

DONOR QUESTIONNAIRE ON AID FOR TRADE

This questionnaire is intended to solicit information about the progress made since the 2008 self assessment. It focuses in particular on the outcomes of aid-for-trade strategies and programmes to further knowledge sharing among stakeholders.

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COUNTRY: United States of America

A. YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE STRATEGY

1. HAS YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE STRATEGY CHANGED SINCE 2008?

YES

NO

NOT SURE

NOT APPLICABLE

1.1 If YES, please rate the importance of each of the following changes?

Greater focus on:	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
• Economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Poverty reduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Climate change and green growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Gender equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Regional integration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Monitoring and evaluating results	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Different geographic focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please specify:</i>					
Different thematic focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please specify:</i>					
Phasing out of aid for trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please specify:</i>					
1.2 If YES, please rate the importance of the following driving forces behind these changes:					
	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
The economic crisis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Changed priorities in the development strategies of partner countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changed priorities in the development strategies of regional bodies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change of national government	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changes in bilateral trade and investment relations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changed priorities in your development cooperation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New research, approaches, or aid instruments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More focus on triangular co-operation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please specify:</i>					

2. LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013, IS YOUR GOVERNMENT PLANNING ANY CHANGES TO ITS AID-FOR-TRADE STRATEGY?

YES

NO

NOT SURE

NOT APPLICABLE

2.1 If YES, please rate the importance of the changes your government is planning:

Greater focus on:	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
Economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Poverty reduction	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Climate change and green growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional integration	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monitoring and evaluating results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Different geographic focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please specify:</i>					
Different thematic focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please specify:</i>					
Phasing out of aid for trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify: The United States has a new strategy for development. The approach to global development addresses the new strategic context faced by the United States through three pillars: 1) A policy focused on sustainable development outcomes that places a premium on broad based economic growth, democratic governance, game changing innovations, and sustainable systems for meeting basic human needs; 2) A new operational model that positions the United States to be a more effective partner and to leverage our leadership; and 3) a modern architecture that elevates development and harnesses development capabilities spread across government in support of comment objectives - including a deliberate effort to leverage the engagement of, and collaboration with, other donors, foundations, the private sector and NGO's - not just at the project level, but systemically.

B. YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE FINANCING

DEMAND

3. HAS THE DEMAND FOR AID FOR TRADE FROM YOUR PARTNER COUNTRIES CHANGED SINCE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED INCREASED LITTLE/NO CHANGE DECLINED NOT SURE

3.1 *If the demand increased, please describe from which countries and for which type of aid for trade:*

4. HAS THE DEMAND FOR AID FOR TRADE FOR REGIONAL INTEGRATION PROGRAMMES CHANGED SINCE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED INCREASED LITTLE/NO CHANGE DECLINED NOT SURE

4.1 *If the demand increased, please describe from which regions and for which type of aid for trade:*

RESOURCES

5. HAVE YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE RESOURCES INCREASED SINCE 2008?

YES NO NOT SURE

6. DOES YOUR AGENCY HAVE INDICATIVE FORWARD SPENDING PLANS?

YES NO NOT SURE

6.1 *If YES, do these forward spending plans include estimates for aid for trade?*

YES NO NOT SURE

6.2 If YES, please specify these estimates: *The United States uses a mix of funding and planning vehicles for foreign assistance, as directed by the U.S. Congress. Planning and spending are intended to be responsive to partner country needs. During the annual budget process agencies begin to allocate resources to specific sector programs, such as Aid for Trade. Final allocations are not made until the Congress acts on the President’s Budget and appropriations levels are known and enacted in law.*

MCC and its partner country agree on budgets for the full MCA program of up to five years in their “compact” (grant agreement), which lays out objectives, program elements and targets for program success. MCC funds this multi-year program in its entirety from the outset so that there is no question of funding availability. For threshold programs which are normally two years in length, the threshold agreement contains program details and funding plans for the entire length of the program. Again, MCC funds are set aside up front to ensure aid predictability. In both cases, MCC calculates overall program funding of Aid for Trade as the agreements enter into force which triggers fund obligation. MCC’s Aid for Trade activities are embedded within the various activities that make up an MCA program and MCC partner countries provide rolling estimates of annual forward spending but do not break out Aid for Trade on an annual basis.

C. IMPLEMENTING YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE STRATEGY

7. IN HOW MANY OF YOUR POLICY DIALOGUES IS TRADE NOW A REGULAR TOPIC OF DISCUSSION?

	> 75%	75% - 50%	50% - 25%	< 25%	NOT SURE	NOT APPLICABLE
With partner countries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
With regional communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8. IS THIS AN IMPROVEMENT COMPARED TO 2008?

	SIGNIFICANT	MODERATE	LITTLE/NONE	NOT SURE	NOT APPLICABLE
With partner countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
With regional communities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9. IS THE PRIVATE SECTOR INVOLVED IN YOUR DIALOGUE?

	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES	RARELY/NEVER	NOT SURE
With partner countries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
With regional communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

9.1 Please describe and provide examples of your experience in dialogues that involve the private sector: *U.S. economic growth assistance programs, including aid for trade, are largely focussed on empowering the private sector to generate sustainable economic activity. As an example, in Sub-saharan Africa, the four USAID Trade Hubs established to support the African Growth and Opportunity Act are focussed on helping private sector actors take advantage of AGOA opportunities. More information on the U.S. experience here can be found in the case story on the trade hubs. In each of our bilateral and regional trade dialogues in the AGOA region, the Trade Hubs and their private sector clients are a key component of our discussions.*

10. IS CIVIL SOCIETY INVOLVED IN YOUR DIALOGUE?

	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES	RARELY/NEVER	NOT SURE
With partner countries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
With regional communities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

10.1 Please describe and provide examples of your experience in dialogues that involve civil society: AID Economic Growth activities involve civil society group. AID and implementors consult with SMEs, Women's groups, firms, and banks. For example, the BizCLIR (Business Climate Legal & Institutional Reform) diagnostics include several roundtables with civil society stakeholders.

11. ARE YOU HARMONISING YOUR STRATEGY WITH OTHER DONORS BETTER NOW THAN YOU WERE BEFORE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY MODERATELY RARELY/NEVER NOT SURE NOT APPLICABLE

11.1 If you are harmonising better, how often do you use the following approaches?

	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES	RARELY/NEVER	NOT SURE
Joint needs assessment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-financing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sector-wide approaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Common monitoring	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify:

12. HAS ALIGNMENT OF YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE PROGRAMME IMPROVED SINCE 2008?

	SIGNIFICANT	MODERATE	LITTLE/NONE	NOT SURE	NOT APPLICABLE
With partner country priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
With the Enhanced integrated Framework	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
With regional priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please elaborate with examples: U.S. economic growth assistance has always been aligned to bilateral and regional priorities. Indeed, the the increasing prioritization of trade and economic growth needs by partner countries is one of the successes of the Aid for Trade initiative.

12.1. How many of your aid-for-trade programmes are aligned around trade priorities of?

	> 75%	75% - 50%	50% - 25%	< 25%	NOT SURE	NOT APPLICABLE
Partner countries' development strategies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The DTIS Action Matrix (for LDCs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regional organisations development strategies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

13. HAS THE MONITORING OF YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE PROGRAMMES IMPROVED SINCE 2008?				
SIGNIFICANTLY <input type="checkbox"/>	MODERATELY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	RARELY/NEVER <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT SURE <input type="checkbox"/>	
13.1 If there have been improvements, how often do you:				
	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES	RARELY/NEVER	NOT SURE
Use your own monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rely on partner countries' monitoring processes	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use joint monitoring arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p>13.2 Please provide examples and describe your experience with monitoring your aid-for-trade programmes: USAID has launched a new policy on evaluation. The policy can be found at http://www.usaid.gov/evaluation/. The policy sets out an ambitious recommitment to learn as the agency executes its mission. AID has updated its standards and practices to address contemporary needs. In an increasingly complex operating environment, the discipline of development demands a strong practice and use of evaluation as a crucial tool to inform our global development efforts, and to enable us to make hard choices based on the best available evidence. With respect to Aid-for-Trade programs, USAID has undertaken an evaluation of monitoring of these programs with a view to determining the most effective and efficient way to monitor and evaluate these programs. Most detail on this evaluation is contained in the case story submitted by the United States.</p>				

D. IS YOUR AID FOR TRADE WORKING?

14. DOES YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE STRATEGY DEFINE CLEAR OBJECTIVES?				
YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT SURE <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/>	
14.1 If YES, what are the objectives of your aid-for-trade strategy?				
	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Enhanced understanding of the role of trade in economic development (awareness)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased trade profile (mainstreaming)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Larger aid-for-trade flows	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased exports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased trade	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Export diversification	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased economic growth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced poverty	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater environmental sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater gender equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Please specify: Aid for trade is a part of the broader U.S. economic growth strategy, which works to help developing countries achieve rapid, sustained and broad-based economic growth – the growth needed to ensure their peoples' well-being over time. For example, USAID's Economic Growth Strategy focusses on three key objectives:

Develop Well-Functioning Markets: USAID programs recognize that economic growth is ultimately based on the ability of enterprises, of all types and sizes, to become more productive. For this reason, USAID works to identify barriers to enterprise growth and to promote legal and regulatory reforms that will ensure a climate for sustained expansion. Emphasis is placed on microeconomic reforms, or reforms that affect enterprises at all levels, from street vendors to family farms to large corporations. USAID also supports macroeconomic reforms, or reforms that affect a country's national economy, on a more limited basis.

Enhance Access to Productive Activities: USAID works to ensure that the poor, women and other disadvantaged groups benefit from economic growth. It supports programs that help poor households obtain credit and other financial services needed to start small businesses and undertake other activities that create income. It also provides micro and small enterprises with business services that can improve their productivity and ability to compete in the global marketplace.

Strengthen the International Framework of Policies, Institutions and Public Goods: USAID supports international research that contributes to economic growth such as the development of new seed varieties that increase crop output and farmers' incomes. USAID helps poor countries adopt international standards and practices such as improved procedures for customs and border operations that can lower costs and increase efficiency, and better financial management systems that allow for stronger oversight of government spending and reduce chances for corruption.

Specifically, USAID supports these approaches through efforts to: improve the environment for enterprise growth and competitiveness; strengthen economic policy and governance; create sound, well-governed financial systems; support business enabling environments; support microfinance programs and business services for micro and small enterprises; and build trade capacity. Other sectors where USAID works to promote economic growth include: agricultural development; infrastructure improvement, including the upgrading of energy, telecommunications and water and sanitation services; workforce development; education; and health.

15. WHAT IS THE SHARE OF YOUR AID FOR TRADE PROGRAMMES THAT CONTAIN QUANTIFIABLE OBJECTIVES?

> 75% <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	75% - 50% <input type="checkbox"/>	50% - 25% <input type="checkbox"/>	< 25% <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT SURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT APPLICABLE <input type="checkbox"/>
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16. HAS YOUR GOVERNMENT EVALUATED ITS AID-FOR-TRADE STRATEGY, PROGRAMMES OR PROJECTS?

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
Overall strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programmes and projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Both	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

16.1 *If YES, please provide a copy of the(se) evaluation(s) when submitting this questionnaire.*

16.2 *If NO, is your government planning an evaluation of its:*

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
Overall strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programmes and projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Both	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16.3 If YES, for which year is the evaluation planned?			
	2010	2011	2012
Overall strategy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Programmes and projects	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Both	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

17. PLEASE RATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FOLLOWING CHALLENGES IN EVALUATING YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE STRATEGY, PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS:				
	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Difficulty in identifying quantifiable objectives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulty in obtaining in-country data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Absence of suitable indicators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budgetary constraints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability of in-country staff to collect and report data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability of project partners to collect and report data	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulty of assigning trade outcomes to the programme	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulty in identifying quantifiable objectives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

18. ARE THERE ANY PARTICULAR EXAMPLES OF YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE PROCESSES, PROGRAMMES OR PROJECTS THAT HAVE OBTAINED GOOD RESULTS THAT YOU THINK COULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD PRACTICES?
Please list and describe: **THE UNITED STATES HAS SUBMITTED FOUR CASE STORIES WHICH HIGHLIGHT PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS THAT HAVE OBTAINED GOOD RESULTS.**

19. DOES YOUR GOVERNMENT CONSIDER IT USEFUL TO MONITOR AID FOR TRADE AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL?			
VERY USEFUL <input type="checkbox"/>	USEFUL <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT USEFUL <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT SURE <input type="checkbox"/>

20. WHAT DO YOU SEE AS MAJOR CHALLENGES OR AREAS FOR IMPROVEMENT IN MONITORING AID FOR TRADE AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL?

Please describe and provide examples: AID FOR TRADE IS NOT A DEVELOPMENT SECTOR BUT AN UMBRELLA THAT COVERS MANY SECTORS, EQUALLY IMPORTANT, AID FOR TRADE PROJECTS ARE NOT ONE-SIZE-FITS ALL, BUT VERY SPECIFIC TO COUNTRIES AND REGIONS. FINALLY, BECAUSE SUCCESS IN TRADE CAN INVOLVE SO MANY VARIABLES, FROM ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE, TO A GOOD REGULATORY SYSTEM AND RELATED GOVERNMENT DECISIONS, AND SIMILAR ISSUES IN NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES, IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO MONITOR RESULTS IN THIS AREA AND ATTRIBUTE RESULTS TO SPECIFIC PROGRAMS. OUR DISCUSSIONS HAVE FOCUSED ON SHARING LESSONS LEARNED AND BEST PRACTICES, WHICH WE THINK IS THE MOST PRODUCTIVE APPROACH.