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**Q1**

**IRELAND**

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

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**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):

Ireland's Policy for International Development A Better World

(<https://www.irishaid.ie/media/irishaid/aboutus/abetterworldirelandspolicyforinternationaldevelopment/A-Better-World-Irelands-Policy-for-International-Development.pdf>) includes a commitment to promote inclusive economic growth and trade and support initiatives that seek to foster trade and investment.

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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	<b>1</b>
MSMEs growth and development	<b>4</b>
Trade facilitation	<b>2</b>
Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	<b>3</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****Same**

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

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**Q8****Respondent skipped this question**

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

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**Q9****No**

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.

Ireland's Policy for International Development A Better World

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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**

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

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).

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**Q14**

**Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7),**

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).

**Climate Action (SDG 13)**

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**Q15**

**Yes**

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

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**Q16**

**Yes**

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

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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.:

As an EU member this would be via EU dialogues.

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**Q18**

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

**Yes**

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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**

**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).

**Mining****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).

**Access to finance,  
Business climate,  
Domestic political challenges (e.g., security and stability)  
,  
Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,  
Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,  
Gender inequality,  
Limited agricultural processing capacity**

**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)

**Access to finance,  
Business climate,  
Gender inequality,  
Limited agricultural processing capacity**

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**Q23****No**

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).

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**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?

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**Q27****No**

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

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**Q28****Respondent skipped this question**

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

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**Q29****Respondent skipped this question**

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

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**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?

**Q32**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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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,**  
**Fisheries,**  
**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).

**(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,**  
**(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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**Q35**

Respondent skipped this question

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).

**Q36**

Respondent skipped this question

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**

Respondent skipped this question

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?

**Yes,**

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).: Ireland's Policy for International Development A Better World includes a commitment to develop a new Oceans Funding initiative to explore the potential of the blue economy, for developing countries including SIDS, which has the potential to add to our climate action e.g. through greater employment for women in fish value chains.

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**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).: Through our support for the International Trade Centre.

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**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**

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).:

Ireland's Policy for International Development A Better World includes a commitment to create a new funding initiative for Women's Economic Empowerment.

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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**

**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,**

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).: Not specifically referenced but could be implied.

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**Q44**

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

**Unsure**

**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,  
Harassment, security and safety issues,  
Informal employment,  
Smaller sized business,  
Unpaid care and domestic work**

**Q46**

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

**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?

**Unsure,**

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.:

Have supported such projects through the International Trade Centre and the WTO Standards and Trade Development Facility so presume that will be reported separately via those organisations.

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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.

**Respondent skipped this question**

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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).

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q50**

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q51**

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q52**

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q53**

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

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q54**

Respondent skipped this question

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**

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,**  
**Fisheries,**  
**Industry,**  
**Services**

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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).

**(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,**  
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**Q58**

Respondent skipped this question

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

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**Q59**

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

Nil

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