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

Yes

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Q4 If yes, 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 ones listed below. (1 being the most important)

Connecting to value chains

5

E-commerce

3

Regional integration

4

Trade facilitation

2

Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)

1

Please specify further the priorities that you selected above as well as the main problems/obstacles encountered in furthering them and provide a weblink to the relevant strategy.

<https://sites.google.com/expedientesmideplan.go.cr/pn-dip-2019-2022/>

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**Q5** Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2016?

**Yes,**

Please specify further the priorities that you selected above, as well as the main problems/obstacles encountered in furthering them. Please include a weblink to the relevant strategy.:

E-commerce becomes a priority at the initiative of plurilateral negotiations in the framework of the WTO. Infrastructure is becoming increasingly complex to address and negatively affects the country's competitiveness.

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**Q6** If yes, please rank the top 3 drivers of these changes :(Please choose no more than 3 options)

Change of government	<b>2</b>
E-commerce development	<b>1</b>
Trade Facilitation Agreement Implementation	<b>3</b>

**Q7** Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?

**Yes**

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**Q8** Please provide names, titles, references or weblinks to policy documents relevant to Aid for Trade in your country.

Border Integration Program - IDB Loan

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**Q9** Is economic diversification a priority in your national or regional development strategy?

**Yes,**

If yes, please provide additional information (including as to how economic diversification is defined and measured).: In the commercial field, it is measured by the relative level of concentration of exports between different products and between different destination markets. The model of development that Costa Rica has followed, based on the commercial opening and the attraction of direct foreign investment. It is mainly oriented towards the diversification of the national exportable offer.

**Q10** What are the main constraints to economic diversification identified in your national or regional development strategy?(You may tick more than 1 box)

**High tariffs in target markets/products** ,  
**High trade costs** ,  
**Limited network and/or transport infrastructure of a cross border nature** ,  
**Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)**

**Q11** Please indicate in which of category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing you receive aid-for-trade support for economic diversification.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

**Trade facilitation,**  
**Trade education/training**

**Q12** Does the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification align with the priorities established in your national or regional trade and development strategy(ies)?

**Unsure**

**Q13** Has your government recorded progress in economic diversification since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade initiative in 2006?

**Yes,**  
 Additional information on whether your government has recorded progress in economic diversification since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade initiative in 2006?:  
 Costa Rica's exportable offer has diversified significantly in terms of products and destinations since 2006. For example, medical devices, growth in pineapple exports, and an increase in the share of exports from the service sector.

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**Q14** If yes, please specify in which area(s):(You may tick more than 1 box)

**Export diversification** ,  
**Industrialization, including manufacturing value added** ,  
 Additional information on the progress that your government has recorded in economic diversification since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade initiative in 2006.:  
 Particularly in the medical device sector.

**Q15** If yes, please also indicate in which sector(s): (You may tick more than 1 box)

**Agriculture,**  
**Industry,**  
**Services**

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**Q16** In which category(ies) of Aid for Trade is the support you receive impactful for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

**Trade facilitation,**

**Trade education/training,**

Additional information on the category(ies) of Aid for Trade in which the support you receive is impactful for economic diversification, including information on which your answer is based.:

Technical capacity building. Modernization of Border Posts.

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**Q17** What factors contribute to the success of the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

**Coordination among donors** ,

**Donor interest in specific projects/programmes** ,

**Institutional capacity to implement projects** ,

**Leveraging of foreign direct investment**

**Q18** What factors may limit the success of the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors.)

**Inadequate infrastructure,**

**Failure to mobilize domestic private investment** ,

**Poor national/regional coordination**

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**Q19** Does the Aid for Trade you receive help mobilize other forms of development finance for economic diversification (i.e. non-concessional financing, foreign direct investment, remittances, trade finance, etc.).

**Unsure**

**Q20** Which development partner(s) are the most important source of aid-for-trade financing for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box)

- European Union,**
- United States,**
- Inter-America Development Bank (IDB) ,**
- International Trade Centre (ITC) ,**
- World Bank ,**
- World Trade Organization (WTO) ,**
- Other (please specify) ,**

Additional information on the development partners that are important sources of aid-for-trade financing for economic diversification.:  
 ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC)

**Q21** Which South-South partner(s) are the most important source of financing for your economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box)

- China,**
- South Korea\***

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**Q22** Looking ahead, in which sector(s) will future support for economic diversification be most required? (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Agriculture,**
- Fisheries**

**Q23** Looking ahead, in which category of aid-for-trade financing do you think that your government will require aid-for-trade support for economic diversification.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

- Trade facilitation,**
- Trade education/training,**
- Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)**
- ,**
- Agriculture,**
- Fishing**

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**Q24** Is there any Aid-for-Trade project or programme for economic diversification that you would like to showcase as an example of best practice?(Please provide additional information and include weblinks as relevant)

DISCOVER.

It is a collaborative project between the Ministry of Foreign Trade, Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock, and Foreign Trade Promoter of Costa Rica. Its mission is to revalue agriculture as a sustainable activity and to increase the well-being of the population dedicated to it.

It also seeks to improve the productivity of the country's agricultural sector.

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**Q25** Is economic empowerment a priority in your national or regional development strategy? **Unsure**

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**Q26** For which groups does your national or regional development strategy seek to promote economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box) **Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises**

Additional information on the groups for which your national or regional developing strategy is seeking to promote economic empowerment.:

<https://www.meic.go.cr/meic/web/45/pymes.php>  
<http://www.pyme.go.cr/informacion.php?id=2>

**Q27** Does the national or regional development strategy propose any indicators to track economic empowerment or include any targets to achieve? **Unsure**

**Q28** Does the national or regional development strategy link economic empowerment to participation in international trade? **No**

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**Q29** Please indicate in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing you receive aid-for-trade support for economic empowerment.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support) **Unsure**

**Q30** Does the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic empowerment align with the empowerment priorities established in your national or regional trade and development strategy(ies)? **Unsure**

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**Q31** How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Improving access to information ,  
 Providing access to finance ,  
 Supporting the growth and economic development of women ,  
 Supporting the elaboration of gender-sensitive policies ,  
 Upgrading business skills

**Q32** What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support women's economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Trade education/training,  
 Business support services

**Q33** What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting women's economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Unsure

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**Q34** How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the economic empowerment of MSMEs?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Providing access to finance ,  
 Upgrading business skills,  
 Upgrading ICT skills ,  
 Improving access to foreign markets ,  
 Improving digital connectivity

**Q35** What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support the economic empowerment of MSMEs? (You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Business support services,  
 Trade facilitation,  
 Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

**Q36** What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting the economic empowerment of MSMEs? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

**Coordination among donors** ,  
**Mobilization of domestic private investment** ,  
**Institutional capacity to implement projects** ,  
**National/regional coordination**

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**Q37** How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to Youth economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

**Upgrading business skills,**  
**Upgrading ICT skills** ,  
**Improving access to information** ,  
**Improving digital connectivity**

**Q38** What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support to Youth economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

**Unsure**

**Q39** What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting to Youth economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

**Country ownership,**  
**Institutional capacity to implement projects**

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**Q40** In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?

**Yes,**  
 Please provide a weblink to the relevant national strategy or policy document in which SDGs are referred to.:  
<https://sites.google.com/expedientesmideplan.go.cr/pndip-2019-2022/documents>



**Q41** If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goal or Goals (SDGs) Aid for Trade can help to achieve.(You may tick more than 1 box)Sustainable Development Goals:

- 1. No poverty ,
- 2. Zero hunger,
- 5. Gender equality ,
- 8. Decent work and economic growth ,
- 9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,
- 10. Reduce inequalities

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**Q42** Which donor(s) are now the most important source aid-for-trade financing for your economic empowerment.(You may tick more than 1 box)

- European Union,
- United States,
- Inter-America Development Bank (IDB) ,
- International Trade Centre (ITC) ,
- World Bank ,
- Other (please specify) ,

Additional information on the donor(s) are the most important source of aid-for-trade financing for your economic empowerment.:

ECONOMIC COMMISSION FOR LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN (ECLAC)

**Q43** Which South-South partner(s) are the most important source of financing for your economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

- China,
- South Korea\*

**Q44** Looking ahead, in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing do you think that further support for economic empowerment will be required.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

- Business support services,
- Banking and financial services ,
- Trade facilitation,
- Trade education/training,
- Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

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**Q45** Please provide any additional information that you think may be relevant. (Please references in the form or weblinks, document symbols etc.) **Respondent skipped this question**

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**Q46** Is there any Aid for Trade project or programme for economic empowerment you would like to showcase as particularly important for your country or as an example of best practice? (Please provide any relevant additional information and include weblinks as relevant)

<https://www.procomer.com/es/seedstars>

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**Q47** CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply): **Respondent skipped this question**

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