

## **PAGE 5: ABOUT YOU**

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Q3: Do you have an Aid-for-Trade Strategy?	Yes	
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Q4: If no, please indicate if your development policy includes trade priorities.	Respondent skipped this question	

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Q5: Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories.If yes, please rank the top 5 priorities areas among the items listed.(1 being the most important)	
Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	1
Trade facilitation	2
International competitiveness	3
Connecting to value chains	4
Regional integration	5

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Q6: Has	your	Aid-for-Trade	strategy	changed	since
2014?					

Yes

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e no more than 3 options)

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Q8: How has your Aid-for-Trade spending changed since 2014?	More than 10% reduction
Q9: How do you expect your Aid-for-Trade spending to change in the next 5 years?	Unsure
Q10: Looking ahead, what changes do you expect to your Aid-for-Trade strategy in the next 5 years?	Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals,
	Change in government and priorities,
	More focus on gender equality,
	More focus on poverty reduction,
	More focus on private sector development,
	More focus on regional integration,
	More focus on trade facilitation,
	Specific focus on implementation of the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement
Q11: Are you engaging with the private sector in the design, delivery and monitoring of your Aid-for-Trade programmes?	Yes

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# Q12: If yes, how are you engaging with the private sector:

Project or programme identification,

Project or programme implementation,

Project or programme financing,

Project or programme evaluation,

Private sector associations in partner countries,

Private sector associations in donor country,

Global business associations, Individual companies

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# Q13: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda?

Yes

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Q14: If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you think that Aid for Trade may help to achieve?Sustainable Development Goals:

- 1. No poverty, 2. Zero hunger,
- 3. Good health and well-being, 4. Quality education,
- 5. Gender equality, 6. Clean water and sanitation,
- 7. Affordable and clean energy,
- 8. Decent work and economic growth,
- 9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure,
- 10. Reduce inequalities,
- 11. Sustainable cities and communities,
- 12. Responsible consumption and production,
- 13. Climate action, 14. Life below water,
- 15. Life on land,
- 16. Peace, justice and strong institutions,
- 17. Partnership for the goals

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# Q15: Are you integrating women's economic empowerment into your Aid-for-Trade programmes?

Yes

# Q16: Have you undertaken an evaluation of your Aidfor-Trade support?

Yes.

Additional information on the evaluation of your Aidfor-Trade support. (Please include information on the review's finding and/or a weblink to the evaluation document)

We are currently evaluating and updating the 2010 TCB Evaluation

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Q17: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your Aid-for-Trade programming? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Yes, Aid-for-Trade strategy with a direct link or reference to the TFA

Yes, Aid-for-Trade strategy with a broader conception of trade facilitation (e.g. trade and transport facilitation)

Q18: Are you providing Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?

Yes, direct national programming/project support

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Q19: If yes, how are you programming Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation support?(You may tick more than 1 box)

As part of on-going programmes offering national support for Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation

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As part of on-going programmes offering regional support for Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation

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As part of dedicated global thematic programmes

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Q20: In which regions are you providing Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement? (You may tick more than one box)

Asia and the Pacific,

North Africa and the Middle East,

Sub-Saharan Africa,

Latin America and the Caribbean,

Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

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Q21: For implementation of which disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement are you providing Aid-for-Trade support?(You may tick more that 1 box)

- Art 1: Publication and Availability of Information,
- Art 2: Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations

Art 3. Advance Rulings,

Art 4: Procedures for Appeal or Review,

Art 5: Other measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non discrimination and Transparency

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Art 6: Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation and Penalties

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- Art 7: Release and Clearance of Goods,
- Art 8: Border Agency Cooperation,
- Art 9: Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control

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Art 10: Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit

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Art 11: Freedom of Transit,

Art 12: Customs Cooperation

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Q22: What difficulties, if any, are you facing in programming and providing support to partner countries or regional economic communities to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?(You may tick more that 1 box)

Differing priorities of partner countries,

Ensuring TFA implementation is a priority in national development planning documents

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National coordination and demonstration of political will for TFA reform

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Programming cycles

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Q23: Are you working with the private sector to support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement?

Yes

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dialogues with partner countries?

# Project or programme identification, Q24: If yes, how are you engaging with the private sector:(You may tick more that 1 box) Project or programme implementation, Project or programme financing, Project or programme evaluation, Private sector associations in partner countries, Private sector associations in donor country, Global business associations, Individual companies PAGE 26: SECTION 3: E-COMMERCE Yes Q25: Does e-commerce (or other digital strategy) feature among the priorities in your national development policy? PAGE 27: SECTION 3: E-COMMERCE Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Q26: If yes, please indicate which of the following is development included: (You may tick more than 1 box) E-commerce development, E-government, Other digital strategy (please specify e.g. business, e-learning, e-health, etc.) Additional information to elaborate on how ecommerce (or other digital strategy) features in your national development strategy. Adoption of digital payments/mobile money is an important foundation for e-commerce and egovernment PAGE 28: SECTION 3: E-COMMERCE Yes Q27: Do you have any special policy initiatives that cover the area of e-commerce (or other digital strategy)? PAGE 29: SECTION 3: E-COMMERCE Yes Q28: Does e-commerce feature in your in-country

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Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development	
Broadband development, E-commerce development,	
E-government, Telecommunications strategy	
Significant growth in demand for support	
Yes	
Broadband development, E-commerce development,	
E-government,	
Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development	
Telecommunications strategy	
Some growth in demand for support	

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Q34: What types of support are you offering for e-commerce development?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Broadband infrastructure development,

Broadband regulatory policy support,

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) infrastructure upgrading

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Support for E-government strategies,

Support for regulatory frameworks for E-government,

Telecommunications infrastructure,

Telecommunications regulatory policy support

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Q35: Are you working with the private sector to support growth in e-commerce in partner countries and regions?

Yes

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Q36: Based on your experience of e-commerce support programmes, please indicate the main issues that firms and consumers in your partner countries face in accessing and using internet services?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Access to digital information,

Access to international payment gateways,

Consumer rights, Cost of broadband subscription,

E-signatures, On-line fraud,

Private data protection (including safe harbouring of data)

,

Slow internet connection speeds, Tax regimes

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Q37: What are the most common trade issues that you encounter in your e-commerce support programmes? (You may tick more than 1 box)	Banking restrictions on foreign exchange transfer,		
	High costs of small parcel shipment,		
	High shipping costs,		
	Lack of transparency in customs and other border procedures		
	No customs or low de minimis threshold,		
	On-line fraud,		
	Problems with determination and payment of customs duties or other duties		
	Problems with on-line payment systems		
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Q38: Do you anticipate a growth in future demand from partner countries and regional partners in the area of ecommerce?	Yes		
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Q39: If yes, please elaborate:	Significant growth in demand for support		
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Q40: In your view, can growth in e-commerce in partner countries and regions make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?	Yes		
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Q41: Does your development policy or Aid-for-Trade strategy include trade-related infrastructure development priorities?	Yes		
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Q42: Do you have any special policy initiatives that cover the area of infrastructure or trade-related infrastructure specifically?	No
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Q43: Does trade-related infrastructure feature in your incountry dialogues with partner countries?	Unsure
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Q44: If yes, please indicate which of the following : (You may tick more than 1 box)	Respondent skipped this question
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Q45: Does trade-related infrastructure feature in your dialogues with regional partners (e.g. regional economic communities or transport corridors)?	Yes
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Q46: If yes, please indicate which of the following services trade sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy :(You may tick more than 1 box)	Infrastructure related to all modes of transport: cargo handling, storage and/or warehousing
	Telecommunications infrastructure,
	ENERGY-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE
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Q47: Do your programmes link trade-related infrastructure to the development of related services sectors?	Yes

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Q48: If yes, please specify which services sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box)

Medical and dental services,

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES,

Primary education services,

Secondary education services,

Adult education services,

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES.

Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

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HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES,

TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES

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Q49: Which service sectors do you expect will support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement and will help realize associated economic benefits in partner countries? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Market research and public opinion polling services

Technical testing and analysis services,

Courier and express delivery services,

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and retail trade services)

Secondary education services,

Higher education services,

Insurance and insurance-related services,

Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

Internal waterways transport services,

Rail transport services, Road transport services,

Services auxiliary to all modes of transport (cargo handling, storage and warehouse, freight transport agency services, etc.)

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Q50: Do your development programmes link growth in services capacity and services trade to growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing exports?

Yes

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Q51: If yes, please specify which services sectors are identified for growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing. (You may tick more than 1 box)

Legal services,

Accounting, auditing and book keeping services,

Medical and dental services,

Market research and public opinion polling services

Technical testing and analysis services,

Services incidental to manufacturing services,

Services incidental to energy distribution,

Courier and express delivery services,

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and retail trade services)

Secondary education services,

Higher education services,

FINANCIAL SERVICES,

TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES,

TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

Internal waterways transport services,

Rail transport services,

Services auxiliary to all modes of transport (cargo handling, storage and warehouse, freight transport agency services, etc.)

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Q52: What are the main issues constraining growth in national services capacity and trade in your partner countries? Issues constraining growth: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Access to finance,

Domestic sourcing requirements for foreign investors

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Foreign ownership restrictions,

Licensing requirements,

Poor information and communication technology network infrastructure

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Quality of services offered, Regulatory restrictions

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Q53: Does your Aid-for-Trade programming include actions to improve the investment climate in partner countries?

Yes

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Q54: If yes, please specify how: (You may tick more than 1 box)

By providing assistance to update investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

By reducing risk for investors,

By supporting establishment of an investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency

By training officials

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Q55: What Aid-for-Trade actions have you taken to support national or regional initiatives to improve the investment climate in partner countries during the past 5 years? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Focusing on public governance and institutions,

Reviewing tax policy,

Signing a bilateral investment treaty(ies) or other investment agreements

Training officials,

Updating investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

Q56: Are you providing specific assistance and capacity building to help LDCs utilize services waiver opportunities?

Yes

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Q57: If yes, what kind of support are you providing? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Broader Aid-for-Trade programmes,

Incentives to their enterprises to transfer technology to LDC services suppliers that will enhance their capacity in the supply of services.

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Q58: In your view, can the development of services trade contribute to women's economic empowerment?

Yes

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Q59: If yes, please specify in which services sectors? Services sectors:(You may tick more than 1 box)

BUSINESS SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Legal services, EDUCATION SERVICES,

CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED SERVICES,

ENERGY SERVICES, FINANCIAL SERVICES,

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES,

TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES

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Q60: CONSULTATIONPlease list other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply.

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