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COOK ISLANDS

Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

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About you

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Q3

Yes

Do you have a national development plan or strategy?
(ies)?

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Q4

If yes, does your national development plan or
strategy(ies) include trade priorities?

Yes,

If yes, please provide further details including hyperlinks
to relevant documents containing trade priorities::
National Sustainable Development Agenda (NSDA) - Goal
3 - Economy, Employment, Trade and Enterprise.
(www.pmooffice.gov.ck)

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Q5

Yes

Does your national development strategy(ies) have a
thematic focus?

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Q6

If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list of thematic options of key strategic objectives below. (If an objective(s) does not appear in the drop-down list, please tick other and add details in the text box.)

- Economic diversification,**
- Expansion of the extractive sector (minerals and mining)**
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- Expansion of the agriculture sector,**
- Expansion of the fisheries sector,**
- Expansion of the services sector,**
- Expansion of the digital economy,**
- Infrastructure development,**
- Institutional strengthening (e.g. good governance, transparency and accountability)**
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- Climate change mitigation,**
- Innovation and technological development,**
- Expansion of the formal economy,**
- Expansion of the MSME sector,**
- Human capital development (e.g. education through skills, training and health)**
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- Protection of biodiversity,**
- Higher labour productivity,**
- Women's economic empowerment and gender equality**
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- Youth employment and skills,**
- Pollution control,**
- Environmental protection,**
- Sustainable resource management,**
- Waste management ,**
- Improved (national) environmental governance,**
- Inclusive growth, including (historically) disadvantaged groups (add additional information in text box if appropriate).**
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- Food security,**
- Additional information on thematic issues::
- Goal 1 - wellbeing for all

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Q7**Yes**

Do the trade priorities found in your national development plan or strategy(ies) reflect specific development objectives or targets? For example, the national development plan of Benin aims to achieve a sustained, inclusive and sustainable growth of at least 10% by 2025.

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Q8

If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list below. (If an objective(s) or target* do not appear in the list below, please tick other and add details in the text box. Please tick relevant boxes). Objectives & Targets*:

Other targets (e.g. digital connectivity, gender equality, renewable energy, circular economy, etc.)

Economic growth targets,

Poverty reduction targets,

Additional information on objectives and targets::

E.g, Indicator 3.4 Growth in non-tourist-related industries

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Q9**Yes**

In addition to the trade priorities you may have in your national development strategy, do you have trade priorities that are set out in other national policy documents or strategies?

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Q10

If yes, do you have a national trade policy or strategy, export development strategy or similar policy or strategy (e.g. national diagnostic trade integration study update, national e-commerce strategy etc.)? For example, Jordan has published a national export strategy for the period 2023-2025.

Yes,

(If yes, please provide further details, including dates the strategy covers and hyperlinks to relevant documents)::

Cook Islands Economic Development Strategy 2030

(EDS)[January 2021]{www.mfem.gov.ck} National

Security Policy 2023-2026 (NSP)[2023]

{www.pmooffice.gov.ck}/ The Cook Islands Trade Policy

Framework published in 2015 is no longer used as a

reference source. It is in need of review and updating.

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Q11

Yes

Do these other national policy documents or strategies include trade objectives or targets? For example, Ghana's National Export Development Strategy envisages that over a duration of 10 years non-traditional exports will grow from \$2.8 billion in 2020 to \$25.3 billion in 2029 accompanied by deep structural transformation that positions Ghana as a competitive export-led industrialized economy.

Q12

If yes, please chose options from the non-exhaustive list below. If an objective(s) does not appear in the list, please tick "other" and add details in the text box. If no, please indicate if there is another strategy or policy that includes specific objective of targets.

Increased competitiveness,

Expansion of agricultural exports,

Expansion of exports of fishery products,

Expansion of services exports,

Expansion of e-commerce and/or digitally delivered services exports

,

Expansion of MSME sector exports,

Protection of intellectual property,

Growth in the number of export markets reached,

Improvements in trade facilitation,

Climate change related objectives (e.g. reduction in emissions associated with trade)

,

Export-related environmental protection objectives,

Better export performance,

Expansion of mineral and mining exports,

Additional information on trade objectives and targets including hyperlinks to relevant documents::

Explicit targets not specified

Q13

Do the trade priorities found in your national development strategy align with those found in other national policy documents or strategy(ies)?

Yes, in full,

Additional information on alignment of trade priorities:: NSDA priorities stated usually stated at a high level of generality with more details provided in the EDS and NSP.

Q14

Do the trade objectives in your national development plan and/or those found in other national policy documents or strategies include sectoral objectives? For example, Vision 2030 Jamaica includes 31 Sector Plans (in 28 separate documents) prepared by Task Forces, comprising stakeholders from public and private sector bodies, civil society and international development partners). And Bhutan's National Export Strategy 2022 identifies the mineral and timber industries as holding potential for the development of value-added products.

Yes,

Additional information on trade objectives in other policy documents::

Numerous objectives in different sectors/thematic areas (e.g. food security, economic diversification, IPR protection etc) are found in the NSDA, EDS and NSP.

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Q15

If yes, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details, including hyperlinks to relevant documents. If no, please indicate if there is another national strategy or policy that includes specific objectives or targets. (Please tick relevant boxes)

Agriculture,

Fisheries,

Mining and minerals,

Renewable energy,

MSME sector development,

Services (general),

Banking and financial services,

Business and professional services,

Communication services, including ICT,

Culture and creative industries,

Education services,

Environment services,

Tourism,

Cross-sectoral e-commerce and digital trade,

Additional information on specific objectives and targets in other documents::

Details found in hyperlinks provided above.

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Q16**Yes**

Does the trade objectives found in your national development plan or strategy(ies) and in other national policy documents or strategies include regional objectives? For example, the national development strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2018-2040 includes, inter alia, the objective to work on harmonious integration of the Kyrgyz economy with the Eurasian Economic Union; active participation in regional projects that improve production and transit capacity; diversification of foreign economic focus of Kyrgyzstan through development of mutually beneficial trade, economic and investment cooperation with the countries of South and Southeast Asia, the Arab East and America.

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Q17

If yes, please identify the relevant economic community(ies). (Please tick relevant boxes)

Pacific Islands Forum States (PIFS),

Additional information on regional objectives::

Under the PACER Plus Agreement the Cook Islands works with Australia, New Zealand and other Forum Island Countries to promote regional economic integration. Under the Pacific Island Countries Trade Agreement (PICTA) the Cook Islands seeks to enhance its trade relations with other PICTA parties.

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Q18

Does your government have priority areas for Aid for Trade for which it is actively seeking support?

Other (please specify):

Priority areas include economic diversification, capacity-building and investment promotion

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Q19**Respondent skipped this question**

If yes, please indicate the relevant priority areas for Aid for Trade for which your government is actively seeking support. (Please tick relevant boxes)

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Q20**Yes**

Have these priorities been communicated to Donors and South-South partners?

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If yes, please provide additional information on how priorities were communicated:

**Communication of policy document,
Dialogue with development partners**

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Q22

Does your government face difficulties in financing implementation of the trade objectives found in your development plan or strategy(ies) or trade strategy?

Yes,

If yes, please identify which sources of aid finance or other financial assistance for trade that you would like to attract to achieve your trade objectives. (e.g. Official Development Assistance (i.e. Aid for Trade), Other Official Flows (loans at concessional rates that do not qualify as ODA), South-South co-operation, Climate finance, etc.):

The Cook Islands multifarious trade-related needs are beyond those that can be met through local budgetary resources and AfT support will be important.

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Q23

Do you face difficulties in accessing finance to address your Aid-for-Trade priorities?

Other (please specify):

The Cook Islands is in the early stages of seeking substantial AfT support.

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Q24

If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list below. (If a difficulty in accessing aid for trade does not appear in the drop-down list, please tick other and add details in the text box.)

Difficulties accessing grant finance

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Q25

Does your government face a situation where it is receiving an increasing share of Aid for Trade in the form of loans and a declining share of grants?

Other (please specify),

Additional information on loans and grants::

Despite being a highly vulnerable small island state, because it is seen as a developed state it has faced difficulties in accessing grant assistance in certain circumstances.

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Q26

If yes, does this situation present a challenge for your government to achieve its trade objectives?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q27

Do you plan to stop receiving Aid for Trade? Has a date been set to achieve this objective (e.g. a date to stop receiving foreign aid)?

Yes,

Additional information on stopping foreign aid and Aid for Trade::

It is the Cook Islands' ultimate objective to no longer require development assistance, however no date has been set to stop receiving such assistance. Because of its substantial trade-related needs, AfT support will be needed for some time.

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Q28

How well-aligned is the Aid-for-Trade support you receive with your Aid-for-Trade priorities?

Other (please specify),

Additional information on Aid-for-Trade alignment. Please specify whether this is an official perspective or the personal opinion of the respondent::

The Cook Islands is working with (potential) donor partners to ensure trade-related assistance is closely aligned to our needs.

Q29

What challenges do you encounter in aligning the Aid-for-Trade support you receive with the sectoral level needs outlined in relevant policy documents ? (Please tick relevant boxes)

Human capacity constraints to developing bankable projects

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Weak institutional capacity (e.g. lack of coordination at domestic level)

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Additional information on sectoral level alignment::

domestic institution strengthening will assist in coordinating AfT support/opportunities although domestic human resource constraints will remain a challenge that will need to be addressed, including through simplification of assistance procedural requirements.

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Q30

Do development financing partners (i.e. both donors and South-South partners) align their monitoring and evaluation with your national monitoring or results frameworks?

Other (please specify),

Additional information on alignment of monitoring and evaluation::

This is still a work in progress between the Cook Islands and donor partners in relation to trade-related assistance.

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Q31 Other (please specify):
Do you measure the impacts of the Aid-for-Trade support you receive? This will be an important component of AfT projects

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Q32 Respondent skipped this question
If yes, where is Aid for Trade having a measurable impact in your opinion?(Please tick relevant boxes)

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Q33 No
Is there an Aid-for-Trade project or programme that you would like to highlight as an example of best practice?

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Q34 Yes
Do you foresee a continued need for Aid-for-Trade financing?

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Q35

If yes, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details including hyperlinks as relevant.(Please tick relevant boxes)

- Agriculture,**
 - Fisheries,**
 - Mining and minerals,**
 - Renewable energy,**
 - MSME sector development,**
 - Services (general),**
 - Banking and financial services,**
 - Business and professional services,**
 - Communication services, including ICT,**
 - Culture and creative industries,**
 - Distribution services,**
 - Education services,**
 - Energy services,**
 - Environment services,**
 - Science, technology and innovation,**
 - Tourism,**
 - Transport services (air, land and maritime),**
 - Cross-sectoral e-commerce and digital trade,**
 - Other (please specify),**
- Additional information on sectors needing continuing Aid for Trade financing.:
- IPR protection
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Q36

In which categories of Aid-for-Trade support do you foresee future needs?(Please tick relevant boxes)

- Trade policy and administrative management,
- Trade facilitation,
- Regional trade agreements (RTAs),
- Trade education/training,
- Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)
- ,
- Trade-related Communications infrastructure,
- Trade-related Energy supply and generation infrastructure
- ,
- Business support services,
- Banking and financial services,
- Building productive capacity,
- Agriculture,
- Fishing,
- Multilateral trade negotiations,
- Mineral resources and mining,
- Travel and tourism,
- Digital trade and e-commerce,
- 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 undertake trade reform/facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)**
- ,
- TRADE-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE (Including physical infrastructure)**
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- 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)**
- ,
- TRADE-RELATED ADJUSTMENT (Including supporting developing countries to put in place accompanying measures that assist them to benefit from liberalized trade)**
- ,
- OTHER TRADE RELATED NEEDS**

OTHER TRADE-RELATED NEEDS,

Additional information on the categories of Aid-for-Trade support in which you foresee future needs::
IPR protection

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Q37 **Yes**

Do you foresee future needs for Aid for Trade to support the achievement of trade-related aspects of the Sustainable Development Agenda?

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Q38 **GOAL 1: No Poverty,**

If yes, please indicate the relevant SDGs that Aid for Trade can help achieve.(Please tick relevant boxes)

GOAL 2: Zero Hunger,

GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being,

GOAL 4: Quality Education,

GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation,

GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy,

GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth,

GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure,

GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality,

GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities,

GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production,

GOAL 13: Climate Action,

GOAL 14: Life Below Water,

GOAL 15: Life on Land,

GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions,

GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal,

GOAL 5: Gender Equality

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Q39 **Yes**

Do you foresee future needs for Aid for Trade to support the trade-related aspects of climate change ?
