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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)?

Unsure,

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).:

We do not have a dedicated AfT Strategy even if some of the Italian Cooperation projects and programmes aimed at promoting the Private Sector contain AfT activities

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Q4**Respondent skipped this question**

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).

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Q5

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

Unsure,

Additional information: please specify which of the priorities you selected are new and provide further information. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:
The same as at previous point 3

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Q6

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).

Respondent skipped this question

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Q7

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

Same

Q8

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

Unsure

Q9

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

Yes,

Additional information on your development or aid strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:
An official document concerning the Italian strategy for economic recovery post COVID- 19 pandemic has been published in July 2020.
https://corsidilaurea.uniroma1.it/sites/default/files/risposta_alla_pandemia_2020_finale1_2.pdf

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Q10

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).

Agricultural sector, food production and supply chain support

,

Building productive capacity,

Environmentally sustainable (or green) growth, including circular economy

,

Job creation,

Industrial sector support,

MSME support,

Poverty reduction objectives,

Preparedness, recovery and resilience,

Women's economic empowerment and gender equality

,

Youth economic empowerment,

Additional information on your strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic.:

Italy has promoted and supported a multilateral approach favouring it over bilateral action.

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Q11

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

EU Aid for Trade - Progress Report 2021 (page 148 - ITALY)

https://ec.europa.eu/international-partnerships/system/files/eu-aid-for-trade-progress-report-2021_en.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).:

The environmental dimension of sustainable development is clearly reflected in our recent "Three years Programming and Strategy documents.

https://www.aics.gov.it/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Documento_triennale-2019-2021-REV.pdf

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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,
Export development strategy, policy or plan,
Environmentally sustainable economy strategy (or green growth), policy or plan

,
Environmentally sustainable growth strategy, policy or plan

,
Strategy, policy or plan for circular economy/sustainable consumption and production patterns

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

Additional information on the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) in which sustainable development is reflected.:
https://corsidilaurea.uniroma1.it/sites/default/files/risposta_alla_pandemia_2020_finale1_2.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 Below Water (SDG 14),
Life on Land (SDG 15)

Q15

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

Unsure,
 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).:
 Trade might be a significant objective in some of our initiatives, but, although sometimes important, is it not the principal or one of the principal reasons for undertaking the activity.

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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

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,
Fisheries,
Forestry,
Mining,
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,
Fisheries,
Forestry,
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).

- 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,
- Existing transport infrastructure,
- Gender inequality,
- High concentration of economic activity in the informal sector
- ,
- Lack of human resource capability,
- Lack of political will,
- Limited economic and export diversification,
- Low productive capacity in manufacturing,
- Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity,
- Social pressures (poverty, population growth),
- Lack of technology transfer (including know-how)

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,
- Dependence on a narrow basket of goods and services
- ,
- Developing countries' political challenges (e.g., security and stability)
- ,
- Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,
- Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,
- Existing transport infrastructure,
- Gender inequality,
- High concentration of economic activity in the informal sector
- ,
- Low productive capacity in manufacturing,
- Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity,
- Social pressures (poverty, population growth),
- Lack of technology transfer (including sharing of know-how)

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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 circular economy is in our recent "Three years Programming and Strategy document 2021 - 2023". https://www.aics.gov.it/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Documento_triennale-2019-2021-REV.pdf

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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,

Fisheries,

Forestry,

Mining,

Industry

Q25

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

Unsure

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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.)?

No

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-government,
E-healthcare,
E-learning,
Home energy management systems,
Innovation and technology for gender equality,
Smart energy grids,
Smart work

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?

No

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,
Digital payments issues,
Inadequate network infrastructure including broadband capacity
 ,
Lack of access to trade finance,
Poor access to internet services,
Poor digital skills and IT literacy,
Slow, expensive or unreliable internet services

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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,
Forestry,
Mining,
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).	Regional trade agreements (RTAs), Multilateral trade negotiations, Energy supply and generation infrastructure, Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Industry, Mineral resources and mining

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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, Cuba, El Salvador, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mozambique, Senegal, Tunisia

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).	

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).:
In our development strategy to support progress on gender equality and/or women's economic empowerment the environmental dimension of sustainable development is considered. https://www.aics.gov.it/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Documento_triennale-2019-2021-REV.pdf

Q39

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

Unsure

Q40

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

Respondent skipped this question

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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).:
Women's economic empowerment is a crucial priority of our Development Cooperation strategy.
https://www.aics.gov.it/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Documento_triennale-2019-2021-REV.pdf

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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).

Export strategy, policy or plan,

Gender equality strategy, policy or plan,

Women's economic empowerment's strategy, policy or plan

Q43

Yes

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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Q44

Unsure

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,
Discriminatory practices,
Exclusion from male-dominated distribution networks
 ,
High trade barriers,
Poor access to professional bodies (e.g., chambers of commerce)
 ,
Time and mobility constraints,
Unpaid care and domestic work

Q46

Yes

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

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Q47

Unsure

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

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Q48

Respondent skipped this question

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

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Q49

Respondent skipped this question

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).

Q50

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q51

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q52

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q53

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

Do women face particular difficulties in accessing digital technologies?

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

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 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)
 ,
(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)
 ,
Transport and storage infrastructure,
Communications infrastructure,
Business and other services,
Banking and financial services,
Building productive capacity,
Agriculture,
Travel and tourism

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):

1) Permanent Mission of Italy to the International Organizations in Geneva; 2) ICE - ITA Italian Trade Agency Rome; 3) Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation - DGCS - Uff. II - Rome
