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Q1

RUSSIAN FEDERATION

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)?

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):

Currently, the key policy document on the development assistance in Russia is the Russian State Concept on International Development Assistance of April 20, 2014 (hereinafter – the Concept). Article 10 of the Concept envisages the following priority areas which also include trade-related ones: - improving the performance of governance systems, - improving conditions for trade and investment in recipient countries, including through trade and investment facilitation, - building industrial and innovation capacities in recipient countries, - boosting economic activity in recipient countries, and establishing the prerequisites for enhanced involvement of the poorest groups in it - establishing and strengthening national systems for combating organised crime and terrorism, - supporting efforts on post-conflict peacebuilding, - promoting regional economic integration, as well as developing public institutions, establishing and developing transport infrastructure, promoting rational use of natural resources, implementing socio-economic projects realization, involving the poorest groups in the manufacturing processes, - ensuring access of the population to the basic human needs, first of all water and electric energy, - providing technological sovereignty in information, communication technologies and addressing information imbalance between developed and developing countries, - food security and development in agriculture, - enhancement of national health and social protection systems, including aimed at combating the spread of infectious diseases - educational quality enhancement, above all elementary and professional level, and ensuring its' accessibility - environment protection and solution of cross-border environmental issues, - development of the democracy institutes, including human rights protection.

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).

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

The Russian State Concept on International Development Assistance does not have any ranking of priority areas of international development assistance. The areas mentioned in the answer to Question 3 are considered equally important. A web-link (available in Russian): <http://www.kremlin.ru/acts/bank/38334> - Decree of the President of the Russian Federation "On approval of the Russian State Concept of International Development Assistance" (as amended by the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation N 248, dated 24 May 2016). These areas mainly cover all the areas mentioned in the list in Question 4. In addition, numerous assistance projects are being implemented through relevant international organisations and platforms, including the Russia-UNDP Trust Fund for Development, UNECE, and ESCAP. Trade-related projects implemented in the recent years also covered all the areas mentioned in the list above.

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Q5

No

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

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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).

**2030 Sustainable Development Goals,
Environmental sustainability (or green) growth,
including circular economy
,
Economic and trade impact of COVID-19 pandemic,
E-commerce development (and digital transformation)
,
Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) Implementation**

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Q7

Same

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

Q8

Unsure

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

Q9

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

Unsure,

Additional information on your development or aid strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:

The Russian State Concept of International Development Assistance – which is the key strategic document for development - has not changed since 2016 and does not directly refer to economic recovery post COVID pandemic as an assistance area. However, a number of assistance projects being implemented through the Russia-UNDP Trust Fund for Development, UNECE, and ESCAP, and line with the more broader priorities contained in the Concept addressed the issue of the COVID-19 impacts.

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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.

A web-link (available in Russian): <http://www.kremlin.ru/acts/bank/38334> - Decree of the President of the Russian Federation "On approval of the Russian State Concept of International Development Assistance" (as amended by the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation N 248, dated 24 May 2016).

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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):

As it stated in the response to question 3 of this document, the environmental dimension of sustainable development is reflected in the following priority areas set out in Article 10 of the Russian State Concept on International Development Assistance: “ensuring access of the population to the basic human needs, first of all water and electricity”, “environment protection and solution of cross-border environmental issues”.

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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,

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

Sustainable development as an area for development assistance is covered by the priority areas set out by the Russian State Concept on International Development Assistance (please, see the response to the Question 3). There is no separate policy document on the development assistance in the area of sustainable development.

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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).

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.:

Article 8 of the Russian State Concept on International Development Assistance include Russian state policy principles of International Development Assistance. One of them is the commitment of the Russian Federation to the priorities of the Sustainable Development. It means that Russia is committed to all 17 SDGs facing the balance between all three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social and environmental. In other words, all Russian state strategies, policies or plan, related to development, target implicitly some environment-specific goals.

Q15

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

Yes,

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).:

Yes, please see the response to Question 3.

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Q16

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

Yes,

Additional information on how the environmental dimension of sustainable development is reflected in your development policy document(s), plan(s) or strategy(ies). (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:

Yes, one of the examples is “the development of circular economy” as one of the key assistance areas. Please see the response to Question 3.

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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.:

Russia supports international development, including through trade in a variety of ways, including by various assistance programs and projects within the framework of a number of international organizations. Numerous projects are being implemented, including through the Russia-UNDP Trust Fund for Development, UNECE, ESCAP. All of it include the use of some kind of a “single window”. Usually it is an authorized state body which is responsible for contacts of any kind on the bilateral basis with the recipient country.

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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).

Additional information on the economic sector(s) that would gain the most in terms of economic and export diversification as a result of the move to sustainable development.:

The question seems unclear. It depends on the partner, country's economic structure, geography and nature conditions, level of development etc.

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).

Additional information on the economic sectors that may face the biggest challenge from the move to sustainable development.:

The question seems unclear. It depends on the partner, country's economic structure, geography and nature conditions, level of development etc.

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).

Other (please specify),

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).:

The transition should be gradual and provide for co-generation in order to ensure the sustainability of the energy sector and manufacturing processes. It must take into account national specificities and interests, as well as the economic structure of the state. Current developments in the trade and climate-related policies of the large industrialized countries impact the overall competition in the international market. The pace set by the industrialized countries may not be affordable by many developed and LDCs partners.

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**
- ,**
- High trade costs,**
- Lack of data to support decision-making,**
- Lack of human resource capability,**
- Lack of political will,**
- Limited agricultural processing capacity,**
- Limited economic and export diversification,**
- Low productive capacity in manufacturing,**
- Low productivity of agricultural sector,**
- Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity,**
- Social pressures (poverty, population growth),**
- Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment**
- ,**
- Lack of technology transfer (including sharing of know-how)**

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).: Circular economy as an area for development assistance is covered by the priority areas set out by the Russian State Concept on International Development Assistance (please, see the response to the Question 3). There is no separate policy document on the development assistance in the area of circular economy. As to the national strategy on circular economy, the key policy document is the Strategy of the Russian Federation for the Development of Industrial Processing, Utilization and Decontamination of Production and Consumption Wastes till 2030.

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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).

**Mining,
Industry,
Services**

Q25

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

Yes

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Q26

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

Yes,

Additional information on how digital connectivity is reflected in your sustainable development strategy, policy or plan.: Digital connectivity as an area for development assistance is covered by the priority areas set out by the Russian State Concept on International Development Assistance (please, see the response to the Question 3). There is no separate policy document on the development assistance in the area of digital connectivity.

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).

Agriculture,
Fisheries,
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).

Digital contents,
E-civil service,
E-commerce,
E-government,
E-healthcare,
E-learning,
E-logistics,
Smart work,
Telepresence,
Transport information systems

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**
- ,**
- Insufficient or uneven internet coverage,**
- Lack of access to trade finance,**
- Digital connectivity strategy needs to be developed/updated**
- ,**
- E-commerce development strategy needs to be developed/updated**
- ,**
- Poor access to internet services,**
- Poor digital skills and IT literacy,**
- Rules relating to e-commerce need updating,**
- Slow, expensive or unreliable internet services,**
- 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,**
- Industry**

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).

- Unsure,**
- Additional information on the categories of Aid-for-Trade in which you think support should be focused so as to advancesustainable development.:
- In Russia's view, it depends on the recipient country.

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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).

Antigua and Barbuda,
 Armenia,
 Belarus,
 Belize,
 Botswana,
 Cambodia,
 Comoros,
 Cook Islands,
 Cuba,
 Fiji,
 Guinea,
 Kenya,
 Kiribati,
 Kyrgyz Republic,
 Lao People's Democratic Republic,
 Madagascar,
 Marshall Islands,
 Micronesia,
 Moldova,
 Nauru,
 Niue,
 Palau,
 Papua New Guinea,
 Samoa,
 Solomon Islands,
 Tajikistan,
 Tokelau,
 Tonga,
 Turkmenistan,
 Uzbekistan,
 Zimbabwe

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 Korea*,
 Cuba

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

Unsure

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

Unsure

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

Q40

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

No

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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):
 Women economic empowerment as an area for development assistance is covered by the priority areas ("boosting economic activity in recipient countries", "socio-economic projects realization") set out by the Russian State Concept on International Development Assistance (please, see the response to the Question 3). There is no separate policy document on the development assistance in the area of women 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,
Export strategy, policy or plan,
Gender equality strategy, policy or plan,
Trade development strategy, policy or plan,
Trade development strategy,
Women's economic empowerment's strategy, policy or plan

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

Women economic empowerment as an area for development assistance is covered by the priority areas ("boosting economic activity in recipient countries", "socio-economic projects realization") set out by the Russian State Concept on International Development Assistance (please, see the response to the Question 3). There is no separate policy document on the development assistance in the area of women economic empowerment. As to the national strategy on women empowerment in general, the key policy document is the 2017-2022 National Strategy for Action for Women.

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

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Q44

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

Yes,

Additional information on the data on women's economic empowerment that your government/institution collects. (Please include weblinks as applicable):
https://www.nalog.gov.ru/rn77/news/activities_fts/10662978/

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,

Lack of access to digital services,

Lack of access to redress options,

Informal employment,

Occupational segregation,

Smaller sized business,

Unpaid care and domestic work,

Unpaid employment

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?

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.:

A number of related projects funded by Russia have been/are being implemented through - the UNIDO (such as "UNIDO as a platform to develop women's entrepreneurship and strengthen the economic role of women"); - the Russia-UNDP Trust Fund for Development (such as "Empowering young women entrepreneurs through access to digital services, financing, and economic opportunities through the existing YouthConnekt project", "Building sustainable entrepreneurship: supporting youth and women entrepreneurs" and "Adapting entrepreneurial and professional skills to the post-pandemic labor market in Uzbekistan").

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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	7
Duration in years (1, 2 or more than 3)	2
Percentage of projects that included women's economic empowerment as their sole/main objective (please include the % sign in your response)	10%
Percentage of projects that also included other objectives (please specify which in the box below and include the % sign in your response)	90%

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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,**
- Increasing women's participation in services sectors,**
- Facilitating access to digital technologies and e-commerce platforms**
- ,**
- Facilitating access to trade finance,**
- Facilitating access to trade-related information,**
- Facilitating women's traders' inclusion in Global Value Chains (GVC)**
- ,**
- Facilitating women traders' inclusion in regional trade.**
- ,**
- Gender sensitive awareness initiatives for trade stakeholders (e.g., border officials regarding safety issues);**
- ,**
- Supporting women's entrepreneurship,**
- Supporting women-owned/led MSMEs to export,**
- Supporting women's representation in trade policy and design of trade/Aid-for-Trade initiatives**

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 **Unsure**

Do women face particular difficulties in accessing digital technologies?

Q55 **Lack of awareness of opportunities offered by digital technologies**
,
Poor IT literacy and/or skills

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 **Agriculture,**

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).

Industry,
Services

Q57 Additional information on the categories of Aid-for-Trade in which you think support should be focused so as to advance sustainable development.:
In Russia's view, it depends on the recipient country.

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).

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):

Ministry of Economic Development, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
