and Benin).

The first component of this project aims to consolidate fair trade producer organizations through several financial facilities and under their own project management for agroecological transition, gender equality, improvement of quality, business capacity building and digital. A financial envelope of €1.4 million will be specifically dedicated to Cocoa PO projects in Côte d'Ivoire. The component includes FO capacity building actions and support for the FTA-WAN Women's Leadership School.). All the sectors subject to certification (cocoa, shea, fruit, cashew, crafts, sesame, etc.) are concerned, as well as the 4 CE labels (Fairtrade, Fair for Life, WFTO, SPP).

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Q59

Respondent skipped this question

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