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Q2: About you

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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)

Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	1
Trade facilitation	3
International competitiveness	4
Export diversification	2
Services development	5

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Q5: Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2014?

No

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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Q8: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?

Yes

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Q9: If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you think that Aid for Trade may help to achieve? Sustainable Development Goals:

1. No poverty , 3. Good health and well-being ,
4. Quality education,
8. Decent work and economic growth ,
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,
10. Reduce inequalities,
16. Peace, justice and strong institutions ,
17. Partnership for the goals

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Q10: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?

Yes

Q11: Have you participated in any evaluation process that has been undertaken on the Aid-for-Trade support you receive?

Unsure

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Q12: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your national or regional development policy? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Yes, National Development Strategy with a direct link or reference to the TFA

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Q13: If yes, in which policy document(s) can trade facilitation be found as a priority? (You may tick more than 1 box)

National development strategy,
Regional trade agreement(s)

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Q14: If no, does your government plan to include trade facilitation as a priority in future planning document(s)? (You may tick more than one box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q15: Please outline the current status of work related to the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement(You may tick more than 1 box)

Acceptance of Amendment Protocol ("Trade Facilitation Agreement ratification") awaiting parliamentary or executive approval

Q16: Are you planning to use the flexibilities set out in section II of the Trade Facilitation Agreement ?

Yes

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Q17: If yes, please specify:(You may tick more than 1 box)

Category A commitments deposited ,
Category A commitments under preparation ,
Category B commitments deposited ,
Category B commitments under preparation ,
Category C commitments deposited ,
Category C commitments under preparation

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Q18: Which disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement are you seeking Aid-for-Trade support to implement?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Art 1: Publication and Availability of Information ,
 Art 2: Opportunity to Comment, Information before Entry into Force and Consultations
 ,
 Art 3: Advance Rulings ,
 Art 4: Procedures for Appeal or Review ,
 Art 5: Other measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non discrimination and Transparency
 ,
 Art 6: Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation and Penalties
 ,
 Art 7: Release and Clearance of Goods ,
 Art 8: Border Agency Cooperation ,
 Art 9: Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control
 ,
 Art 10: Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit
 ,
 Art 11: Freedom of Transit ,
 Art 12: Customs Cooperation

Q19: Are you engaged in a dialogue with development partners on your Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation needs?

Yes

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Q20: If yes, please specify with which development partners you are discussing Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation.

Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic,
 Denmark, Finland, France, Germany,
 Greece, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg,
 Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Slovenia,
 Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom,
 United States, EU Institutions, Hungary,
 Caribbean Development Bank ,
 Global Alliance for Trade Facilitation (World Economic Forum)
 ,
 World Customs Organization

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Q21: If no, what difficulties, if any, are you facing in securing Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q22: Is there an Aid-for-Trade facilitation project or programme that you wish to showcase as an example of best practice ?

Unsure

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Q23: Does your government have a national strategy for e-commerce (or other national digital-related strategy)?

Yes,

If yes, please provide a weblink to the relevant national e-commerce (or national digital-related strategy).

http://www.oas.org/juridico/spanish/cyb_ecu_ley_com_electronico.pdf

http://www.oas.org/juridico/PDFs/repdom_ley5307.pdf

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Q24: If yes, please indicate which of the following : (You may tick more than 1 box)

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development

,

Broadband development, E-commerce development,

E-government, Telecommunications strategy

Q25: If yes, is this national strategy reflected in your national development strategy?

Yes

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Q26: If no, does your government plan to develop or update your national development strategy to include e-commerce (or other digital-related) priorities?

Respondent skipped this question

Q27: Does your government plan to develop a separate e-commerce or (other digital-related) strategy ?

Unsure

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Q28: Do you have any mechanism(s) to coordinate your national e-commerce (or other digital strategy) across government ?

Respondent skipped this question

Q29: Does your existing or planned national strategy for e-commerce (or other digital-related) strategy cover issues related to trade in services and/or goods through e-commerce?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q30: If yes, please indicate which issues are covered in your national e-commerce (or other digital related) strategy:(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q31: For EXPORTS, what challenges do your micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) face in relation to cross border e-commerce transactions? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Absence of, or difficulties in, using electronic single window for customs or border clearance ,

Banking restrictions on foreign exchange transfer ,

Difficulties accessing third-party payment services ,

Difficulties in determination or payment of sales tax or other charges ,

High costs of small parcel shipment ,

High shipping costs ,

Issuance and acceptance of conformity assessment certificates ,

Issuance and acceptance of export certificates ,

Issuance and acceptance of origin certificates ,

Issuance and acceptance of sanitary and phytosanitary certificates ,

On-line fraud ,

Problems with intellectual property protection regulations

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Q32: For IMPORTS, what challenges do your micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) face in relation to cross border e-commerce transactions? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Banking restrictions on foreign exchange transfer ,
 Costs of delivery for small parcel trade ,
 Difficulties accessing third party payment services ,
 Difficulties in determination and payment of sales tax or other charges
 ,
 On-line fraud,
 Problems in using electronic single window for customs or border clearance
 ,
 Problems with determination and payment of customs or other duties
 ,
 Problems with on-line payment systems

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Q33: Please estimate the percentage of goods and services that your country exports and imports internationally through e-commerce / digital channels and the growth of imports and exports through e-commerce / digital channels over the past 3 years.

Percentage of goods exported through e-commerce	No data available
Percentage of services exported through e-commerce	No data available
Percentage of goods traded as expedited shipments	No data available
Growth of imports through e-commerce channels in the past 3 years	No data available
Growth of export through e-commerce channels in the past 3 years	No data available
Growth of expedited shipments	No data available

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Q34: For EXPORTS, what challenges does the on-line purchase of merchandise goods through e-commerce present for your customs and other border management authorities? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Banking restrictions on foreign exchange transfer ,
 Dealing with returned goods,
 Difficulties in issuing rules of origin determinations ,
 Difficulties issuing conformity assessment certificates ,
 Difficulties issuing export certificates,
 Difficulties issuing origin certificates,
 Difficulties issuing sanitary and Phytosanitary certificates

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Q35: For IMPORTS, what challenges does the on-line purchase of merchandise goods through e-commerce present for your customs and other border management authorities? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Acceptance of e-certification difficulties ,
 Additional costs related to processing small parcel trade ,
 Difficulties applying conformity assessment measures ,
 Difficulties applying intellectual property protection,
 Difficulties applying Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures ,
 Electronic single window issues,
 Rules of origin determination questions

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Q36: Please indicate how consumers and enterprises connect to the internet.

Fixed broadband	No data available
Wifi	No data available
Mobile phone	No data available
Dial up modem	No data available
Other (please specify)	No data available

Q37: Please indicate the main issues that enterprises and consumers in your countries have in accessing and using internet services.(You may tick more than 1 box)

Cybercrime laws, Data protection, E-signatures,
On-line fraud,
Private data protection (including safe harbouring of data)
,
Problems registering as vendors on online e-commerce platforms
,
Slow internet connection speeds

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Q38: Are electronic payments solutions available in your country?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Yes, e-banking, Yes, mobile money,
Yes, credit or debit card transactions

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Q39: If yes, please estimate the percentage of transactions paid electronically in your country (through e-banking, mobile money or e-government):

No data available

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Q40: If no, please outline what is holding back e-banking, mobile money and e-government transactions. (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q41: Do consumers in your country use mobile phones for domestic and international remittances and fund transfer?

Yes, both domestic and international remittances and fund transfer

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Q42: Please indicate which e-government services your country provides:(You may tick more than 1 box)

E-government forms and application downloads ,
On-line submission of forms and applications ,
Electronic payments

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Q43: Are Information and Communication Technology support programmes available to support students, workers and Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs)? Yes

Q44: Is there an Aid-for-E-commerce project or programme that you wish to showcase as an example of best practice? Unsure

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Q45: Do you anticipate a need for future assistance in order to meet your e-commerce strategic objectives? Yes

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Q46: If yes, please indicate who you would like to work with to provide this support:(You may tick more than 1 box) Bilateral donors, Multilateral and regional donors

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Q47: In your view, can growth in e-commerce make a contribution to women's economic empowerment? Yes

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Q48: Does your national development strategy include trade-related infrastructure development priorities? Yes

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Q49: If yes, please indicate which trade-related infrastructure sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy.(You may tick more than 1 box)

- TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE,
- Maritime transport infrastructure,
- Internal waterways transport infrastructure,
- Air transport infrastructure,
- Road transport infrastructure,
- Maritime transport infrastructure,
- Infrastructure related to all modes of transport: cargo handling, storage and/or warehousing
- ,
- COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE,
- Telecommunications infrastructure,
- Network cable infrastructure,
- ENERGY-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE,
- Energy distribution infrastructure,
- Energy transport infrastructure (pipelines for transportation of petroleum, natural gas, etc.)

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Q50: Does your national development strategy link trade-related infrastructure to the development of related services sectors?

Yes

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Q51: If yes, please indicate which services trade sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, Legal services,
Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services,
Architectural services, Engineering services,
Medical and dental services,
Veterinary services,
COMMUNICATION SERVICES,
CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES
,
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,
Secondary education services,
Higher education services,
Adult education services,
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,
FINANCIAL SERVICES,
Insurance and insurance-related services,
Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)
,
HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES,
Hospital services, Other human health services,
TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES,
Hotels and restaurants (including catering),
RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audio visual services)
,
TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)
,
Maritime transport services

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Q52: Does your national development strategy (or other national economic policy documents) link growth in services capacity and trade to growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing exports? Yes

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Q53: If yes, please specify which services sectors are identified for growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing. (You may tick more than 1 box)

CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES
,

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and retail trade services)
,

TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)
,

Maritime transport services,
Internal waterways transport services,
Air transport services, Rail transport services,
Road transport services

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Q54: Which services sectors are growing fastest in your country? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services,
COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g., services related to installation of computer hardware, data processing and database services)
,

Services incidental to manufacturing services,
Services incidental to energy distribution,
Courier and express delivery services,
CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES
,

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,
FINANCIAL SERVICES,
Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)
,

Social services,
TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES,
Hotels and restaurants (including catering),
Internal waterways transport services,
Road transport services

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Q55: What are the main issues constraining growth in national services capacity? Issues constraining growth : (You may tick more than 1 box)

Access to finance,
Competition from suppliers in informal sector,
Costs of services offered,
Education and vocational training,
Lack of recognition internationally of professional or vocational qualifications
,
Licensing requirements, National monopolies

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Q56: What are the main issues constraining growth in your services trade? Issues constraining growth : (You may tick more than 1 box)

Access to finance,
Competition from suppliers in informal sector,
Costs of services offered,
Education and vocational training,
Lack of recognition internationally of professional or vocational qualifications
,
Licensing requirements, National monopolies

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Q57: Which services sectors do you expect will support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement and will help realize associated economic benefits? (You may tick more than 1 box)

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and retail trade services)

,

FINANCIAL SERVICES,

Insurance and insurance-related services ,

Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

,

TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

,

Maritime transport services,

Internal waterways transport services ,

Air transport services, Road transport services ,

Services auxiliary to all modes of transport (cargo handling, storage and warehouse, freight transport agency services, etc.)

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Q58: Is there an Aid-for-Trade project or programme that you wish to highlight as an example of best practice? Unsure

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Q59: Does your national development strategy include actions to improve the investment climate? Yes

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Q60: If yes, please specify how: (You may tick more than 1 box)

By establishing an investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency

,

By reducing risk for investors, By training officials,

By updating investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

,

By upgrading economic infrastructure to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the production sector.

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Q61: What actions have you taken to improve the investment climate in the past 5 years ? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Embedding investment policy in overall development strategy
,

Establishing an investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency
,

Facilitating entry and operations of foreign investors ,

Focusing on investment policy implementation and enforcement
,

Focusing on public governance and institutions ,

Reforming an existing investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency
,

Signing a bilateral investment treaty(ies) or other investment agreements
,

Signing investment agreements focused on investment promotion and facilitation
,

Updating investment policy, regulations and/or strategy
,

Training officials,

Signing investment agreements focusing on investor/investment treatment and protection

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Q62: Are development partners supporting investment climate reforms ?

Yes

Q63: If yes, is there a project or programme that you wish to highlight as an example of best practice?

Unsure

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Q64: Does your national development strategy seek to attract investment in particular services sectors? If so, please identify which ones. (You may tick more than 1 box)

COMMUNICATION SERVICES,

Courier and express delivery services ,

CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES

,

Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

,

HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES ,

Hospital services ,

TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES ,

Hotels and restaurants (including catering)

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Q65: Can the development of services capacity and trade contribute to women's economic empowerment ?

Yes

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Q66: If yes, please specify which services sectors in your country may have particular impact on women's economic empowerment?Services sectors:(You may tick more than 1 box)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, Legal services ,

Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services ,

Architectural services , Engineering services ,

Medical and dental services ,

Veterinary services ,

COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g., services related to installation of computer hardware, data processing and database services)

,

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ,

OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES ,

Advertising services ,

Market research and public opinion polling services

,

Technical testing and analysis services ,

Services incidental to agriculture, hunting and forestry

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Services incidental to fishing ,

Services incidental to mining ,

Services incidental to manufacturing services ,

Services incidental to energy distribution ,

Convention services ,

COMMUNICATION SERVICES, Postal services ,

Courier and express delivery services ,

Telecommunication services ,

Audio visual services ,

CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES

,

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and retail trade services)

,

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,

Primary education services ,

Secondary education services ,

Higher education services ,

Adult education services ,

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,

FINANCIAL SERVICES,

Insurance and insurance-related services ,

Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

,

HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES ,

Hospital services , Other human health services ,

Tele medicine , Social services ,

TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES ,

Hotels and restaurants (including catering) ,

Travel agencies and tour operators services ,

Tourist guides services ,

RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audio visual services)

,

TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

,

Maritime transport services

maritime transport services ,

Internal waterways transport services ,

Air transport services, Space transport services ,

Rail transport services, Road transport services ,

Pipeline transport services ,

Services auxiliary to all modes of transport (cargo handling, storage and warehouse, freight transport agency services, etc.)

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Q67: In your view, can services trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?

Yes

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Q68: If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you think that growth in services trade may help. Sustainable Development Goals:(You may tick more than 1 box)

- 1. No poverty , 3. Good health and well-being ,
- 4. Quality education, 7. Affordable and clean energy ,
- 8. Decent work and economic growth ,
- 9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,
- 10. Reduce inequalities,
- 16. Peace, justice and strong institutions ,
- 17. Partnership for the goals

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Q69: CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply):

Respondent skipped this question