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Página 2: ABOUT YOU

**P1**

**BELIZE**

Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

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**P2**

About you

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Página 3: SECTION A: TRADE PRIORITIES IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR STRATEGY(IES)

**P3**

**Yes**

Do you have a national development plan or strategy?  
(ies)?

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Página 4: SECTION A: TRADE PRIORITIES IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR STRATEGY(IES)

**P4**

If yes, does your national development plan or  
strategy(ies) include trade priorities?

**Yes,**

If yes, please provide further details including hyperlinks to  
relevant documents containing trade priorities::  
Belize recently adopted a new Medium Term Strategy:  
<https://med.gov.bz/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Belize-Med-Term-Dev-Strategy-Action-Plan-2022-to-2025.pdf>

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Página 5: SECTION A: TRADE PRIORITIES IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR STRATEGY(IES)

**P5**

**Yes**

Does your national development strategy(ies) have a thematic focus?

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Página 6: SECTION A: TRADE PRIORITIES IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR STRATEGY(IES)

**P6**

If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list of thematic options of key strategic objectives below. (If an objective(s) does not appear in the drop-down list, please tick other and add details in the text box.)

- Economic diversification,**
- Enhancing exports in non-traditional sectors,**
- Export diversification,**
- Expansion of the agriculture sector,**
- Expansion of the fisheries sector,**
- Expansion of the manufacturing sector,**
- Expansion of the services sector,**
- Expansion of the digital economy,**
- Infrastructure development,**
- Trade integration,**
- Institutional strengthening (e.g. good governance, transparency and accountability)**
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- Climate change mitigation,**
- Climate change adaptation,**
- Innovation and technological development,**
- Expansion of the formal economy,**
- Expansion of the MSME sector,**
- Expansion of public-private partnerships,**
- Human capital development (e.g. education through skills, training and health)**
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- Protection of biodiversity,**
- Higher labour productivity,**
- Employment creation,**
- Women's economic empowerment and gender equality,**
- Youth employment and skills,**
- Environmental protection,**
- Sustainable resource management,**
- Waste management ,**
- Circular economy,**
- Improved (national) environmental governance,**
- Food security**

**P7**

**Yes**

Do the trade priorities found in your national development plan or strategy(ies) reflect specific development objectives or targets? For example, the national development plan of Benin aims to achieve a sustained, inclusive and sustainable growth of at least 10% by 2025.

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Página 8: SECTION A: TRADE PRIORITIES IN NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR STRATEGY(IES)

**P8**

**Other targets (e.g. digital connectivity, gender equality, renewable energy, circular economy, etc.)**

If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list below. (If an objective(s) or target\* do not appear in the list below, please tick other and add details in the text box. Please tick relevant boxes). Objectives & Targets\*:

**Economic growth targets,**

**Poverty reduction targets**

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Página 9: SECTION B: TRADE PRIORITIES IN OTHER NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR STRATEGY(IES)

**P9**

**Yes**

In addition to the trade priorities you may have in your national development strategy, do you have trade priorities that are set out in other national policy documents or strategies?

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Página 10: SECTION B: TRADE PRIORITIES IN OTHER NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR STRATEGY(IES)

**P10**

**Yes,**

If yes, do you have a national trade policy or strategy, export development strategy or similar policy or strategy (e.g. national diagnostic trade integration study update, national e-commerce strategy etc.)? For example, Jordan has published a national export strategy for the period 2023-2025.

(If yes, please provide further details, including dates the strategy covers and hyperlinks to relevant documents)::

Belize National Trade Policy 2019-2030

<https://www.dgft.gov.bz/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/National-Trade-Policy-2019-2030.pdf>

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Página 11: SECTION B: TRADE PRIORITIES IN OTHER NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN OR STRATEGY(IES)

**P11**

**Yes**

Do these other national policy documents or strategies include trade objectives or targets? For example, Ghana's National Export Development Strategy envisages that over a duration of 10 years non-traditional exports will grow from \$2.8 billion in 2020 to \$25.3 billion in 2029 accompanied by deep structural transformation that positions Ghana as a competitive export-led industrialized economy.

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If yes, please chose options from the non-exhaustive list below. If an objective(s) does not appear in the list, please tick "other" and add details in the text box.If no, please indicate if there is another strategy or policy that includes specific objective of targets.

- Security of supply,
- Improved balance of payments situation,
- Increased competitiveness,
- Expansion of agricultural exports,
- Expansion of exports of fishery products,
- Expansion of manufactured exports,
- Expansion of services exports,
- Expansion of e-commerce and/or digitally delivered services exports
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- Expansion of MSME sector exports,
- Protection of intellectual property,
- Growth in the number of export markets reached,
- Improvements in trade facilitation,
- Climate change related objectives (e.g. reduction in emissions associated with trade)
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- Export growth targets,
- Export diversification in terms of number of markets reached
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- Competitiveness ranking in global index,
- Agricultural export growth target,
- Better export performance,
- Export diversification in terms of number of goods and services exported
- ,
- Reduction in import targets,
- Fishery products export target,
- Manufactured export target,
- E-commerce export target,
- MSME sector growth targets,
- Trade facilitation targets (e.g. time taken to release)

**P13**

Do the trade priorities found in your national development strategy align with those found in other national policy documents or strategy(ies)?

Yes, in full

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**P14**

Do the trade objectives in your national development plan and/or those found in other national policy documents or strategies include sectoral objectives? For example, Vision 2030 Jamaica includes 31 Sector Plans (in 28 separate documents) prepared by Task Forces, comprising stakeholders from public and private sector bodies, civil society and international development partners). And Bhutan's National Export Strategy 2022 identifies the mineral and timber industries as holding potential for the development of value-added products.

**Yes,**

Additional information on trade objectives in other policy documents::

Several industries have sectoral objectives in the medium-term strategy to advance the following areas: - Education - Traditional Agricultural Sectors (Citrus, bananas, sugar) - Energy - Livestock, Fisheries, Grains

Página 13: SECTION C: SECTORAL AND REGIONAL TRADE OBJECTIVES

**P15**

If yes, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details, including hyperlinks to relevant documents. If no, please indicate if there is another national strategy or policy that includes specific objectives or targets. (Please tick relevant boxes)

Additional information on specific objectives and targets in other documents::

<https://med.gov.bz/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/Belize-Med-Term-Dev-Strategy-Action-Plan-2022-to-2025.pdf>

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**P16**

Does the trade objectives found in your national development plan or strategy(ies) and in other national policy documents or strategies include regional objectives? For example, the national development strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2018-2040 includes, inter alia, the objective to work on harmonious integration of the Kyrgyz economy with the Eurasian Economic Union; active participation in regional projects that improve production and transit capacity; diversification of foreign economic focus of Kyrgyzstan through development of mutually beneficial trade, economic and investment cooperation with the countries of South and Southeast Asia, the Arab East and America.

**Yes**

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If yes, please identify the relevant economic community(ies). (Please tick relevant boxes)

**Central American Integration System (SIECA),  
Caribbean Community (CARICOM)**

Página 16: SECTION D: FINANCING NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE PRIORITIES

**P18**

**Yes**

Does your government have priority areas for Aid for Trade for which it is actively seeking support?

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Página 17: SECTION D: FINANCING NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE PRIORITIES

**P19**

If yes, please indicate the relevant priority areas for Aid for Trade for which your government is actively seeking support. (Please tick relevant boxes)

**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 undertake trade reform/facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)**

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**Trade policy and administrative management,**

**Trade facilitation,**

**Regional trade agreements (RTAs),**

**Trade education/training,**

**Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)**

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**Trade-related Energy supply and generation infrastructure**

,

**Building productive capacity,**

**Agriculture,**

**Fishing,**

**Multilateral trade negotiations,**

**Travel and tourism,**

**Digital trade and e-commerce,**

**TRADE-RELATED ADJUSTMENT (Including supporting developing countries to put in place accompanying measures that assist them to benefit from liberalized trade)**

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Página 18: SECTION D: FINANCING NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE PRIORITIES



**P20**

Yes

Have these priorities been communicated to Donors and South-South partners?

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**P21**

**Dialogue with development partners**

If yes, please provide additional information on how priorities were communicated:

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Página 20: SECTION D: FINANCING NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE PRIORITIES

**P22**

Does your government face difficulties in financing implementation of the trade objectives found in your development plan or strategy(ies) or trade strategy?

Yes,

If yes, please identify which sources of aid finance or other financial assistance for trade that you would like to attract to achieve your trade objectives. (e.g. Official Development Assistance (i.e. Aid for Trade), Other Official Flows (loans at concessional rates that do not qualify as ODA), South-South co-operation, Climate finance, etc.):  
Climate Finance, Official Development Assistance, South-South Cooperation

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**P23**

Yes

Do you face difficulties in accessing finance to address your Aid-for-Trade priorities?

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If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list below. (If a difficulty in accessing aid for trade does not appear in the drop-down list, please tick other and add details in the text box.)

**Lengthy approval processes related to loans,**

**High cost of borrowing,**

**Difficulties accessing grant finance,**

**Insufficiency of grant financing,**

**Conditions attached to access aid-for-trade financing,**

**Limited ability to develop "bankable" projects**

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**P25**

**Yes**

Does your government face a situation where it is receiving an increasing share of Aid for Trade in the form of loans and a declining share of grants?

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**P26**

**Yes,**

If yes, does this situation present a challenge for your government to achieve its trade objectives?

Additional information on challenges from increasing share of loans and declining share of grants::  
While beneficial, concessionary loans still pose a challenge to the limited fiscal space that is needed for development.

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**No**

Do you plan to stop receiving Aid for Trade? Has a date been set to achieve this objective (e.g. a date to stop receiving foreign aid)?

Página 26: SECTION E: ALIGNMENT OF AID-FOR-TRADE SUPPORT

**P28**

**Mostly aligned**

How well-aligned is the Aid-for-Trade support you receive with your Aid-for-Trade priorities?

**P29**

**Lack of donor coordination,**

What challenges do you encounter in aligning the Aid-for-Trade support you receive with the sectoral level needs outlined in relevant policy documents ? (Please tick relevant boxes)

**Conditions required by development partners to access support**

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**Length of project/programme funding cycles,**

**Human capacity constraints to developing bankable projects**

Página 27: SECTION F: OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS OF AID-FOR-TRADE SUPPORT

**P30**

**No**

Do development financing partners (i.e. both donors and South-South partners) align their monitoring and evaluation with your national monitoring or results frameworks?

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**P31** **Yes**

Do you measure the impacts of the Aid-for-Trade support you receive?

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Página 29: SECTION F: OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS OF AID-FOR-TRADE SUPPORT

**P32** **Trade facilitation,**  
**Trade-related Energy supply and generation infrastructure**  
,  
**Agriculture**

If yes, where is Aid for Trade having a measurable impact in your opinion?(Please tick relevant boxes)

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**P33** **No**

Is there an Aid-for-Trade project or programme that you would like to highlight as an example of best practice?

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Página 31: SECTION G: FUTURE AID-FOR-TRADE NEEDS

**P34** **Yes**

Do you foresee a continued need for Aid-for-Trade financing?

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**P35** **Agriculture,**  
**MSME sector development,**  
**Culture and creative industries,**  
**Education services,**  
**Energy services,**  
**Environment services,**  
**Science, technology and innovation,**  
**Recreation and sport,**  
**Tourism,**  
**Transport services (air, land and maritime)**

If yes, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details including hyperlinks as relevant.(Please tick relevant boxes)

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**P36**

In which categories of Aid-for-Trade support do you foresee future needs?(Please tick relevant boxes)

Trade policy and administrative management,  
Trade facilitation,  
Trade education/training,  
Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)  
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Trade-related Energy supply and generation infrastructure  
,  
Building productive capacity,  
Agriculture,  
Fishing,  
Digital trade and e-commerce

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**P37**

Yes

Do you foresee future needs for Aid for Trade to support the achievement of trade-related aspects of the Sustainable Development Agenda?

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If yes, please indicate the relevant SDGs that Aid for Trade can help achieve.(Please tick relevant boxes)

GOAL 1: No Poverty,  
GOAL 2: Zero Hunger,  
GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being,  
GOAL 4: Quality Education,  
GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation,  
GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy,  
GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth,  
GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure,  
GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production,  
GOAL 13: Climate Action

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**Yes**

Do you foresee future needs for Aid for Trade to support the trade-related aspects of climate change ?

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