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Q1**COMOROS**

Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

Q2

About you

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Q3**Yes**

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

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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).

Export diversification	1
Services development	5
Other (please specify)	3
Additional information and weblink(s) to the relevant strategy(ies), polic(ies) or plan(s) in which your Aid-for-Trade priorities are included.	2 - Network infrastructure (electricity, water, 4 telecommunications, etc.) 3 - Industrialization

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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 **Unsure,**
 Has Aid for Trade become more or less important to your government since 2019?
Additional information on the reasons why Aid for Trade may have become more, less, or remained equally important to your government than in the past.:
 Since 2019, with the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic , even though national needs are greater, aid-for-trade providers have felt the brunt of the consequences of the said pandemic. What has been satisfactory is the continuation of the activities of the activities of the projects being implemented. Aid for Trade should be important to accompany the vision of making Comoros an emerging country by 2030.

Q8 **Yes,**
 Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?
Additional information on how changes in your Aid-for-Trade priorities may have been reflected in your dialogue with development partners.:
 A Conference of Comoros Development Partners was organized in Paris in December 2019 for the financing of the Emerging Comoros Plan (PCE).

Q9 **No,**
 Do you have a specific national strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic?
Additional information on the specific national strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:
 At the moment, we do not have a strategy, a policy or a specific national plan for economic recovery after COVID-19. However, consultations are underway with all sectors for the development of a post-pandemic recovery plan.

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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.

DTIS Revised 2015

SCADD revised 2018

Emerging Comoros Plan (PCE), 2020-2030

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Q12

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

Yes,

Additional information on how sustainable development is reflected in your national policy document(s), plan(s) or strategy(ies). (Please provide weblinks as applicable):
One of the conditions for the implementation of the PCE is development that is resilient to climate change and disasters. The ambition of the PCE is to make Comoros a country resilient to shocks in all dimensions of development. completely sustainable. The vision of PCE is to develop a sustainable blue economy.

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Q13

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).

Other (please specify),

Additional information on the national strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) in which sustainable development is reflected.:

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Q14

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

Affordable and Clean Energy (SDG 7),**Sustainable Production and Consumption (SDG 12),****Climate Action (SDG 13),****Life Below Water (SDG 14)**

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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Q17 **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 **Agriculture,
Fisheries,
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,
Fisheries,
Industry,
Services**

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

In your view, what challenges constitute the main obstacles to the transition towards sustainable development in your country?(You may tick more than 1 box).

- Access to finance,
- Dependence on a narrow basket of goods and services
- ,
- Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,
- Existing transport infrastructure,
- High concentration of economic activity in the informal sector
- ,
- High trade costs,
- Lack of human resource capability,
- Limited agricultural processing capacity,
- Limited economic and export diversification,
- Low productive capacity in manufacturing,
- Low productivity of agricultural sector

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)

- Access to finance,
- Dependence on a narrow basket of goods and services
- ,
- Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,
- Existing transport infrastructure,
- High concentration of economic activity in the informal sector
- ,
- High trade costs,
- Lack of human resource capability,
- Limited agricultural processing capacity,
- Limited economic and export diversification,
- Low productive capacity in manufacturing,
- Low productivity of agricultural sector

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Q23

No

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

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Q24**Respondent skipped this question**

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

Q25**Respondent skipped this question**

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

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Q26**Yes**

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

Q27**Yes,**

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

Additional information on your national policy documents for digital connectivity. (Please include weblinks of the source used).:

The country has a "Comoros 2028 digital strategy" which focuses on strengthening the legal and institutional framework, promoting the use and dissemination of ICTs, pooling infrastructure and capitalization of investments, and the diversification of the sector beyond communications. the vision is to make the Comoros by 2030 "an information society, actor of the digital revolution".

Q28**Agriculture,**

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

Fisheries,**Industry,****Services,**

Additional information on the sector(s) in which digital connectivity can best support a transition to sustainable trade and the circular economy. (Please include weblinks of the source used).:

ANADEN - National Digital Development Agency:
<http://anaden.org>

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).

Digital contents,
E-civil service,
E-commerce,
E-government,
E-healthcare,
E-learning,
E-logistics,
Smart energy grids

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 ?

Yes,

Additional information on the impact of the pandemic on the uptake of the digital economy. :
 The pandemic has contributed significantly to the emergence of some e-commerce companies.

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,
Inadequate network infrastructure including broadband capacity
 ,
Insufficient or uneven internet coverage,
Lack of access to trade finance,
Poor access to internet services,
Poor digital skills and IT literacy,
Slow, expensive or unreliable 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,
Fisheries,
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)

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(d) Building productive capacity,

(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)

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(c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

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Transport and storage infrastructure,

Communications infrastructure,

Energy supply and generation infrastructure,

Building productive capacity,

Agriculture,

Fishing,

Industry,

Travel and tourism,

(e) Trade related adjustment (Including supporting developing countries to put in place accompanying measures that assist them to benefit from liberalized trade)

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,
France,
Japan,
New Zealand,
United Kingdom,
United Arab Emirates,
African Development Bank (AfDB),
Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF),
Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN (FAO),
International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)
 ,
International Labour Office (ILO),
International Monetary Fund (IMF),
Islamic Development Bank (IsDB),
International Trade Centre (ITC),
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),
UN Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO),
World Bank,
World Trade Organization (WTO)

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).

China,
Other (please specify),
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia,
South Africa,
United Arab Emirates,

Additional information on the South-South partner(s) that are important sources of financing for sustainable trade or development.:

Morocco, Oman

Q37

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

No,
 Additional information on the Aid-for-Trade financing that you have received as part of triangular co-operation projects.:
 Aid for Trade funding has not yet been received for triangular cooperation projects. On the other hand, an agreement in principle on the financing of a project on a "Reverse flow" approach between the AFTIAS of the IDB, Morocco and the Comoros.

Q38

Respondent skipped this question

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?

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Q39

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?

Yes,

Additional information on whether you implement policies that address the environmental dimension of sustainable development while also supporting progress on gender equality /women empowerment. You may also provide information on your intention to draft such policies in the future. (Please include weblinks as applicable).: UNMO-CIR is running a project on the development and promotion of tourism in the Comoros, including sustainable tourism. The various interventions primarily target women and young people.

Q40

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

Yes,

Additional information on the Aid-for-Trade projects which combine the twin objectives of women's economic empowerment and environmental environmentally sustainable development. Please indicate the number of projects, the sector concerned (agriculture, fisheries, sustainable tourism, circular economy, etc.). (Please include weblinks as applicable).: UNMO-CIR is running a project on the development and promotion of tourism in the Comoros, including sustainable tourism. The various interventions primarily target women and young people.

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

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 development strategy, policy or plan,**Other (please specify),**

Additional information on the strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s) that include women's economic empowerment. (Please include weblinks as applicable):.

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Q44

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)?

Unsure

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Q45

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

No**Q46**

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

Difficulties accessing financial services,**Difficulties in meeting regulatory and procedural requirements**

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Lack of access to digital services,**Informal employment,****Restricted access to markets,****Smaller sized business,****Time and mobility constraints****Q47**

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

Yes

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Q48

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

Unsure

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Q49

Respondent skipped this question

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.

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Q50

Respondent skipped this question

Please specify the areas that your Aid-for-Trade projects for women's economic empowerment sought to address:(You may tick more than one box).

Q51

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q52

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q53

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q54

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q56

Respondent skipped this question

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

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).

Agriculture,
Fisheries,
Industry,
Services

Q58

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(d) Building productive capacity,

(c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

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Transport and storage infrastructure,

Communications infrastructure,

Energy supply and generation infrastructure,

Building productive capacity,

Agriculture,

Fishing,

Industry,

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.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q60

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

Respondent skipped this question