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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):

Trade logistics and trade facilitation

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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	3
Connecting to value chains	2
Regional integration	5
Trade facilitation	1
Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	4
Additional information and weblink(s) to the relevant strategy(ies), polic(ies) or plan(s) in which your Aid- for-Trade priorities are included.	And implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement

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Q5

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

Yes,

Additional information: please specify which of the priorities you selected are new and provide further information. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: Delivery of online IT tools for coordination of the National Trade Facilitation Committees Development of e-learning platform on Trade Facilitation

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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).

Continental or regional policy instruments (e.g. AfCFTA)
,
E-commerce development (and digital transformation)
,
New regional development or integration strategy, policy or plan
,
Regional Trade Agreements (RTAs),
Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) Implementation

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Q7

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

Same

Q8**Yes**

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?

Yes,

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

Development of a digital trade facilitation strategy based on e-learning platform and online IT tools such as the Reform Tracker and Trade Information Portals

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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).

Digital connectivity and transformation,**Trade facilitation**

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Q11

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

Respondent skipped this question

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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):

UNCTAD contributed to the Asia-Pacific Trade and Investment Report 2021 on Climate Smart Transport and Trade Facilitation (Chapter 5)

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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).

Trade development strategy, policy or plan,**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.:

Trade Facilitation plans and roadmaps

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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),**Climate Action (SDG 13),****Other (please specify),**

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.:

Sustainable Development Goals, particularly through the Goal 7 on Energy, Goal 9 on Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, and Goal 13 on Climate Change

Q15

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

Yes

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Q16

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

Yes

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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

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Q18

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

Unsure

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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,**Industry**

Q20**Industry**

Please identify the economic sectors that may face the biggest challenge from the move to sustainable development. (You may tick more than 1 box).

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,**Domestic political challenges (e.g., security and stability)**

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Existing transport infrastructure,**Lack of data to support decision-making,****Lack of political will****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)

Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,**Existing transport infrastructure,****High trade costs,****Lack of data to support decision-making**

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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).

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?

Q27**Yes**

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

Q28

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

Agriculture,
Fisheries,
Forestry,
Mining,
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-learning,
E-logistics,
Innovation and technology for gender equality,
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?

Yes,
 Additional information on Aid-for-Trade projects for digital connectivity towards sustainable development, environmentally sustainable growth or circular economy that you want to showcase as an example of best practice. (Please provide weblinks as applicable):
 Trade Information Portal in East Africa:
<https://tradehelpdesk.eac.int/> UNCTAD e-learning platform on Trade Facilitation: <https://tfelearning.unctad.org/>

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

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,**
- 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,**
- 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).

Trade facilitation,

Regional trade agreements (RTAs),

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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(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

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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).

Additional information on the partners to which you provide Aid-for-Trade financing for the environmental dimension of sustainable development.:

UNCTAD Trade facilitation Section supports or has supported more than 50 NTFCs

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).

Respondent skipped this question

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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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)?

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Q42**Trade development strategy,**

If yes, please indicate the strategy, policy, or plan in which women's economic empowerment is included: (You may tick more than one box).

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

Trade Facilitation strategy

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**Yes,**

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

Additional information on the data on women's economic empowerment that your government/institution collects. (Please include weblinks as applicable).:

UNCTAD collects database from the NTFCs

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,**
- Gender pay gap,**
- Harassment, security and safety issues,**
- High trade barriers,**
- Lack of access to digital services,**
- Informal employment,**
- Poor access to information,**
- Poor access to professional bodies (e.g., chambers of commerce)**
- ,**
- Restricted access to markets**

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.:
Trainings on Women in Trade and Trade Facilitation

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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 **16**

Duration in years (1, 2 or more than 3) **2-3 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%**

Additional information on the developing country and the South-South or triangular cooperation partners you have worked with to provide your Aid-for-Trade programmes on women's economic empowerment. You may list other objectives of the projects where women's economic empowerment was not the sole/main focus and provide additional information on the partners with which you have worked. (Please include weblinks as applicable).

Trade Facilitation projects including the women dimension and economic empowerment of women

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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,

Capacity-strengthening initiatives,

Facilitating access to digital technologies and e-commerce platforms

,

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 representation in trade policy and design of trade/Aid-for-Trade initiatives

Q50

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

Yes,

Additional information on the public-private partnerships used to achieve your Aid-for-Trade objectives in relation to women's economic empowerment. Please include reasons as to why or why not. Kindly provide a list of your private sector partners, the number of projects run, and the sectors concerned. You may also describe each project and their impacts in no more than 300 words per project. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: Through the National Trade Facilitation Committees which are public-private partnerships.

Q51

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

Yes

Q52

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

Yes

Q53

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

Yes

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Q54

Do women face particular difficulties in accessing digital technologies?

Yes

Q55

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

High cost of device (e.g., mobile phone),

Inadequate electricity infrastructure,

Inadequate network infrastructure,

Lack of awareness of opportunities offered by digital technologies

,

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,

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,

Regional trade agreements (RTAs),

Trade education/training,

(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)

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):

Respondent skipped this question