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Q1

MAURITANIA

Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

Q2

About you

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Q3

Yes

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

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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).

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| Connecting to value chains | 3 |
| E-commerce | 2 |
| Export diversification | 1 |
| International competitiveness | 5 |
| Network and/or transport infrastructure of a cross border nature | 4 |

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Q5 **Unsure**
Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2019?

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Q6 **Respondent skipped this question**
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).

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Q7 **More**
Has Aid for Trade become more or less important to your government since 2019?

Q8 **Yes**
Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?

Q9 **Yes**
Do you have a specific national strategy, policy or plan for economic recovery post COVID-19 pandemic?

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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

,

Building productive capacity,

Digital connectivity and transformation,

E-commerce,

Environmentally sustainable (or green) growth, including circular economy

,

Job creation,

Industrial sector support,

MSME support,

Poverty reduction objectives,

Preparedness, recovery and resilience,

Services sector support (e.g., tourism),

Trade in health products (PPE, vaccines, etc.),

Trade facilitation,

Trade finance,

Trade policy modernization and upgrading,

Women's economic empowerment and gender equality

,

Youth economic empowerment,

Other (please specify),

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

Prend aussi la dimension du tourisme en considération

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Q11

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

Pas encore de documents relatifs à l'aide pour le commerce.

Mais nous souhaitons quand même avoir une aide pour pour pouvoir aider les PME mauritaniennes à s'internationaliser

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Q12

Yes

Is the environmental dimension of sustainable development reflected in your national policy document(s), plan(s) or strategy(ies)?

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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 environmentally sustainable economy strategy (or green growth), policy or plan

National environmentally sustainable growth strategy, policy or plan

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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).

Respondent skipped this question

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?

No

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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?

No

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Q18

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

Respondent skipped this question

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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,
Mining,
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).

Fisheries,
Forestry,
Mining,
Industry

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,**
 - Business climate,**
 - Dependence on a narrow basket of goods and services**
 - ,**
 - Domestic political challenges (e.g., security and stability)**
 - ,**
 - Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,**
 - Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,**
 - Existing transport infrastructure,**
 - Gender inequality,**
 - High concentration of economic activity in the informal sector**
 - ,**
 - High trade costs,**
 - Lack of data to support decision-making,**
 - Lack of human resource capability,**
 - Lack of political will,**
 - Limited agricultural processing capacity,**
 - Limited economic and export diversification,**
 - Low productive capacity in manufacturing,**
 - Low productivity of agricultural sector,**
 - Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity,**
 - Social pressures (poverty, population growth),**
 - Other (please specify),**
 - Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment**
 - ,**
 - Lack of technology transfer (including know-how)**
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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)

- Access to finance,
- Business climate,
- Dependence on a narrow basket of goods and services
- ,
- Domestic political challenges (e.g., security and stability)
- ,
- Economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic,
- Existing energy and power generation infrastructure,
- Existing transport infrastructure,
- Gender inequality,
- High concentration of economic activity in the informal sector
- ,
- High trade costs,
- Lack of data to support decision-making,
- Lack of human resource capability,
- Lack of political will,
- Limited agricultural processing capacity,
- Limited economic and export diversification,
- Low productive capacity in manufacturing,
- Low productivity of agricultural sector,
- Slow, expensive or insufficient digital connectivity,
- Social pressures (poverty, population growth),
- Other (please specify),
- Lack of technology and innovation enabling environment
- ,
- Lack of technology transfer (including sharing of know-how)

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Q23

Yes

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

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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).

**Mining,
Industry**

Q25

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

Unsure

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Q26

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

Unsure

Q27

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

Unsure

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,
Mining,
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).

Digital contents,
E-civil service,
E-commerce,
E-government,
E-healthcare,
E-learning,
E-logistics,
Home energy management systems,
Innovation and technology for gender equality,
Real-time navigation,
Smart energy grids,
Smart motors,
Smart work,
Telepresence,
Transport information systems,
Other (please specify)

Q30

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?

Unsure

Q31

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

Yes

Q32

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

- Digital payments issues,**
- Inadequate network infrastructure including broadband capacity**
- ,**
- Insufficient or uneven internet coverage,**
- Lack of access to trade finance,**
- National digital connectivity strategy needs to be developed/updated**
- ,**
- National e-commerce development strategy needs to be developed/updated**
- ,**
- Poor access to internet services,**
- Poor digital skills and IT literacy,**
- Rules relating to e-commerce need updating,**
- Slow, expensive or unreliable internet services,**
- Trade facilitation and logistics issues**

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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,**
- Mining,**
- Industry,**
- Services**

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 policy and administrative management,
- Trade facilitation,
- Regional trade agreements (RTAs),
- 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,
- Mineral resources and mining,
- 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)

Q35**Unsure**

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).

Q36**Unsure**

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).

Q37**Unsure**

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

Q38**Respondent skipped this question**

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?

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Q39**Yes**

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?

Q40**Yes**

Do you implement Aid-for-Trade projects that combine the objectives of women's economic empowerment and environmentally sustainable development?

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**Yes**

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

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Q43 **National development strategy, policy or plan**

If yes, please indicate the strategy, policy, or plan in which women's economic empowerment is included:
(You may tick more than one box).

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 **Yes**

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

Q46 **Difficulties accessing financial services,
Difficult working conditions,
Informal employment,
Poor access to information**

In your view, what trade and development constraints do women face in your country?(You may tick more than one box).

Q47 **Yes**

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

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Q48 **Unsure**

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

Agriculture,

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).

Forestry,

Services

Q58

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- ,
- (c) Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)
- ,
- Communications infrastructure,
- Agriculture

Q59

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

Respondent skipped this question

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Q60

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

Respondent skipped this question