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Q1 Respondent

ANTIGUA &amp; BARBUDA

Q2 About you

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Q3 Does your national development strategy include trade priorities ? (i.e. Aid-for-Trade priorities) **Yes**

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Q4 If yes, please indicate your Aid-for-Trade priorities:Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top 5 priority areas among the ones listed below.(1 being the most important)

Network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications)	5
Regional integration	3
Services development	2
Trade facilitation	4
Trade finance access	1

Please specify further the priorities that you selected above as well as the main problems/obstacles encountered in furthering them and provide a weblink to the relevant strategy.

**Trade finance access has increased in its importance to Antigua and Barbuda with the growing impact of the de-risking phenomenon. This has caused many of the Caribbean indigenous banks to lose correspondent banking relations. The devastating economic impact can already be predicted if this trend continues to plague the region's financial sector impacting negatively on our countries ability to participate in international trade activities and overall economic performance.**

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**Q5** Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2016?

**No,**

Please specify further the priorities that you selected above, as well as the main problems/obstacles encountered in furthering them. Please include a weblink to the relevant strategy.:

The high middle income country categorisation is also impacting our ability to access grant funding to aid in needed network infrastructure development and investment in alternative energy initiatives.

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**Q6** If yes, please rank the top 3 drivers of these changes :(Please choose no more than 3 options)

**Respondent skipped this question**

**Q7** Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?

**Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q8** Please provide names, titles, references or weblinks to policy documents relevant to Aid for Trade in your country.

No specific document exists dealing with aid for trade initiatives however consultation of the legal instruments establishing the two main integration initiatives of the region can be helpful in addition to a draft development strategy concerning the OECS.

<https://www.oecs.org/lisu-resources/revised-treaty-of-basseterre>

[https://caricom.org/documents/4906-revised\\_treaty-text.pdf](https://caricom.org/documents/4906-revised_treaty-text.pdf)

<https://www.oecs.org/ogds-welcome>

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**Q9** Is economic diversification a priority in your national or regional development strategy? **Yes**

**Q10** What are the main constraints to economic diversification identified in your national or regional development strategy?(You may tick more than 1 box)

- High input costs ,
- High trade costs ,
- Limited access to trade finance ,
- Limited agricultural production capacity ,
- Limited customs and other border agency capacity ,
- Limited e-trade readiness,
- Limited inward foreign direct investment ,
- Limited network and/or transport infrastructure of a cross border nature ,
- Poor international competitiveness,
- Small domestic market ,
- Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)

**Q11** Please indicate in which of category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing you receive aid-for-trade support for economic diversification.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

- Trade facilitation,
- Trade education/training,
- Travel and tourism

**Q12** Does the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification align with the priorities established in your national or regional trade and development strategy(ies)?

Yes

**Q13** Has your government recorded progress in economic diversification since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade initiative in 2006?

Yes

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**Q14** If yes, please specify in which area(s):(You may tick more than 1 box)

Export diversification

**Q15** If yes, please also indicate in which sector(s): (You may tick more than 1 box)

Services,  
Fisheries

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**Q16** In which category(ies) of Aid for Trade is the support you receive impactful for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

**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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**Trade facilitation,**

**Trade education/training,**

**Energy supply and generation  
infrastructure**

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**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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**Business support services,**

**Travel and  
tourism**

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**Q17** What factors contribute to the success of the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

**Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities**

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**Donor interest in specific projects/programmes**

,

**National/regional coordination**

**Q18** What factors may limit the success of the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors.)

**Diverging priorities between partner and donor**

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**Inability to leverage foreign direct investment**

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**Limited financing for the private sector**

,

**Weak institutional capacity**

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**Q19** Does the Aid for Trade you receive help mobilize other forms of development finance for economic diversification (i.e. non-concessional financing, foreign direct investment, remittances, trade finance, etc.). **Yes**

**Q20** Which development partner(s) are the most important source of aid-for-trade financing for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box)

**United Kingdom,**  
**Caribbean Development Bank (CDB) ,**  
**Inter-America Development Bank (IDB) ,**  
**United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) ,**  
**World Bank ,**  
**World Trade Organization (WTO)**

**Q21** Which South-South partner(s) are the most important source of financing for your economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box)

**China,**  
**Venezuela,**  
**Cuba,**  
**United Arab Emirates**

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**Q22** Looking ahead, in which sector(s) will future support for economic diversification be most required? (You may tick more than 1 box)

**Agriculture,**  
**Services,**  
**Fisheries**

**Q23** Looking ahead, in which category of aid-for-trade financing do you think that your government will require aid-for-trade support for economic diversification.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Trade policy and administrative management ,  
 Trade facilitation,  
 Multilateral trade negotiations ,  
 Trade education/training,  
 Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)  
 ,  
 Communications infrastructure,  
 Energy supply and generation infrastructure ,  
 Business support services,  
 Banking and financial services ,  
 Travel and tourism

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**Q24** Is there any Aid-for-Trade project or programme for economic diversification that you would like to showcase as an example of best practice?(Please provide additional information and include weblinks as relevant)

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q25** Is economic empowerment a priority in your national or regional development strategy?

Unsure

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**Q26** For which groups does your national or regional development strategy seek to promote economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises ,  
 Youth economic empowerment

**Q27** Does the national or regional development strategy propose any indicators to track economic empowerment or include any targets to achieve?

Unsure

**Q28** Does the national or regional development strategy link economic empowerment to participation in international trade?

Yes

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**Q29** Please indicate in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing you receive aid-for-trade support for economic empowerment.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Trade facilitation,  
Trade education/training,  
Agriculture

**Q30** Does the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic empowerment align with the empowerment priorities established in your national or regional trade and development strategy(ies)?

Unsure

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**Q31** How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Improving access to information ,  
Improving access to foreign markets ,  
Improving access to global value chains ,  
Providing access to finance ,  
Supporting the growth and economic development of women ,  
Supporting the growth and economic development of Youth ,  
Upgrading business skills,  
Upgrading ICT skills

**Q32** What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support women's economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Trade education/training,  
Banking and financial services ,  
Travel and tourism

**Q33** What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting women's economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities ,  
National/regional coordination,  
Services capacity

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**Q34** How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the economic empowerment of MSMEs?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Providing access to finance ,

Upgrading business skills,

Improving access to information ,

Improving access to foreign markets ,

Improving access to global value chains ,

Improving digital connectivity ,

Improving the provision of services

**Q35** What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support the economic empowerment of MSMEs? (You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Business support services,

Banking and financial services ,

Trade facilitation,

Regional trade agreements (RTAs) ,

Multilateral trade negotiations ,

Trade education/training,

Transport and storage infrastructure ,

Communications infrastructure,

Fishing,

Travel and tourism



**Q36** What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting the economic empowerment of MSMEs? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities ,  
 Leveraging of foreign direct investment ,  
 Institutional capacity to implement projects ,  
 National/regional coordination,  
 Services capacity,  
 Sufficient funding and appropriate implementation timelines

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**Q37** How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to Youth economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Providing access to finance ,  
 Supporting the growth and economic development of women ,  
 Supporting the elaboration of gender-sensitive policies ,  
 Supporting the growth and economic development of Youth ,  
 Upgrading business skills,  
 Upgrading ICT skills ,  
 Upgrading the energy infrastructure ,  
 Upgrading the transport infrastructure,  
 Improving access to information ,  
 Improving access to foreign markets ,  
 Improving access to global value chains ,  
 Improving digital connectivity ,  
 Improving the provision of services

**Q38** What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support to Youth economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

- Business support services,**
- Banking and financial services** ,
- Trade education/training,**
- Transport and storage infrastructure** ,
- Fishing,**
- Industry,**
- Travel and tourism**

**Q39** What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting to Youth economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

- Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities** ,
- Leveraging of foreign direct investment** ,
- Mobilization of domestic private investment** ,
- National/regional coordination,**
- Sufficient funding and appropriate implementation timelines**

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**Q40** In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?

**Yes**

**Q41** If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goal or Goals (SDGs) Aid for Trade can help to achieve.(You may tick more than 1 box)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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**Q42** Which donor(s) are now the most important source aid-for-trade financing for your economic empowerment.(You may tick more than 1 box)

**Caribbean Development Bank (CDB)**

**Q43** Which South-South partner(s) are the most important source of financing for your economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

**China,  
Venezuela,  
Cuba**

**Q44** Looking ahead, in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing do you think that further support for economic empowerment will be required.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

**Banking and financial services** ,  
**Agriculture,**  
**Trade facilitation,**  
**Multilateral trade negotiations** ,  
**Trade education/training,**  
**Communications infrastructure,**  
**Energy supply and generation infrastructure** ,  
**Fishing,**  
**Travel and tourism**

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**Q45** Please provide any additional information that you think may be relevant.(Please references in the form or weblinks, document symbols etc.)

Respondent skipped this question

**Q46** Is there any Aid for Trade project or programme for economic empowerment you would like to showcase as particularly important for your country or as an example of best practice?(Please provide any relevant additional information and include weblinks as relevant)

Respondent skipped this question

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**Q47** CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply):

Respondent skipped this question