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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):

See USAID Policy for Trade Capacity Building:
<https://www.usaid.gov/documents/1865/policy-trade-capacity-building>

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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).

Connecting to value chains	1
E-commerce	2
MSMEs growth and development	3
Trade facilitation	4
Trade finance access	5

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

USAID Policy for Trade Capacity Building:
<https://www.usaid.gov/documents/1865/policy-trade-capacity-building>

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Q5**No**

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

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Q6**Respondent skipped this question**

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).

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Q7**Same**

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

Q8

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

Additional information on how changes in your Aid-for-Trade priorities may have been reflected in your dialogue with development partners.:
 Not applicable

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):

Global Response and Recovery Framework:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/07/U.S.-COVID-19-Global-Response-and-Recovery-Framework.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).

Preparedness, recovery and resilience,

Trade in health products (PPE, vaccines, etc.),

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

USAID COVID 19 Response: <http://usaid.gov/coronavirus>

In addition to the focus on vaccine distribution and accessibility, USAID programs are keeping children in school, providing emergency food and hygiene assistance, helping people find work, preventing democratic backsliding, addressing gender-based violence, and tackling other devastating impacts of the pandemic.

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Q11

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

Trade Capacity Building Dashboard: www.tcb.usaid.gov

Policy for Trade Capacity Building: <https://www.usaid.gov/documents/1865/policy-trade-capacity-building>

Economic Growth Policy: <https://www.usaid.gov/documents/usaid-economic-growth-policy>

USAID Digital Strategy: <https://www.usaid.gov/usaid-digital-strategy>

USAID Private Sector Engagement Policy: <https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/private-sector-engagement>

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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):

Environmental and Natural Resource Management Framework: <https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/environment-and-global-climate-change/enrm-framework> Climate Change Strategy: <https://www.usaid.gov/climate/strategy>

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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, Strategy, policy or plan for COVID-19 recovery

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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).

Climate Action (SDG 13),

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.:

Climate Change Strategy: <https://www.usaid.gov/climate/strategy>

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**Yes**

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,****Industry,**

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.:

USAID Oceans and Fisheries Partnership:

<https://www.usaid.gov/asia-regional/fact-sheets/usaid-oceans-and-fisheries-partnership>

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,****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,**Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,****Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,****Gender inequality,****High concentration of economic activity in the informal sector**

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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).:

USAID Administrator Samantha Power Remarks for "Gender and Climate Dialogue: The State Fragility Nexus" (August 9, 2021): <https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/speeches/aug-9-2021-administrator-samantha-power-remarks-gender-climate-dialogue-state>

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,
Gender inequality,
High concentration of economic activity in the informal sector
,
Limited economic and export diversification

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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).:
Promoting a Circular Economy:
<https://www.usaid.gov/energy/sure/circular-economy>
PRIVATE-SECTOR PARTNERSHIP TO COMBAT PLASTIC POLLUTION IN THE OCEAN:
<https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/press-releases/jun-5-2019-usaid-announces-private-sector-partnership-combat-plastic-pollution>

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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).

Other (please specify),
Additional information on the economic sectors covered by the circular economy strategy, policy, or plan. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:
The USAID Circular Economy Strategy covers renewable energy. <https://www.usaid.gov/energy/sure/circular-economy>

Q25

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

No

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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.:
USAID Digital Strategy: <https://www.usaid.gov/usaid-digital-strategy>

Q27

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

Yes,

Additional information on your Aid-for-Trade policy documents for digital connectivity. (Please include weblinks of the source used).:

USAID Digital Strategy 2020-2024: <http://usaid.gov/usaid-digital-strategy> Policy for Trade Capacity Building: <https://www.usaid.gov/sites/default/files/documents/1865/20161216%20USAID-TCB%20Policy-digital.pdf>

Q28

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

Agriculture,**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,**Smart energy grids,**

Additional information on the issues where digital connectivity that would offer most promise in the move to sustainable development.:

eTrade for Business Alliance:
<https://www.allianceforetradedevelopment.org/etrade-alliance-projects>

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).:

DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY AND CYBERSECURITY PARTNERSHIP (DCCP): <https://www.usaid.gov/digital-development/digital-connectivity-cybersecurity-partnership>

USAID LAUNCHES NEW PROJECT TO INCREASE DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY IN THE PHILIPPINES:
<https://www.usaid.gov/philippines/press-releases/10-28-2021-usaid-launches-new-project-increase-digital-connectivity-in-the-philippines>

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	Digital gender divide,
In which areas has the COVID-19 pandemic exposed shortcomings in digital connectivity?(You may tick more than one box).	Inadequate network infrastructure including broadband capacity
	,
	Insufficient or uneven internet coverage,
	Poor access to internet services,
	Poor digital skills and IT literacy

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Q33	Agriculture,
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).	Industry,
	Services

Q34	Trade facilitation,
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).	(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)
	,
	(d) Building productive capacity

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Q35	Additional information on the partners to which you provide Aid-for-Trade financing for the environmental dimension of sustainable development.:
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).	See Trade Capacity Building Dashboard: https://tcb.usaid.gov/

Q36	Mexico*,
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).	Brazil,
	Singapore

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?

N/A

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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).:

USAID Initial Environmental Examination:

<https://www.usaid.gov/environmental-procedures/environmental-compliance-esdm-program-cycle/environmental-documentation/initial-environmental-examination-iee/pdf>

Q39

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

Yes,

Additional information on the Aid-for-Trade projects which combine the twin objectives of women's economic empowerment and environmental environmentally sustainable development. Please indicate the number of projects, the sector concerned (agriculture, fisheries, sustainable tourism, circular economy, etc.). (Please include weblinks as applicable).:

USAID Climate Change Policy:

<https://www.usaid.gov/climate/strategy>

Q40

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

N/A

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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):

The Women's Entrepreneurship and Economic Empowerment Act of 2018 provides that gender analysis must be used to shape all strategies, projects, and activities, including trade activities. Specifically, see U.S. Congress Public Law No: 115-428 (01/09/2019): <https://www.congress.gov/bill/115th-congress/senate-bill/3247/text?>

[q=%7B%22search%22%3A%5B%22S3247%22%5D%7D&r=1&s=1](https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/10/22/fact-sheet-national-strategy-on-gender-equity-and-equality/) The U.S. National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality is intended to advance the full participation of all people – including women and girls – in the United States and around the world:

<https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/10/22/fact-sheet-national-strategy-on-gender-equity-and-equality/> (fact sheet) In addition, there is the USAID Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Policy:

<https://www.usaid.gov/GenderEqualityandWomensEmpowermentPolicy> Women's Economic Empowerment (WEE) and Trade are in the USAID Economic Growth Policy:

<https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/economic-growth-and-trade/economic-growth-policy> Integrating Gender Equality and Female Empowerment in USAID's Program Cycle:

<https://www.usaid.gov/ads/policy/200/205> USAID

Protection from Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Policy:

<https://www.usaid.gov/PreventingSexualMisconduct/psea-policy> USAID Anti-Harassment Policy:

<https://www.usaid.gov/PreventingSexualMisconduct/fact-sheet/usaid-anti-harassment-policy> Gender Equality is

addressed in the following policies, strategies, and

frameworks: Digital Strategy: <https://www.usaid.gov/usaid-digital-strategy> Private Sector Engagement Policy:

<https://www.usaid.gov/work-usaid/private-sector-engagement> Employment Framework and Playbook:

<https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/economic-growth-and-trade/employment-framework>

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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,

Gender equality strategy, policy or plan,

Trade development strategy, policy or plan,

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

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,

Additional information on how the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) that you have identify seek to ensure non-discrimination with respect to conditions of employment or occupation. (Please include weblinks as applicable):

USAID Engendering Industries Approach:

<https://www.usaid.gov/engendering-industries/approach>

This includes the "Delivering Gender Equality: A Best Practices Framework for Male-Dominated Industries":

<https://www.usaid.gov/engendering-industries/gender-equality-best-practices-framework>

USAID partners with companies to design interventions that improve gender equality within their organizations. Through Engendering Industries, USAID is partnering with 41 organizations spanning 27 countries. See:

<https://www.usaid.gov/engendering-industries/partners>

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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):

USAID collects standard and custom foreign assistance indicators located on U.S. State Dept. webpage. See Foreign Assistance Standard Indicators:

<https://www.state.gov/foreign-assistance-resource-library/>

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,

Discriminatory practices,

Exclusion from male-dominated distribution networks

,

Gender pay gap,

Harassment, security and safety issues,

Lack of access to digital services,

Informal employment,

Poor access to information,

Smaller sized business,

Time and mobility constraints,

Unpaid care and domestic work

Q46

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

Yes,

Additional information on the role that Aid for Trade can play in addressing these constraints.:
WOMEN'S ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT AND GENDER EQUALITY IN TRADE FACILITATION: THE ROLE OF CUSTOMS AND BORDER SERVICES:
https://www.marketlinks.org/sites/default/files/media/file/2021-03/WEEGE-in-Trade-Facilitation_Role-of-Customs-and-Border-Services.pdf

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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.:
Africa Trade and Investment:
<https://www.usaid.gov/prosperafrica/fact-sheets/africa-trade-and-investment-fact-sheet> West Africa Trade Hub:
<https://westafricatradehub.com/> USAID WEConnect:
<https://www.usaid.gov/news-information/videos/weconnect-wecommunity-platform?page=105> INVEST: <https://www.usaid.gov/invest> Catalyze: <https://www.usaid.gov/catalyze> ANDE:
<https://www.aspeninstitute.org/news/press-release/andegender-equality-initiative/>

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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

See: <https://www.usaid.gov/what-we-do/gender-equality-and-womens-empowerment/womens-economic-empowerment>

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).

USAID has a long standing commitment to women's economic empowerment and gender equality through thoughtful and innovative programming. With resources from the former Women's Global Development and Prosperity (W-GDP) Fund at USAID, the Agency is implementing 78 activities along the three pillar of the W-GDP Framework in more than 60 countries, partnering with 470 private sector, non-governmental and local organizations, as well as host country governments, to advance women's economic empowerment globally.

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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,
 Facilitating access to digital technologies and e-commerce platforms
 ,
 Facilitating access to trade finance,
 Facilitating women's traders' inclusion in Global Value Chains (GVC)
 ,
 Facilitating women traders' inclusion in regional trade.
 ,
 Supporting women's entrepreneurship,
 Supporting women-owned/led MSMEs to export

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).:
 Over the last three years, USAID's Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment Hub (GenDev) has invested a total of \$300 million in over 100 activities in over 60 countries. This included partnering with over 870 private sector, local, non-governmental organizations, host-country governments, and other organizations, such as PepsiCo, C-GAP FinEquity, Mastercard, Microsoft, Mars, Qualcomm, and UPS to implement market-oriented solutions.

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

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

Do women face particular difficulties in accessing digital technologies?

Yes,

Additional information on the particular difficulties faced by women in accessing digital technology, including your data sources. (Please provide information in no more than 300 words including references and weblinks).:
Also see <https://www.marketlinks.org/weege-wiki/gender-digital-divide>

Q55

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

High usage costs,

Inadequate network infrastructure,

Lack of awareness of opportunities offered by digital technologies

,

Limited internet connectivity,

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,

Fisheries,

Services,

Other (please specify),

Additional information on the sectors in which future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed.:

Male-dominated industries (i.e. Finance Industry)

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,

(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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You may use the box below to elaborate on how you think that Aid for Trade can advance women's economic empowerment.

The White House recently launched the U.S. government's first-ever National Strategy on Gender Equity and Equality, which highlights the moral and strategic imperative of unlocking the full potential of all people, including women and girls, in all of their diversity. The strategy identifies ten priorities, the first of which is improving economic security and accelerating economic growth. To advance this area of work, the White House National Security Council and Gender Policy Council have announced the forthcoming development of U.S. Global Women's Economic Security (WES) Strategy which will emphasize among other items: 1) Promoting Economic Competitiveness through Well-paying, Quality Jobs, and 2) Promoting Entrepreneurship and Financial, and Digital Inclusion, including through Trade and Investment.

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CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply):

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