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IRELAND

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Q3: Do you have an Aid-for-Trade Strategy?

Yes

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Q4: If no, please indicate if your development policy includes trade priorities.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q5: Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. If yes, please rank the top 5 priorities areas among the items listed. (1 being the most important)

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

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Q6: Has your Aid-for-Trade strategy changed since 2014?

No

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Q7: If yes, what are the top 3 drivers of these changes? (Please choose no more than 3 options)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q8: How has your Aid-for-Trade spending changed since 2014?

Between 0-10% reduction

Q9: How do you expect your Aid-for-Trade spending to change in the next 5 years?

No change

Q10: Looking ahead, what changes do you expect to your Aid-for-Trade strategy in the next 5 years?

Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals

Q11: Are you engaging with the private sector in the design, delivery and monitoring of your Aid-for-Trade programmes?

Yes

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Q12: If yes, how are you engaging with the private sector:

Project or programme implementation,
Additional information on how you are engaging with the private sector in the design, delivery and monitoring of your Aid-for-Trade programmes. Ireland's Africa Agri-Food Development Fund (AADF) seeks to develop partnerships between the Irish Agri-Food Sector and African countries to support the sustainable growth of the local food industry, build markets for local produce and support mutual trade between Ireland and Africa. The AADF has a budget in 2016 of €540,000, co-funded by the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine and the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

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Q13: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?

Yes

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Q14: If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you think that Aid for Trade may help to achieve? Sustainable Development Goals:

1. No poverty , 2. Zero hunger ,
3. Good health and well-being , 5. Gender equality ,
7. Affordable and clean energy ,
8. Decent work and economic growth ,
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,
10. Reduce inequalities, 14. Life below water ,
17. Partnership for the goals

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Q15: Are you integrating women's economic empowerment into your Aid-for-Trade programmes?

Yes,

Additional information on how women's economic empowerment is being integrated into your Aid-for-Trade programmes? (e.g. indicating how these programmes are attempting to impact women and marginalized groups)
e.g. we provide support to the International Trade Centre which has a focus on empowering women to trade.

Q16: Have you undertaken an evaluation of your Aid-for-Trade support?

Yes,

Additional information on the evaluation of your Aid-for-Trade support. (Please include information on the review's finding and/or a weblink to the evaluation document)
Ireland actively participates in evaluations of the aid for trade organisations to which we provide support e.g. WTO Standards and Trade Development Facility Mid-Term Review Jan 2014 (http://www.standardsfacility.org/sites/default/files/STDF_MTR_Jan-14.pdf); Independent Evaluation of the International Trade Centre May 2014 (http://www.intracen.org/uploadedFiles/intracenorg/Content/About_ITC/Working_with_ITC/JAG/Redesign/1.%20Evaluation%20Report.pdf); WTO Trade-Related Technical Assistance Evaluation 2016

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Q17: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your Aid-for-Trade programming? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Yes, Aid-for-Trade strategy with a broader conception of trade facilitation (e.g. trade and transport facilitation)

Q18: Are you providing Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Yes, funding to regional/multilateral TFA implementation mechanism

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Q19: If yes, how are you programming Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation support?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Other (please specify),

Additional information on how you are programming Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation support.

In 2014 Ireland soft-earmarked 10% (amounting to €90,000) of our contribution to the International Trade Centre to work on Trade Facilitation. In 2015 we transferred a balance of CHF36,000 from the WTO Trade Facilitation National Needs Assessment trust fund to the new Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility.

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Q20: In which regions are you providing Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement? (You may tick more than one box)

Other (please specify),

Additional information on the regions in which you are you providing Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement.

As per Q17 we are providing funding via the International Trade Centre and the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility which provide support to all regions.

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Q21: For implementation of which disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement are you providing Aid-for-Trade support?(You may tick more that 1 box)

Other (please specify),

Additional information on disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement for which you are providing Aid-for-Trade support, for example with respect to specific measures within articles (e.g. single window, authorized operator, etc.).

As per Q17 we are providing funding via the International Trade Centre and the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility which provide support across the disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement

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Q22: What difficulties, if any, are you facing in programming and providing support to partner countries or regional economic communities to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Other (please specify),
Additional information on difficulties, if any, are you facing in programming and providing support to partner countries or regional economic communities to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement. As per Q17 we are providing funding via the International Trade Centre and the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement Facility and thus have no issues to raise in this regard.

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Q23: Are you working with the private sector to support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement?

No

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Q24: If yes, how are you engaging with the private sector:(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q25: Does e-commerce (or other digital strategy) feature among the priorities in your national development policy?

No

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Q26: If yes, please indicate which of the following is included: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q27: Do you have any special policy initiatives that cover the area of e-commerce (or other digital strategy)?

No

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Q28: Does e-commerce feature in your in-country dialogues with partner countries?

Yes

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Q29: If yes, please indicate which of the following is included: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development

Q30: If yes, please indicate how demand from partner countries for e-commerce support has grown in the past 5 years:

Significant growth in demand for support

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Q31: Does e-commerce feature in your dialogues with regional partners e.g. regional economic communities or transport corridors?

No

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Q32: If yes, please indicate which of the following : (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q33: If yes, please indicate how demand from regional partners for e-commerce support has grown in the past 5 years:

Respondent skipped this question

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Q34: What types of support are you offering for e-commerce development?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) skills and training

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Q35: Are you working with the private sector to support growth in e-commerce in partner countries and regions?

No

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Q36: Based on your experience of e-commerce support programmes, please indicate the main issues that firms and consumers in your partner countries face in accessing and using internet services?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Access to labour with necessary technical skills ,
 Consumer rights, Cybercrime laws,
 Intellectual property registration and policies addressing IP infringement
 ,
 On-line fraud, Slow internet connection speeds

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Q37: What are the most common trade issues that you encounter in your e-commerce support programmes? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Banking restrictions on foreign exchange transfer ,
 Difficulties accessing third-party payment services ,
 High shipping costs,
 Issuance and acceptance of conformity assessment certificates
 ,
 Issuance and acceptance of export certificates ,
 Issuance and acceptance of origin certificates ,
 Issuance and acceptance of sanitary and phytosanitary certificates
 ,
 No customs or low de minimis threshold,
 On-line fraud,
 Problems with on-line payment systems ,
 Other regulatory issues (please specify) ,
 Additional information on the most common trade issues that you encounter in your e-commerce support programmes.
 e.g. the Mozambican legislation does not adequately provide for home delivery of courier packages, such that they can only be delivered to the post office and customers must then themselves go and get them and pay duty. The Mozambican government is currently reviewing this legislation.

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Q38: Do you anticipate a growth in future demand from partner countries and regional partners in the area of e-commerce?

Yes

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Q39: If yes, please elaborate:

Some growth in demand for support

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Q40: In your view, can growth in e-commerce in partner countries and regions make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?

Yes

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Q41: Does your development policy or Aid-for-Trade strategy include trade-related infrastructure development priorities?

No

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Q42: Do you have any special policy initiatives that cover the area of infrastructure or trade-related infrastructure specifically?

No

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Q43: Does trade-related infrastructure feature in your in-country dialogues with partner countries?

Yes

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Q44: If yes, please indicate which of the following : (You may tick more than 1 box)

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE,
Air transport infrastructure

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Q45: Does trade-related infrastructure feature in your dialogues with regional partners (e.g. regional economic communities or transport corridors)?

No

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Q46: If yes, please indicate which of the following services trade sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy :(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q47: Do your programmes link trade-related infrastructure to the development of related services sectors?

Yes

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Q48: If yes, please specify which services sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box)

Higher education services

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Q49: Which service sectors do you expect will support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement and will help realize associated economic benefits in partner countries? (You may tick more than 1 box)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, Legal services,
Engineering services, Veterinary services,
COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g., services related to installation of computer hardware, data processing and database services)
,
Postal services,
Courier and express delivery services,
CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES
,
DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and retail trade services)
,
Higher education services,
TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)
,
Maritime transport services,
Air transport services, Rail transport services,
Road transport services,
Pipeline transport services,
Services auxiliary to all modes of transport (cargo handling, storage and warehouse, freight transport agency services, etc.)

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Q50: Do your development programmes link growth in services capacity and services trade to growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing exports?

No

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Q51: If yes, please specify which services sectors are identified for growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing. (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q52: What are the main issues constraining growth in national services capacity and trade in your partner countries? Issues constraining growth : (You may tick more than 1 box)

Absence of national services policy framework ,
 Access to finance ,
 Competition from suppliers in informal sector ,
 Costs of services offered ,
 Education and vocational training ,
 Funding constraints of national professional bodies ,
 Lack of recognition internationally of professional or vocational qualifications
 ,
 Licensing requirements ,
 Limited access to export markets ,
 Low levels of domestic investment ,
 Low levels of foreign direct investment ,
 National monopolies ,
 Poor information and communication technology network infrastructure
 ,
 Poor transport infrastructure (maritime, inland waterway, air, rail, road)
 ,
 Quality of services offered , Regulatory restrictions ,
 Other (please specify) ,
 Additional information about the main issues constraining growth in national services capacity and trade in your partner countries.
 Political economy of trade i.e. vested interests in certain modes of transport or in maintaining high fees for services such as non-intrusive scanning.

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Q53: Does your Aid-for-Trade programming include actions to improve the investment climate in partner countries?

Yes

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Q54: If yes, please specify how: (You may tick more than 1 box)

By providing assistance to update investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

,

By training officials, Other (please specify),

Additional information on actions to improve investment climate in partner countries.

Support to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to improve efficiency of business licencing and Mozambique's ranking on the 'Doing Business' Index. Ireland has supported the Ugandan Investment Authority in the development of their new strategy through training provided to their staff under the Africa Strategy Implementation Fund on strategic investment and export promotion in 2016. We engage in dialogue on a regular basis with key state agencies including the Ugandan Investment Authority and Uganda Free Zone Authority. In addition, state agencies involved in investment and trade promotion are invited to nominate candidates under the Irish Aid Fellowship Training Programme and a number have been awarded fellowships over the past 3 years. Ireland is currently supporting a fellow from the UIA to undertake an MBA regionally. Ireland also supports the World Bank Group Foreign Investment Advisory Service.

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Q55: What Aid-for-Trade actions have you taken to support national or regional initiatives to improve the investment climate in partner countries during the past 5 years? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Facilitating entry and operations of foreign investors ,

Focusing on investment policy implementation and enforcement

,

Focusing on public governance and institutions ,

Reforming an existing investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency

,

Training officials,

Updating investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

,

Other (please specify),

Additional information on Aid-for-Trade actions to support national or regional initiatives to improve investment climate reforms in partner countries in the past 5 years.

Support to the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to improve efficiency of business licencing and Mozambique's ranking on the 'Doing Business' Index.

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Q56: Are you providing specific assistance and capacity building to help LDCs utilize services waiver opportunities? No

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Q57: If yes, what kind of support are you providing? (You may tick more than 1 box) *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q58: In your view, can the development of services trade contribute to women's economic empowerment? Yes

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Q59: If yes, please specify in which services sectors? Services sectors:(You may tick more than 1 box)

BUSINESS SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
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Legal services, COMMUNICATION SERVICES,
Postal and courier, express mail services ,
Telecommunications, EDUCATION SERVICES,
DISTRIBUTION SERVICES,
TRANSPORT SERVICES, Air transport services,
Land transport services,
Maritime transport services,
Services auxiliary to all modes of transport ,
ENERGY SERVICES, FINANCIAL SERVICES,
HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES,
TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES

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Q60: CONSULTATION Please list other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply.

Respondent skipped this question

