

**PARTNER COUNTRY
AID FOR TRADE
QUESTIONNAIRE**



1. COUNTRY

BELIZE

2. ABOUT YOU

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3. Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2010?

YES

4. If YES, please indicate your NEW Aid-for-Trade priorities. Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top 3 NEW priority areas among the 12 listed (1 being the most important).

	1	2	3
Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	X		
WTO accession costs			
Trade facilitation			X
Network infrastructure (e.g. power, water, telecoms)			
Other transport			
Cross border infrastructure			
Competitiveness			X
Value chains			
Export diversification			
Adjustment costs			
Regional integration			
Other			

Additional comments: It is important to note that the value chains are an increasingly important issue for Belize. Belize remains committed to regional integration through CARICOM.

5. If your Aid-for-Trade priorities have changed since 2010, please identify the top 3 drivers of these changes (1 being the most important).

	1	2	3
Economic crisis			
New development priorities	X		
Change of government			
Regional integration			
New trade capacity needs		X	
Competitiveness objectives			X



Competiveness objectives _____

Poverty reduction objectives _____

Green growth objectives _____

Gender equality objectives _____

Other _____

Additional comments: _____

6. If your Aid-for-Trade priorities have changed since 2010, have these changes been reflected in your national development strategy?

YES

7. If your Aid-for-Trade priorities have changed since 2010, have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with donors?

YES

8. Does your national development strategy identify specific sectors as sources of growth?

YES

9. If YES, please indicate which SECTORS and sub-sectors.

AGRICULTURE, FISHERY AND FORESTRY

Agricultural products _____

Food products _____

Fish and fish products _____

FUELS AND MINING PRODUCTS

Fuels _____

MANUFACTURING

SERVICES

Transportation _____

Tourism services _____

Communication services _____

Computer and information services _____

Business and professional services _____

Other (please specify) - There is an interest in expanding value added production including processed meats. _____

10. Do you have national strategies for these sectors?

NOT SURE

11. If YES, to what extent are trade objectives integrated into sectoral strategies?

No Response

12. How important a role do imports play in sectoral development strategies?

	Imports are a factor for future growth	Imports are not considered in the sectoral strategy	Imports are a challenge to future sectoral growth	Not sure
Agriculture, fisheries and forestry			X	
Fuels and mining products			X	
Manufacturing	X			
Services	X			
Intellectual Property				
Other				

Additional comments: _____

13. Do you have a national trade or export development strategy?

YES

14. If YES, to what extent is the national trade or export strategy aligned with sectoral strategies?

WELL ALIGNED PARTIALLY ALIGNED NOT ALIGNED NOT SURE

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Agriculture, fisheries and forestry		X	
Fuels and mining products		X	
Manufacturing			X
Services	X		
Intellectual Property			
Other			

Additional comments:

15. If NO, please explain why there is no trade or export strategy?

No Response

16. Was the private sector involved in the elaboration of your national strategies?

	YES	NO	NOT SURE
National development strategy	X		
Sectoral strategies	X		
National trade or export development strategy	X		
Through public-private consultation body or dialogue	X		

Additional comments:

17. What stage of processing are the goods that you export?

	Raw materials	Basic intermediate products	More advanced intermediate products	Finished products
Agricultural products	X			
Food products		X		
Fish and fish products	X			
Forestry products	X			
Fuels	X			
Ores and other minerals				
Iron and steel				
Chemicals				
Office and telecoms equipment				
Automotive products				
Textiles				
Clothing				

Additional comments:

18. What type of services do you export?

	Services	No services data available	Not sure
Transportation services			
Tourism services	X		
Communication services	X		
Construction services			
Insurance services			
Banking services			
Computer and information services			
Business and professional services	X		

Additional comments:

19. What do you consider to be the main obstacles to greater participation of your companies in value chains? Please rank the top 3 constraints (1 being the most serious constraint).

	1	2	3
Lack of comparative advantage			
Market entry costs			
Inadequate domestic infrastructure			X
Burdensome border procedures in export markets			
Burdensome documentation requirements			
Limited access to trade finance			X
Inability to attract foreign direct investment			X

Lack of labour force skills
Structure of value chains
Trade restrictions
Standards compliance
Other

Additional comments: Standards compliance can be improved significantly.

20. What are your government's priorities to expand export of goods and services? Please rank these objectives by order of importance (1 being the most important).

	1	2	3	4	5	6
Adding value to your exports		X				
Developing new export markets				X		
Developing new export products		X				
Addressing export competitiveness issues						X
Promoting an enabling business environment					X	
Promoting specific trade policy objectives or agreements (e.g. Free Trade Agreements)						X

Additional comments:

21. What policy measures do you use to achieve these objectives?

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
Industrial policy			X	
Firm and industry subsidies		X		
Tax incentives	X			
Local content requirements		X		
Export restrictions			X	
Infrastructure development	X			
Public-private partnerships		X		
Improving the investment climate	X			
Import policy		X		
Regulatory reform	X			
Service sector development	X			
Other				

Additional comments:

22. Do you operate Export Processing Zones?

YES

23. If YES, what percentage of your exports by value do you estimate originated from your Export Processing Zones in the last year for which you have statistics ?

Less than 10%

24. Do your national strategies (national development strategy, sectoral strategies or trade strategy) discuss value chains?

YES

25. If YES, to what extent do your national strategies consider trade growth objectives from the perspective of participation in value chains?

	FULLY	PARTIALLY	NOT AT ALL	NOT SURE
National development strategy		X		
Sectoral strategies		X		
National trade or export development strategy		X		

Comments:

26. To what extent does your dialogue with DEVELOPMENT partners address the problems your firms face in accessing value chains?

PARTIALLY ADDRESSED (i.e. some priority sectors and some constraints)

27. To what extent does your dialogue with SOUTH-SOUTH partners address the problems your

firms face in accessing value chains?

PARTIALLY ADDRESSED (i.e. some priority sectors and some constraints)

28. What type of Aid-for-Trade support do you consider as the most effective in assisting your firms to enter or move up value chains?

	VERY EFFECTIVE	EFFECTIVE	INEFFECTIVE	VERY INEFFECTIVE
Infrastructure development support	X			
Investment promotion support			X	
Trade promotion and market analysis and development	X			
Business development			X	
Support to improve business climate	X			
Support for export processing zones			X	
Support for labour skills development	X			
Direct sectoral support		X		
Support for financial services	X			
Other				

Additional comments:

29. What is the most important source of financing for your firms to connect to regional, South-South and global markets?

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
Official development assistance		X		
Non-concessional financing	X			
Foreign direct investment	X			
Domestic private investment	X			
Domestic public investment		X		
Income remitted by migrants			X	

Additional comments:

30. What do you expect will be the most important source of financing over the next 5 years to connect your firms to regional, South-South and global markets?

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
Official development assistance		X		
Non-concessional financing	X			
Foreign direct investment	X			
Domestic private investment	X			
Domestic public investment		X		
Income remitted by migrants		X		

Additional comments:

31. Finally, what impact do you think connecting trade (in particular through value chains) has on your economy?

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
Increased exports	X			
Increased exports and imports		X		
Export diversification	X			
Increased economic growth	X			
Employment	X			
Poverty alleviation	X			
Greater environmental sustainability	X			
Women's economic empowerment	X			
Other				

Additional comments: