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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 facilitation	1
Network and/or transport infrastructure of a cross border nature	3
Export diversification	2
Services development	4
Industrialization	5
Please provide a weblink to the relevant strategy.	Strategic Plan Study on the emerging Gabon competitiveness and the diversification of exports of Gabon, the World Bank, the study on the economic diversification of Gabon, of the African Bank of Development

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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:

17. Partnership for the goals, 13. Climate action, 12. Responsible consumption and production, 10. Reduce inequalities, 9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure, 8. Decent work and economic growth, 7. Affordable and clean energy, 6. Clean water and sanitation, 4. Quality education, 3. Good health and well-being, 2. Zero hunger, 1. No poverty

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

Yes,

Additional information on how Aid for Trade can make a contribution to women's economic empowerment.

Support specific to activities generating income for women; Technical assistance for cooperatives operating in the fields of agriculture, crafts, etc.

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

Yes,

Additional information on your participation in Aid for Trade support evaluations. (Please include information on the review's findings and/or a weblink to the evaluation document)

Implementation of the program TradeCom I which Central Africa in general, and Gabon in particular, have benefited. This program put further focus on capacity building and the support for Gabon's participation in international trade negotiations. The findings of this evaluation bring out globally satisfactory results. This is what led to the putting in place of the TradeCom II program.

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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 broader conception of trade facilitation (e.g. trade and transport facilitation)

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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,

National trade strategy,

National sectoral strategy(ies),

National infrastructure development strategy,

Regional trade agreement(s),

Regional development strategy,

Regional corridor strategy,

Regional infrastructure strategy,

Additional information on the policy document(s) in which trade facilitation can be found as a priority.
Emergent Gabon Strategic Plan

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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") but not yet deposited

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 B commitments under preparation ,
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 5: Other measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non discrimination and Transparency

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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 10: Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit

,

Art 11: Freedom of Transit ,

Additional information on the disciplines of the TFA you are seeking Aid for Trade support to implement particularly with respect to specific measures within articles (e.g. single window, authorized operator, etc.).

Information Points, Consultations, early Decisions, Notification of monitoring or reinforced inspection, General Retention Disciplines concerning fees and charges imposed on importation and exportation, or on the occasion of importation and exportation, specific Disciplines concerning fees and charges imposed on the importation and exportation or on the occasion to import and export, Electronic Payment, Risk Management, PCA, Establishment and publication of the average time necessary to release, Trade facilitation measures for approved operators, Cooperation between border agencies, Formalities for required documents, Acceptance of copies, Use of international standards, Single Window, Procedures at borders and requirements regarding the uniformity of required documents, Freedom of transit

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.

EU Institutions , African Development Bank ,
World Bank Group

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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 ?

No

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

No

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Respondent skipped this question

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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?

Yes

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

Respondent skipped this question

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

Coordination ensured by ministry responsible for Information and Communication Technologies

Additional information on mechanism(s) used to coordinate your national e-commerce (or other digital strategy) across government.
Ministry in charge of Digital Economy;
Communications Regulations Agency of Regulations of Electronic Communications and Postal Services (ARCEP)

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?

Yes

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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)

Access to online platforms ,

Business to consumer transactions ,

Payment issues, Infrastructure, Customs automation

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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)

Unsure

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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)

Unsure

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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)

Unsure

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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)

Unsure

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

Fixed broadband	11-20%
Wifi	41-50%
Mobile phone	91% or above
Dial up modem	11-20%

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)

Business outsourcing services, Consumer rights,
 Cost of broadband subscription,
 Cost of mobile phone subscription, Cybercrime laws,
 E-signatures,
 Intellectual property registration and policies addressing IP infringement
 ,
 On-line fraud, 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):

31-40%

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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, only domestic 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

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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,

Additional information on whether ICT support programmes are available for students, workers and MSMEs.

The program called "young = a trade" "Train my generation" of UNESCO

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

No

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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 ,
South-South partners,

Additional information on who you would like to work with to provide future assistance to meet your e-commerce strategic objectives.

The World Bank is in a preparation phase of a budget support program in the profit of Gabon. This program includes, among others, a support as part of the reforms needed to improve the business climate in Gabon. It's in this framework that the establishment of the multi-modal single window is planned.

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

Yes,

Additional information on how growth in e-commerce can make a contribution to women's economic empowerment.

Facilitate exercise of trade across social networks.

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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,

Rail 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.)

,

Additional information on trade-related infrastructure sectors that feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy.

Strategic Plan Emergent Gabon. Policy Transport sector

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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,
 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
 ,
 Telecommunication services ,
 CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES
 ,
 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,
 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,
 FINANCIAL SERVICES,
 Insurance and insurance-related services ,
 Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)
 ,
 HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL 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)

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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)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES,

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

,

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES,

Technical testing and analysis services ,

Services incidental to fishing ,

Services incidental to mining ,

Services incidental to manufacturing services ,

Services incidental to energy distribution ,

COMMUNICATION SERVICES,

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and retail trade services)

,

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,

FINANCIAL SERVICES,

HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES ,

TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

,

Maritime transport services ,

Air transport services, Rail transport services ,

Road transport services

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

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, Legal services,
Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services ,
COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g.,
services related to installation of computer hardware,
data processing and database services)
,
COMMUNICATION SERVICES,
CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING
SERVICES
,
DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and
retail trade services)
,
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,
FINANCIAL SERVICES,
Insurance and insurance-related services ,
Banking and other financial services (excluding
insurance)
,
HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES ,
Hospital services ,
TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES ,
RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING
SERVICES (other than audio visual services)
,
TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight
transportation)

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

Absence of national services policy framework ,
 Access to finance ,
 Competition from suppliers in informal sector ,
 Costs of services offered ,
 Education and vocational training ,
 Funding constraints of national professional bodies ,
 Low levels of domestic investment ,
 Low levels of foreign direct investment ,
 National monopolies, Quality of services offered

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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)

Absence of national services policy framework ,
 Access to finance ,
 Competition from suppliers in informal sector ,
 Costs of services offered ,
 Funding constraints of national professional bodies ,
 Lack of recognition internationally of professional or vocational qualifications
 ,
 Low levels of domestic investment ,
 Low levels of foreign direct investment ,
 National monopolies,
 Poor transport infrastructure (maritime, inland waterway, air, rail, road)
 ,
 Quality of services offered

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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)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES,

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

,

COMMUNICATION SERVICES,

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, Rail 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? No

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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

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By reducing risk for investors, By training officials,

By updating investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

,

Additional information about actions to improve the investment climate foreseen in your national development strategy.

the investment charter decree establishing the ANPI

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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

,

Facilitating entry and operations of foreign investors ,

Focusing on investment policy implementation and enforcement

,

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

,

Reviewing tax policy,

Signing investment agreements focused on investment promotion and facilitation

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Signing investment agreements focusing on investor/investment treatment and protection

,

Training officials,

Updating investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

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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?

No

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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)

PROFESSIONAL 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,
 COMMUNICATION SERVICES,
 CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES
 ,
 DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and retail trade services)
 ,
 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,
 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,
 FINANCIAL SERVICES,
 HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES ,
 TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES ,
 RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audio visual services)
 ,
 TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

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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,
- Advertising services ,
- Services incidental to agriculture, hunting and forestry
- ,
- Services incidental to manufacturing services ,
- COMMUNICATION SERVICES,
- DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and retail trade services)
- ,
- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,
- ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,
- FINANCIAL SERVICES,
- HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES ,
- TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES ,
- RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audio visual services)
- ,
- TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

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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 , 2. Zero hunger ,
3. Good health and well-being , 4. Quality education ,
6. Clean water and sanitation ,
7. Affordable and clean energy ,
8. Decent work and economic growth ,
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,
10. Reduce inequalities ,
12. Responsible consumption and production ,
13. Climate action, 17. Partnership for the goals

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

Directorate General of Customs and Excise, National Agency for Investment Promotion, Ministry of Digital Economy, Ministry in charge of Transport.
