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Q2: ABOUT YOU	
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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)

Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	2
Trade facilitation	3
Competitiveness	1
Export diversification	4

Q6: Additional information. *Respondent skipped this question*

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

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Q8: What are the top 3 drivers of these changes? (Please choose no more than 3 options) New development priorities,
New trade capacity needs,
Competitiveness objectives

Q9: Additional information. *Respondent skipped this question*

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

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

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

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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 sectoral strategy(ies),
National infrastructure development 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 trade strategy, National sectoral strategy(ies)
Q17: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q18: How important are trade costs for the competitiveness of your exports?	Very important
Q19: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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 infrastructure strategy, Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)
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
Q24: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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,
National infrastructure 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),
Transport infrastructure,
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) Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),
Restrictions on commercial presence

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, Central America,
South America, East Asia, Pacific Islands

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Q33: Indicate your home region.

Respondent skipped this question

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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),
Restrictions on commercial presence

Q37: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q38: **How have your trade costs evolved over the past 5 years ?**

Between 0-10% reduction

Q39: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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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)**

Research with private sector,
Research by government,
Research by donor funded project,
World Bank Doing Business Index,
World Customs Organizations Time Release Study

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Q41: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

Q42: Do you validate the results? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Yes, dialogue with private sector,
Yes, dialogue with government

Q43: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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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)

National government initiatives,
Joint public-private sector initiatives,
Private sector initiatives,
Initiatives supported by development partners

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,
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Transport infrastructure,
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),
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,
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,
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
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 ?

No

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)

Respondent skipped this question

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)	No opinion
Q57: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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?	Between 0-10% reduction
Q59: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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)	All regions
Q61: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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

WTO	2013
UNCTAD	2013

(please specify)
Two other assessments were carried out in 2003 and 2008

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Q65: Do you plan to request a new Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment or an update of an existing assessment?	No
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Q66: Please specify why.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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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 develop national implementation plans, To support implementation of specific TFA provisions , To align support with on-going national reform programmes
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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)	Accessing the necessary expertise, Ensuring TFA implementation is a priority in national development planning documents
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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)

Other measures to enhance impartiality, non-discrimination and transparency

,
Release and clearance of goods,

Formalities connected with importation, exportation and transit

Q70: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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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)

Private sector engagement and commitment,

Funding from development partners

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)

Updated customs legislation,

Updated customs working practices,

New or updated transport infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.)

,
Tariff reform,

Creation of electronic single windows

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,

Increase in import volumes

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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,
Rise in employment,
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, Other border agency reforms,
Tariff reforms,
Upgrading transport infrastructure,
Upgrading network infrastructure,
Improving the regulatory environment for services
,
Improving skills levels in service sectors

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,
Entry into new value chains,
Diversification in export markets,
Diversification in export products,
Foreign direct investment, Increase in imports

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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

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

Mainstreaming of trade issues in national policy ,
Engaging the private sector in national trade and development policy planning
,
Catalyst for Aid-for-Trade flows,
Catalyst for foreign direct investment

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

Q92: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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

- 1) A quantitatively improvement could be reached if the Initiative is focused on outcomes and impacts; if it is prioritized, and if instead of carrying out 100 little projects, full attention is paid to a couple of them (three or five), but with a significant impact.
- 2) If it is measurable and is tied to outcomes.
- 3) If coordination amongst the multiple stakeholders is enhanced.
- 4) If there exists compensation that could bring about bigger stakeholders' compromises.
- 5) If there is accountability.

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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