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Q3: CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply) :	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q4: Do you have Aid-for-Trade priorities?	Yes
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Q5: 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 12 listed .(1 being the most important)

WTO accession	4
Trade facilitation	1
Network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications)	3
Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)	5
Export diversification	2

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Q6: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q7: Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2012?

Unsure

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Q8: What are the top 3 drivers of these changes? (Please choose no more than 3 options)

Respondent skipped this question

Q9: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

Q10: Have these changes been reflected in your national development strategy?

Respondent skipped this question

Q11: Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?

Respondent skipped this question

Q12: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your national or regional development policy?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q13: In which existing policy document(s) can trade facilitation be found as a priority? (You may tick more than one box)

National development strategy,
National trade strategy,
National sectoral strategy(ies)

Q14: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q15: Is trade facilitation included in new draft policy documents currently being updated and formulated?

Yes

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Q16: Please indicate in which new draft policy documents, currently being updated or formulated, trade facilitation is included:	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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Q17: Additional information.	
National Trade Strategy: DTIS 2012	

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Q18: How important are trade costs for the competitiveness of your exports?	Very important
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Q19: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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Q20: Do your national policies address the issue of trade costs for exports?	Yes

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Q21: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for exports ?	National development strategy, National trade strategy, Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)
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Q22: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q23: How important are trade costs for access to imports?	Very important
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Q24: Additional information.	
Bhutan being land locked country tends to have higher trade costs in reaching markets beyond borders.	

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Q25: Do national policies address the issue of trade costs for imports? Yes

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Q26: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for imports?

National development strategy,
National trade strategy,
Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)

Q27: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q28: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of merchandise goods? (You may choose more than 1 option)

Border procedures (trade facilitation),
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms)

Q29: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q30: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of services? (You may choose more than 1 option)

Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism)

Q31: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q32: In which regional markets to which you export merchandise goods and services do you face the highest trade costs? (Please select no more than 5 regions)

Western Europe, Central and Eastern Europe

Q33: Indicate your home region.

South Asia

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Q34: FOR MERCHANDISE GOODS: For the markets which you have identified as the highest cost, why are trade costs high? (You may choose more than 1 option)	Border procedures (trade facilitation), Tariffs, fees and other charges, Transport infrastructure
Q35: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q36: FOR SERVICES: For the markets which you have identified as the highest costs, why are trade costs high? (You may choose more than 1 options)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q37: Additional information. Not recognizing the Rules of Origin issued from Bhutan.	

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Q38: How have your trade costs evolved over the past 5 years ?	Between 0-10% reduction
Q39: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q40: Does your Government use any of the following sources to address the issue of trade costs? (You may choose more than 1 option)	World Bank Doing Business Index
Q41: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q42: Do you validate the results? (You may tick more than 1 box)	Other (please specify) Not sure
Q43: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q44: Is your government taking national action to reduce trade costs? Yes

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Q45: What national action is your government is taking ?(You may tick more than 1 box) Joint public-private sector initiatives,
Private sector initiatives

Q46: Additional information. *Respondent skipped this question*

Q47: In which areas have national actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than one box) Border procedures (trade facilitation),
Transport infrastructure,
Reforms of national regulatory frameworks for services

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Q48: Is your government engaged in regional actions to reduce trade costs? Yes

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Q49: Please specify (You may tick more than 1 box) Regional economic community,
Free trade agreements

Q50: In which areas have regional actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than 1 box) Border procedures (trade facilitation),
Transport infrastructure,
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),
Reforms of national regulatory frameworks for services

Q51: Additional information. *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q52: Is external support aligned with your national and regional needs to reduce trade costs ? Yes

Q53: Additional information. *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q54: How is external support aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box) External support is aligned with national priorities to reduce trade costs
,
Improved dialogue with the private sector has resulted in this being prioritized

Q55: Additional information. *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q56: Why is external support not aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box) *Respondent skipped this question*

Q57: Additional information. *Respondent skipped this question*

PAGE 34: F.1) TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

Q58: What impact would implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have on the evolution of your trade costs? More than 10% reduction

Q59: Additional information. *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q60: In which regions would the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have the biggest impact on the trade costs you face ? (Please choose no more than 5 options) No capacity to estimate

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Q61: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q62: Do you plan to seek Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted ?

Yes, after TFA adoption

Q63: Have you undertaken a Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment?

Yes

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Q64: Please specify the organization(s) involved in and year(s) of each needs assessment.

Other

2012

(please specify)
UNDP

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Q65: Do you plan to request a new Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment or an update of an existing assessment?

Yes

Q66: Please specify why.

We got to update the Trade Strategy

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Q67: Where might you need support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted? (You may tick more than 1 box)

To prepare category A, B, C notifications,
To develop national implementation plans,
To support implementation of specific TFA provisions

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Q68: What difficulties do you face, or do you expect to face, in securing Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted ? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Lack of information on funding opportunities,
Differing priorities of in-country donors,
Accessing the necessary expertise

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Q69: Which disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, will prove the hardest to implement and where Aid-for-Trade support should be focused?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Advance rulings, Appeal and review procedures,
Disciplines on fees, Customs cooperation

Q70: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 43: G.1) IMPACT: REDUCING TRADE COSTS AND INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Q71: What have been the key factors in achieving successful reductions in trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

Private sector engagement and commitment,
Alignment of donor support with national priorities

Q72: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q73: What outputs have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

New rules on transit, Greater transparency,
Tariff reform

Q74: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q75: What outcomes have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

Reduction in border clearance times,
Increase in customs revenue,
Reduction in informal payments,
Increase in export volumes,
Increase in import volumes

Q76: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q77: What impacts have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

Diversification in export markets,
Diversification in export products,
Increase in foreign direct investment

Q78: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q79: Which types of actions have achieved the most positive results in reducing trade costs for goods and services? (Please choose no more than 7 options)

Customs reform,
Support for compliance with Non-Tariff Measures
,
Upgrading network infrastructure,
Improving the regulatory environment for services

Q80: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q81: What contribution can reducing trade costs make to the target of inclusive, sustainable growth? (Please choose no more than 7 options)

Increase in exports, Rise in employment,
Diversification in export markets,
Diversification in export products,
Foreign direct investment

Q82: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 50: H.1) IMPACT OF THE AID FOR TRADE INITIATIVE

Q83: Has the alignment of Aid-for-Trade support to your national needs and priorities changed since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade Initiative in 2005?

No change

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Q84: If it has improved, please specify why.(You may tick more than one box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q85: Why has the alignment declined?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q86: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q87: What impact has the Aid-for-Trade Initiative had since it was launched in 2005?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Unsure

Q88: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q89: What potential future contribution could the Enhanced Integrated Framework for LDCs make to the post-2015 development agenda? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

Mainstreaming of trade issues in national policy ,
Engaging the private sector in national trade and development policy planning
,
Coherence in trade and development policy,
Catalyst for Aid-for-Trade flows ,
Financing of catalytic actions

Q90: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

Q91: What potential future contribution could the Aid-for-Trade Initiative make to the post-2015 development agenda? (Please choose a maximum of 5 options)

Contribution of financing for development,
Contribution to improving the business and regulatory environment
,
Ensuring continued attention to trade issues in development
,
Engaging the private sector in development issues
,
Helping to create the conditions for employment

Q92: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

Q93: How in your view could the Aid-for-Trade Initiative be improved?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q94: Additional information on "Reducing trade costs and inclusive, sustainable growth". If there is anything you would like to add on the topic of "Reducing trade costs for inclusive, sustainable growth", which you feel has not been covered in this questionnaire, please use this box.

Respondent skipped this question