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<b>Q1: COUNTRY</b>	CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC
<b>Q2: ABOUT YOU</b>	
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<b>Q4: Do you have Aid-for-Trade priorities?</b>	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)

Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	5
Trade facilitation	3
Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)	1
Export diversification	4

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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?

No

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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 sectoral strategy(ies),  
National infrastructure development strategy,  
Regional trade agreement,  
Regional infrastructure strategy

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:**

National development strategy,  
National sectoral strategy(ies),  
National infrastructure development strategy,  
Regional development strategy,  
Regional infrastructure strategy

**Q17: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q18: How important are trade costs for the competitiveness of your exports?**

Very important

**Q19: Additional information.**

Trade costs are very important for the competitiveness of our exports because of our isolation which topped transport costs and transit of our goods for export, and makes us less competitive.  
\*auto-translation

**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,  
National infrastructure strategy,  
Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)

**Q22: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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<b>Q23: How important are trade costs for access to imports?</b>	Very important
<b>Q24: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q25: Do national policies address the issue of trade costs for imports?</b>	Yes
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<b>Q26: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for imports?</b>	National development strategy, National trade strategy, National infrastructure strategy, Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)
<b>Q27: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q28: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of merchandise goods? (You may choose more than 1 option)</b>	Border procedures (trade facilitation), Non-Tariff Measures (including standards), Transport infrastructure, Access to trade finance
<b>Q29: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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),  
Non-recognition of professional qualifications,  
Restrictions on movement of natural persons,  
Poor regulatory environment for services

**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)**

North America, Western Europe,  
Central and Eastern Europe, Developed Asia

**Q33: Indicate your home region.**

Central Africa (\*)

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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,  
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),  
Transport infrastructure

**Q35: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**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)**

Poor network infrastructure (ICT, telecoms),  
Poor transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),  
Recognition of professional qualifications,  
Restrictions on commercial presence,  
Restrictions on movement of natural persons

**Q37: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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<b>Q38: How have your trade costs evolved over the past 5 years ?</b>	More than 10% reduction
<b>Q39: Additional information.</b>	
These costs have greatly increased suites unfortunate events that the CAR has experienced the last two years. (*)	

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<b>Q40: Does your Government use any of the following sources to address the issue of trade costs? (You may choose more than 1 option)</b>	Research by donor funded project, World Bank Doing Business Index, World Customs Organizations Time Release Study , World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report
<b>Q41: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<b>Q42: Do you validate the results? (You may tick more than 1 box)</b>	Yes, dialogue with private sector
<b>Q43: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q44: Is your government taking national action to reduce trade costs?</b>	Yes
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<b>Q45: What national action is your government is taking?(You may tick more than 1 box)</b>	National government initiatives, Joint public-private sector initiatives, Initiatives supported by development partners
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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),  
Tariffs, fees and other charges,  
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),  
Transport infrastructure,  
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),  
Reforms of national regulatory frameworks for services  
,  
Tariffs on product inputs (e.g. on computers for ICT 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, Corridor initiatives,  
Joint public-private sector initiatives,  
Initiatives supported by development partners

Q50: In which areas have regional actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Border procedures (trade facilitation),  
Tariffs, fees and other charges,  
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),  
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),  
Reforms of national regulatory frameworks for services  
,  
Negotiations with trading partners on access for service suppliers

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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)

Dialogue with donors has resulted in attention to the issue of trade costs

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Dialogue with South-South partners has resulted in attention to the issue of trade costs

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Improved dialogue with the private sector has resulted in this being prioritized

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Improved dialogue with regional partners 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*

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**Q58: What impact would implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have on the evolution of your trade costs?**

Between 0-10% 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)**

North America, Developed Asia, West Africa, Central Africa

**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.**

(please specify)  
CEMAC, WTO, ICC

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

No

**Q66: Please specify why.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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<b>Q67: Where might you need support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted? (You may tick more than 1 box)</b>	To prepare category A, B, C notifications, To develop national implementation plans, To support implementation of specific TFA provisions , To align support with on-going national reform programmes , To align commitments with on-going regional programmes
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<b>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)</b>	Differing priorities of in-country donors , Problems accessing external funds, National coordination and demonstration of political will for TFA reform , Ensuring coherence with past programmes, Accessing regional programmes, Accessing global programmes
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<b>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)</b>	Publication and availability of information, Advance rulings, Appeal and review procedures, Border agency cooperation, Customs cooperation
<b>Q70: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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

Other (please specify)  
The political crisis in the country has been increasing trade costs. (\*)

**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)**

Not applicable (trade costs did not decline)

**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)**

No outcome(s)

**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)**

No impact(s)

**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)**

Removing domestic restrictions on commercial presence

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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,  
Domestic private sector investment,  
Reduction in poverty

Q82: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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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?

Improved

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

Better dialogue with donors,  
Better dialogue with the private sector,  
Better dialogue with regional partners

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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)**

Increase in resources available for trade development

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More attention to trade issues in development ,

More priority given by national authorities to trade issues in national development planning

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More priority given by regional authorities to trade issues in development planning

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More priority given by donors to trade issues in national development planning

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More priority given by private sector to trade issues

**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)**

Coherence in trade and development policy,

Catalyst for Aid-for-Trade flows ,

Catalyst for foreign direct investment,

Contribution to inclusive, sustainable growth,

Women's economic empowerment

**Q90: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**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 to improving the business and regulatory environment

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Ensuring continued attention to trade issues in development

,

Engaging the private sector in development issues

,

Making a contribution to economic growth and poverty eradication through inclusive, sustainable development

,

Positive impacts on women's economic empowerment

**Q92: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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

For LDCs, such as RCA that emphasis is particularly on trade-related infrastructure, including road and river infrastructure, dry ports, electricity. (\*)

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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.**

The complexity of the mobilization and management of funds for the financing of trade cost reduction projects and sustainable and inclusive growth. (\*)