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Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

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Q3

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

Yes,

Additional information on the trade (or Aid-for-Trade priorities) included in your national development strategy, policy or plan (or other trade-related policy document).: Plan Cuscatlán <https://plancuscatlan.com>

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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).

E-commerce	2
Export diversification	3
Network and/or transport infrastructure of a cross border nature	5
Regional integration	4
Trade facilitation	1

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Q5

Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2019?

Yes,

Additional information: please specify which of the priorities you selected are new and provide further information. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: The Covid-19 Pandemic, new government plan <https://plancuscatlan.com>

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Q6

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).

Change of government,

Economic diversification,

Economic and trade impact of COVID-19 pandemic,

E-commerce development (and digital transformation)

,

Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) Implementation

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Q7

Has Aid for Trade become more or less important to your government since 2019?

Same

Q8

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

Yes,

Additional information on how changes in your Aid-for-Trade priorities may have been reflected in your dialogue with development partners.: Constant communication is maintained with development partners, infrastructure programs, regulatory improvement

Q9

Do you have a specific national strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic?

Yes,

Additional information on the specific national strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).: A process of simplification and digitization of procedures has been initiated to facilitate the realization of companies, likewise legislation has been created that allows the use of ICTs and elimination of requirements.

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Q10

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).

Agricultural sector, food production and supply chain support

,

Digital connectivity and transformation,

E-commerce,

MSME support,

Preparedness, recovery and resilience,

Trade facilitation,

Women's economic empowerment and gender equality

,

Additional information on your strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic.:

The Government of El Salvador has not only prioritized the life and health of Salvadoran families in the face of the crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic; From the beginning, it entrusted the Economic Cabinet to implement the necessary measures for the recovery of economic activity. of the country, prioritizing from that moment the Salvadoran Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MIPYME), and the entrepreneurs of the informal sector. This is how the Trust for the Economic Recovery of Salvadoran Companies (FIREMPRESA) arose. Through this financial mechanism, the aim is to inject economic resources into MSMEs and entrepreneurs in the informal sector that have been affected by said pandemic. The "Law for the Creation of the Trust for the Economic Recovery of Salvadoran Companies" establishes that the Development Bank of the Republic of El Salvador (BANDESAL) will be the administrator of FIREMPRESA. <https://www.firempresa.gob.sv/>

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Q11

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

<https://www.firempresa.gob.sv/> <https://plancuscatlan.com>

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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).:

It is a cross-cutting issue in government policies

<https://plancuscatlan.com>

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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).

National development strategy, policy or plan,
National sustainable trade strategy, policy or plan,
National strategy, policy or plan for COVID-19 recovery

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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)

Q15

Does your national sustainable development strategy, policy, or plan include trade objectives?

Yes

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Q16

If yes, do the trade objectives address the environmental dimension of sustainable development?

Yes

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Q17

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q18

If yes, does that national committee address the environmental dimension of sustainable development?

Yes

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Q19

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).

Agriculture,
Fisheries,
Forestry,
Industry,
Services

Q20

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).

Agriculture,
Fisheries,
Forestry,
Industry,
Services

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
,
Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,
Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,
Existing transport infrastructure,
Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment

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)

Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,
Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity,
Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment
,
Lack of technology transfer (including sharing of know-how)

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Q23

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

Yes,
Additional information on your circular economy strategy, policy, plan. (Please provide weblinks as applicable).:
<https://www.conacyt.gob.sv/?p=5567>

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Q24

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

Agriculture,
Fisheries,
Forestry,
Industry,
Services

Q25

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

Yes

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Q26

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

Yes**Q27**

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

Yes,

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

Reforms have been carried out to implement electronic commerce, electronic signature, digitization of procedures

Q28

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

Agriculture,
Fisheries,
Forestry,
Industry,
Services

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).

E-civil service,
E-commerce,
E-government,
E-healthcare,
E-learning,
E-logistics,
Innovation and technology for gender equality,
Smart energy grids,
Smart work,
Telepresence

Q30

Yes

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?

Q31

Yes

Do you agree that the COVID-19 pandemic has acted as an accelerator for the move to digital economy in your country ?

Q32

In which areas has the COVID-19 pandemic exposed shortcomings in national digital connectivity?(You may tick more than one box).

- Inadequate network infrastructure including broadband capacity**
 - Insufficient or uneven internet coverage,**
 - National digital connectivity strategy needs to be developed/updated**
 - National e-commerce development strategy needs to be developed/updated**
 - Poor access to internet services,**
 - Rules relating to e-commerce need updating,**
 - Slow, expensive or unreliable internet services**
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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,**
 - Forestry,**
 - Industry,**
 - Services**
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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).

- Trade facilitation,
- Multilateral trade negotiations,
- Trade education/training,
- (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)
- ,
- (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)
- ,
- (c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)
- ,
- Transport and storage infrastructure,
- Communications infrastructure,
- Energy supply and generation infrastructure,
- Building productive capacity,
- Agriculture,
- Forestry,
- 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)
- ,
- (f) Other trade related needs

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).

Germany,
Japan,
Korea,
Spain,
United States,
Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN (FAO),
Inter-America Development Bank (IDB),
International Monetary Fund (IMF),
United Nations Development Programme (UNDP),
World Bank

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,
South Korea*

Q37

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

Yes

Q38

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?

Respondent skipped this question

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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

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).:
Sectors agriculture, tourism and circular economy.

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

Is women's economic empowerment included as an objective in any of your national strategy(ies), policy(ies) or plan(s)?

Yes,

Additional information on how women's economic empowerment is included as an objective in your national policy documents.:

<https://www.firempresa.gob.sv>

<https://www.innovacion.gob.sv/>

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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,**National trade development strategy, policy or plan,****Women's economic empowerment's strategy, policy or plan**

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Aid-for-Trade strategy, policy or plan**Q44****Yes**

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)?

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Q45

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

Yes,

Additional information on the data on women's economic empowerment that your government collects. (Please include weblinks as applicable).:

<https://www.conamype.gob.sv/>

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,**Discriminatory practices,****Exclusion from male-dominated distribution networks**

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Gender pay gap,**Informal employment**

Q47

Yes

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

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Q48

Yes

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

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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,
Forestry,
Industry,
Services

Q58

Looking ahead, in which Aid-for-Trade categories do you think future support for women's economic empowerment should be focussed?(You may tick more than 1 box).

- Trade policy and administrative management,
- Trade facilitation,
- Multilateral trade negotiations,
- Trade education/training,
- (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)
- ,
- (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)
- ,
- (c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)
- ,
- Transport and storage infrastructure,
- Communications infrastructure,
- Energy supply and generation infrastructure,
- Business and other services,
- Banking and financial services,
- Building productive capacity,
- Agriculture,
- Forestry,
- 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)
- ,
- (f) Other trade related needs

Q59

Respondent skipped this question

You may use the box below to elaborate on how you think that Aid for Trade can advance women's economic empowerment.

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Q60

Respondent skipped this question

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