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Q1 **CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC**
Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

Q2
About you

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Q3 Does your national development strategy, policy or plan include trade priorities (i.e., Aid-for-Trade priorities)?

Yes,
Additional information on the trade (or Aid-for-Trade priorities) included in your national development strategy, policy or plan (or other trade-related policy document).: The Plan for Recovery and Consolidation of Peace in the CAR also emphasizes, among other things: - the promotion of investment and trade; - business improvement; - the empowerment of women and young people; - strengthening the energy supply.

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Q4

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

Building productive capacity	1
E-commerce	3
Services development	2
Trade facilitation	4
Women's economic empowerment (please specify in the box below: rural women, women-owned businesses, women-led businesses, female workers, etc.)	5

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Q5**No**

Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2019?

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Q6**Respondent skipped this question**

If yes, please identify the top drivers of change in your Aid-for-Trade priorities from the list below: (Please select no more than 5 options from the areas listed below).

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Q7**More**

Has Aid for Trade become more or less important to your government since 2019?

Q8**Yes**

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

Q9**Unsure**

Do you have a specific national strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic?

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Q10

Respondent skipped this question

If yes, please indicate whether your strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery from the COVID-19 pandemic addresses any of the following areas: (You may tick more than one box).

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Q11

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

Recovery and Peacebuilding Plan (2017-2021); Trade and Industry Development Strategy (2019-2023)

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Q12

Yes

Is the environmental dimension of sustainable development reflected in your national policy document(s), plan(s) or strategy(ies)?

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Q13

National development strategy, policy or plan

If yes, please indicate in which of your national strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) sustainable development is reflected:(You may tick more than one box).

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Q14

Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7),

Does your national development strategy, policy or plan explicitly target any of the following environment-specific goals? (You may tick more than one box).

Climate Action (SDG 13)

Q15

Yes

Does your national sustainable development strategy, policy, or plan include trade objectives?

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Q16

Yes

If yes, do the trade objectives address the environmental dimension of sustainable development?

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Respondent skipped this question

Does your government have a national committee (or has coordination or dialogues across ministries and agencies) on sustainable development that includes the Ministry of Trade?

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Q18

Yes

If yes, does that national committee address the environmental dimension of sustainable development?

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Q19

Industry,
Services

Please identify the economic sector(s) that would gain the most in terms of economic and export diversification as a result of the move to sustainable development? (You may tick more than 1 box).

Q20

Agriculture,
Forestry

Please identify the sector(s) of your economy that may face the biggest challenge from the move to sustainable development. (You may tick more than 1 box).

Q21

Access to finance,
Domestic political challenges (e.g., security and stability)
,
Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,
Lack of human resource capability,
Limited agricultural processing capacity,
Limited economic and export diversification,
Low productive capacity in manufacturing,
Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity,
Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment

Q22

Please highlight the main challenges that Aid for Trade should address to support a transition to sustainable development in your country? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Business climate,**Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,****Existing transport infrastructure,****High trade costs,****Lack of human resource capability**

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Q23

Do you have a circular economy strategy, policy, plan?

No

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Q24

If yes, which economic sectors does the circular economy strategy, policy, or plan cover?(You may tick more than 1 box).

Respondent skipped this question**Q25**

If yes, does the circular economy strategy, policy, plan include trade objectives?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q26

Is digital connectivity reflected as a priority in your national sustainable development strategy(ies), policy(ies), or plan(s)?

Respondent skipped this question**Q27**

Do you have a national strategy, policy or plan for digital connectivity (including digital economy, e-commerce, etc.)?

Yes**Q28**

In which sectors could digital connectivity best support the transition to sustainable development in your country?(You may tick more than 1 box).

Industry,**Services**

Q29

Please identify which issues where digital connectivity would offer most promise in the move to sustainable development in your country?(You may tick more than one box).

E-civil service,
E-commerce,
Home energy management systems,
Transport information systems

Q30

Is there an existing Aid-for-Trade project for digital connectivity towards sustainable development and/or environmentally sustainable growth (or circular economy) that you want to showcase as an example of best practice?

No**Q31**

Do you agree that the COVID-19 pandemic has acted as an accelerator for the move to digital economy in your country ?

No**Q32**

In which areas has the COVID-19 pandemic exposed shortcomings in national digital connectivity?(You may tick more than one box).

Digital payments issues,
Insufficient or uneven internet coverage,
Lack of access to trade finance,
Poor access to internet services,
Trade facilitation and logistics issues

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Q33

Looking ahead, in which sectors do you think future Aid-for-Trade support to your country should focus so as to support sustainable development objectives? (You may tick more than 1 box).

Agriculture,
Industry,
Services

Q34

Looking ahead, in which categories of Aid for Trade do you think support should be focused so as to advance the environmental dimension of sustainable development?(You may tick more than 1 box).

(b) 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)

(a) 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)

**Transport and storage infrastructure,
Energy supply and generation infrastructure,
Travel and tourism**

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Q35

Which donor(s) are the most important for Aid-for-Trade financing for the environmental dimension of sustainable development in your country? (You may tick more than 1 box).

**European Union,
United States,
African Development Bank (AfDB),
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),
World Bank**

Q36

Which South-South partner(s) are the most important source of Aid-for-Trade financing for the environmental dimension of sustainable development?(You may tick more than 1 box).

Respondent skipped this question

Q37

Have you received Aid-for-Trade financing as part of triangular co-operation projects?

No

Q38

Is there an Aid-for-Trade project or programme for sustainable trade or development, green growth or circular economy that you want to showcase as an example of best practice?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q39 **Yes**

Do you implement policies that address the environmental dimension of sustainable development while also supporting progress on gender equality and/or women's economic empowerment?

Q40 **Yes**

Do you implement Aid-for-Trade projects that combine the objectives of women's economic empowerment and environmentally sustainable development?

Q41 **Respondent skipped this question**

Any other information you wish to share? (e.g., where support for sustainable trade or development is needed).

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Q42 **Yes**

Is women's economic empowerment included as an objective in any of your national strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s)?

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Q43 **National development strategy, policy or plan,**

If yes, please indicate the strategy, policy, or plan in which women's economic empowerment is included: (You may tick more than one box).

National trade development strategy, policy or plan,
Women's economic empowerment's strategy, policy or plan

Q44 **Yes**

Do the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) that you have identified seek to ensure non-discrimination with respect to conditions of employment or occupation (including through the provision of flexible work arrangements)?

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Q45 **Unsure**

Does your government collect data on women's economic empowerment in relation to trade and development?

Q46 **Difficulties accessing financial services,**
High trade barriers

In your view, what trade and development constraints do women face in your country?(You may tick more than one box).

Q47 **Yes**

Can Aid for Trade play a role in addressing these constraints?

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Q48 **Yes**

Have you requested Aid for Trade to finance projects for women's economic empowerment in your country during the period 2015-2020?

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Q49

If yes, please provide further information on the donors, South-South or triangular cooperation partners that have supported your Aid-for-Trade programmes on women's economic empowerment.

Number of total projects implemented in the period 2015-2020	2
Duration in years (1, 2 or more than 3)	3
Percentage of projects that included women's economic empowerment as their sole/main objective (please include the % sign in your response)	30
Percentage of projects that also included other objectives (please specify which in the box below and include the % sign in your response)	70

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Q50 **Developing training programmes,**
Capacity-strengthening initiatives,
Facilitating women's traders' inclusion in Global Value Chains (GVC)
 ,
Supporting women's entrepreneurship,
Supporting women's representation in trade policy and design of trade/Aid-for-Trade initiatives

Q51 **Unsure**

Have public-private partnerships been used to achieve your Aid-for-Trade objectives in relation to women's economic empowerment?

Q52 **Yes**

Does Aid for Trade help to mobilize funds for women's economic empowerment?

Q53 **Yes**

Are your Aid-for-Trade projects involving women's economic empowerment underpinned by a monitoring and evaluation/ results framework?

Q54 **Yes**

Does the Aid-for-Trade support for women's economic empowerment that you receive align with your trade priorities and objectives?

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Q55 **Yes**

Do women face particular difficulties in accessing digital technologies in your country?

Q56 **Inadequate electricity infrastructure,**
Inadequate network infrastructure,
Limited internet connectivity,
Poor IT literacy and/or skills

Please identify the top 5 barriers that prevent women from accessing digital technology in your country:(You may tick a maximum of 5 boxes).

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Q57 **Agriculture,**

Looking ahead, in which trade sectors do you think future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed?(You may tick more than 1 box).

Services,

Additional information on the sectors in which future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed.:

Arts and crafts

Q58

Looking ahead, in which Aid-for-Trade categories do you think future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed?(You may tick more than 1 box).

Trade education/training,
(c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)
,
Energy supply and generation infrastructure,
Building productive capacity,
Agriculture,
Travel and tourism

Q59

You may use the box below to elaborate on how you think that Aid for Trade can advance women's economic empowerment.

- Training
 - technical capacity building;
 - the reinforcement of production capacities;
 - access to technology;
 - access to financing.
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Q60

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

Ministry of SMEs, Handicrafts, Status of Women.
