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Q2: ABOUT YOU	
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Q3: CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply) :	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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	5
Competitiveness	1
Export diversification	2
Regional integration	4

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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)

Economic crisis, New trade capacity needs,
Trade facilitation

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 development strategy,
Regional trade agreement

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
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
Q22: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q23: How important are trade costs for access to imports?	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?	No
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Q26: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for imports?	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q27: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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), Tariffs, fees and other charges
Q29: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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)	Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms), Restrictions on commercial presence, Restrictions on movement of natural persons, Low levels of skills in service sectors
Q31: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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)	Unsure
Q33: Indicate your home region.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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
Q35: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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)	Restrictions on commercial presence , Restrictions on movement of natural persons
Q37: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q38: How have your trade costs evolved over the past 5 years ?	Unsure
Q39: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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
Q41: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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

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,
Negotiations with trading partners on access for service suppliers

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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) Free trade agreements,
Joint public-private sector initiatives

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,
Reforms of national regulatory frameworks for services
,
Negotiations with trading partners on access for service suppliers

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 ?	Yes
Q53: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q54: How is external support aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box)	External support is aligned with national priorities to reduce trade costs , Dialogue with donors has resulted in attention to the issue of trade costs , Improved dialogue with the private sector has resulted in this being prioritized , Improved dialogue with regional partners has resulted in this being prioritized
Q55: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q56: Why is external support not aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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)	North America, Central America, The Caribbean, Western Europe, Central and Eastern Europe
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 ?	Yes, after TFA adoption
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.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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Q65: Do you plan to request a new Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment or an update of an existing assessment?	Yes
Q66: Please specify why.	
To the extent that the current situation of market access in facilitating trade and the requirements of the countries is known, will benefit best existing preferential schemes , allowing access to markets more agile , transparent and less costly and unnecessary obstacles to trade would be reduced .	

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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 prepare category A, B, C notifications,
To develop national implementation plans,
To support implementation of specific TFA provisions
,
To align commitments with on-going regional 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)

Lack of information on funding opportunities ,
Differing priorities of in-country donors ,
Problems to quantify TFA implementation needs,
Integrating TFA implementation into on-going programmes

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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)

The Agreement as a whole

Q70: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 43: G.1) IMPACT: REDUCING TRADE COSTS AND INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

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,
Sustained political engagement and commitment by national authorities
,
Use of regional approach

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, Greater transparency, Improved cooperation between border agencies, Creation of electronic single windows , Creation of dialogue with private sector
Q74: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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, Reduction in informal payments, Increase in export volumes
Q76: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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, Increase in foreign direct investment, Increase in domestic private sector investment
Q78: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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,
Removing domestic restrictions on commercial presence
,
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,
Domestic private sector investment,
Consumer welfare effects, Reduction in poverty

Q82: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 50: H.1) IMPACT OF THE AID FOR TRADE INITIATIVE

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,
Better dialogue with regional partners

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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 regional authorities to trade issues in development planning
,
More priority given by donors to trade issues in national development planning

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)

Coherence in trade and development policy,
Contribution to inclusive, sustainable growth,
Contribution to green growth through support to green value chains

Q90: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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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

,

Engaging the private sector in development issues

,

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?

Further promote trade facilitation among WTO members , granting priority to LDCs and developing countries , thus avoiding unnecessary trade barriers.

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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