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**PAKISTAN**

Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

**Q2**

About you

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**Q3**

**Yes**

Do you have a national development plan or strategy?  
(ies)?

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**Q4**

If yes, does your national development plan or  
strategy(ies) include trade priorities?

**Yes,**

If yes, please provide further details including hyperlinks to relevant documents containing trade priorities::  
i. The 5Es Framework to Turnaround Pakistan is a development strategy prepared by the Ministry of Planning and Development available at [https://www.pc.gov.pk/uploads/downloads/5Es\\_Framework\\_k.pdf](https://www.pc.gov.pk/uploads/downloads/5Es_Framework_k.pdf). The Exports Component of the 5Es mentions the export priorities in detail. It is the first E that addresses the issue of export promotion. It provides the short- and medium-term plan to achieve vision 2025. ii. Vision 2025  
iii. 4 RF  
<https://www.pc.gov.pk/uploads/vision2025/Pakistan-Vision-2025.pdf>

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**Q5**

**Yes**

Does your national development strategy(ies) have a thematic focus?

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**Q6**

If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list of thematic options of key strategic objectives below. (If an objective(s) does not appear in the drop-down list, please tick other and add details in the text box.)

**DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIFIC ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS:**

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- Economic diversification,**
- Enhancing exports in non-traditional sectors,**
- Export diversification,**
- Expansion of the extractive sector (minerals and mining)**
- '
- Expansion of the agriculture sector,**
- Expansion of the forestry sector,**
- Expansion of the fisheries sector,**
- Expansion of the manufacturing sector,**
- Expansion of the services sector,**
- Expansion of the digital economy,**
- Infrastructure development,**
- Trade integration,**
- Institutional strengthening (e.g. good governance, transparency and accountability)**
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- Climate change mitigation,**
- Climate change adaptation,**
- Innovation and technological development,**
- Expansion of the formal economy,**
- Expansion of the MSME sector,**
- Expansion of public-private partnerships,**
- Human capital development (e.g. education through skills, training and health)**
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- Preventing desertification,**
- Protection of biodiversity,**
- Higher labour productivity,**
- Employment creation,**
- Women's economic empowerment and gender equality**
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- Youth employment and skills,**
- Pollution control,**
- Environmental protection,**
- Sustainable resource management,**
- Waste management ,**

Improved (national) environmental governance,  
 Inclusive growth, including (historically) disadvantaged groups (add additional information in text box if appropriate).

Food security,

**DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIFIC SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

**DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

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**Q7** **Yes**

Do the trade priorities found in your national development plan or strategy(ies) reflect specific development objectives or targets? For example, the national development plan of Benin aims to achieve a sustained, inclusive and sustainable growth of at least 10% by 2025.

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**Q8** **Achieving Middle Income Status,**

If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list below. (If an objective(s) or target\* do not appear in the list below, please tick other and add details in the text box. Please tick relevant boxes). Objectives & Targets\*:

**Other targets (e.g. digital connectivity, gender equality, renewable energy, circular economy, etc.)**

**Economic growth targets,**

**Poverty reduction targets**

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**Q9** **Yes**

In addition to the trade priorities you may have in your national development strategy, do you have trade priorities that are set out in other national policy documents or strategies?

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**Q10**

If yes, do you have a national trade policy or strategy, export development strategy or similar policy or strategy (e.g. national diagnostic trade integration study update, national e-commerce strategy etc.)? For example, Jordan has published a national export strategy for the period 2023-2025.

**Yes,**

(If yes, please provide further details, including dates the strategy covers and hyperlinks to relevant documents)::

The Strategic Trade Policy Framework 2020-25

<https://www.commerce.gov.pk/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/Final-STPF-2020-25-1.pdf>

The National Tariff Policy (2019-2024)

<https://www.commerce.gov.pk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/National-Tariff-Policy-2019-24.pdf>

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**Q11**

Do these other national policy documents or strategies include trade objectives or targets? For example, Ghana's National Export Development Strategy envisages that over a duration of 10 years non-traditional exports will grow from \$2.8 billion in 2020 to \$25.3 billion in 2029 accompanied by deep structural transformation that positions Ghana as a competitive export-led industrialized economy.

**Yes**

**Q12**

If yes, please chose options from the non-exhaustive list below. If an objective(s) does not appear in the list, please tick "other" and add details in the text box. If no, please indicate if there is another strategy or policy that includes specific objective of targets.

**Improved balance of payments situation,**

**Increased competitiveness,**

**Expansion of agricultural exports,**

**Expansion of manufactured exports,**

**Expansion of services exports,**

**Expansion of e-commerce and/or digitally delivered services exports**

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**Expansion of MSME sector exports,**

**Protection of intellectual property,**

**Improvements in trade facilitation,**

**Export-related environmental protection objectives,**

**Export diversification in terms of number of markets reached**

,

**Better export performance,**

**Export diversification in terms of number of goods and services exported**

**Q13****Yes, in part**

Do the trade priorities found in your national development strategy align with those found in other national policy documents or strategy(ies)?

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**Q14****Yes**

Do the trade objectives in your national development plan and/or those found in other national policy documents or strategies include sectoral objectives? For example, Vision 2030 Jamaica includes 31 Sector Plans (in 28 separate documents) prepared by Task Forces, comprising stakeholders from public and private sector bodies, civil society and international development partners). And Bhutan's National Export Strategy 2022 identifies the mineral and timber industries as holding potential for the development of value-added products.

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**Q15**

If yes, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details, including hyperlinks to relevant documents. If no, please indicate if there is another national strategy or policy that includes specific objectives or targets. (Please tick relevant boxes)

**Manufacturing sector,****Communication services, including ICT,****Energy services,****Oil and gas,****Tourism,****Cross-sectoral e-commerce and digital trade,**

Additional information on specific objectives and targets in other documents::

E-commerce policy of Pakistan

[https://www.commerce.gov.pk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/e-](https://www.commerce.gov.pk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/e-Commerce_Policy_of_Pakistan_Web.pdf)

[Commerce\\_Policy\\_of\\_Pakistan\\_Web.pdf](https://www.commerce.gov.pk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/e-Commerce_Policy_of_Pakistan_Web.pdf) National Climate Change Policy (NCCP)

[https://mocc.gov.pk/SiteImage/Policy/NCCP%20Report.p](https://mocc.gov.pk/SiteImage/Policy/NCCP%20Report.pdf)

[df National Tariff Policy https://www.commerce.gov.pk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/National-Tariff-Policy-2019-24.pdf](https://www.commerce.gov.pk/wp-content/uploads/2019/11/National-Tariff-Policy-2019-24.pdf)

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**Q16****Yes**

Does the trade objectives found in your national development plan or strategy(ies) and in other national policy documents or strategies include regional objectives?For example, the national development strategy of the Kyrgyz Republic for 2018-2040 includes, inter alia, the objective to work on harmonious integration of the Kyrgyz economy with the Eurasian Economic Union; active participation in regional projects that improve production and transit capacity; diversification of foreign economic focus of Kyrgyzstan through development of mutually beneficial trade, economic and investment cooperation with the countries of South and Southeast Asia, the Arab East and America.

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**Q17**

If yes, please identify the relevant economic community(ies).(Please tick relevant boxes)

**African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA),****Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN),****South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC)**

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**Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC),**

Additional information on regional objectives::

Central Asia and Afghanistan

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**Q18****Yes**

Does your government have priority areas for Aid for Trade for which it is actively seeking support?

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**Q19**

If yes, please indicate the relevant priority areas for Aid for Trade for which your government is actively seeking support.(Please tick relevant boxes)

**Trade education/training,**  
**Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)**  
 ,  
**Building productive capacity,**  
**Agriculture,**  
**Fishing,**  
**Industry,**  
**Digital trade and e-commerce,**  
 Additional information on priority Aid for Trade areas::  
 Capacity building on trade and environment, Climate mitigation, adaptation and regulatory cooperation specially w.r.t. manufacturing sector in Pakistan

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**Q20**

**Yes**

Have these priorities been communicated to Donors and South-South partners?

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**Q21**

**Dialogue with development partners,**

If yes, please provide additional information on how priorities were communicated:

Additional information on how priorities were communicated::  
 Led by the Ministry of Commerce, development of a document is at discussion stage.

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**Q22**

**Yes**

Does your government face difficulties in financing implementation of the trade objectives found in your development plan or strategy(ies) or trade strategy?

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**Q23**

**Yes**

Do you face difficulties in accessing finance to address your Aid-for-Trade priorities?

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**Q24**

If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list below. (If a difficulty in accessing aid for trade does not appear in the drop-down list, please tick other and add details in the text box.)

**High cost of borrowing,**  
**Difficulties accessing grant finance,**  
**Insufficiency of grant financing,**  
**Conditions attached to access aid-for-trade financing**

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**Q25**

**Yes**

Does your government face a situation where it is receiving an increasing share of Aid for Trade in the form of loans and a declining share of grants?

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**Q26**

**Yes**

If yes, does this situation present a challenge for your government to achieve its trade objectives?

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**Q27**

Do you plan to stop receiving Aid for Trade? Has a date been set to achieve this objective (e.g. a date to stop receiving foreign aid)?

**Other (please specify),**

Additional information on stopping foreign aid and Aid for Trade::  
The Vision 2025 aims to attract foreign direct investment in the long term, shifting from the need to depend on foreign aid after achieving the status of middle income or upper middle income by 2047, however, the shrinking fiscal space and rising inflation has marred the projections given in the national development plans, making Pakistan still dependent on foreign aid for successful execution of trade development programs.

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**Q28**

How well-aligned is the Aid-for-Trade support you receive with your Aid-for-Trade priorities?

**Mostly aligned,**

Additional information on Aid-for-Trade alignment. Please specify whether this is an official perspective or the personal opinion of the respondent::  
Mostly aligned, as there are a few areas such as those related to climate change mitigation measures that have to be aligned with aid for trade priorities.

**Q29**

What challenges do you encounter in aligning the Aid-for-Trade support you receive with the sectoral level needs outlined in relevant policy documents ? (Please tick relevant boxes)

**Limited knowledge of recipient (i.e. developing country) needs and economic situation**

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**Human capacity constraints to developing bankable projects**

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**Weak institutional capacity (e.g. lack of coordination at domestic level)**

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**Q30**

Do development financing partners (i.e. both donors and South-South partners) align their monitoring and evaluation with your national monitoring or results frameworks?

Additional information on alignment of monitoring and evaluation::

Yes, somewhat

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**Q31**

**Yes**

Do you measure the impacts of the Aid-for-Trade support you receive?

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**Q32**

If yes, where is Aid for Trade having a measurable impact in your opinion?(Please tick relevant boxes)

**Trade facilitation,**

**Trade education/training**

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**Q33**

**No**

Is there an Aid-for-Trade project or programme that you would like to highlight as an example of best practice?

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**Q34**

**Yes**

Do you foresee a continued need for Aid-for-Trade financing?

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**Q35**

If yes, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details including hyperlinks as relevant.(Please tick relevant boxes)

- Agriculture,**
- Forestry,**
- Fisheries,**
- Mining and minerals,**
- Renewable energy,**
- Manufacturing sector,**
- MSME sector development,**
- Services (general),**
- Banking and financial services,**
- Business and professional services,**
- Construction services,**
- Culture and creative industries,**
- Distribution services,**
- Education services,**
- Energy services,**
- Environment services,**
- Science, technology and innovation,**
- Oil and gas,**
- Recreation and sport,**
- Tourism,**
- Transport services (air, land and maritime),**
- Cross-sectoral e-commerce and digital trade,**
- Other (please specify),**

Additional information on sectors needing continuing Aid for Trade financing.:

Climate mitigation

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**Q36**

In which categories of Aid-for-Trade support do you foresee future needs?(Please tick relevant boxes)

Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)

Trade-related Energy supply and generation infrastructure

Agriculture,

Fishing,

Industry,

Travel and tourism,

Digital trade and e-commerce,

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 undertake trade reform/facilitate implementation of trade agreements and to adapt to and comply with rules and standards)

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**Q37**

Yes

Do you foresee future needs for Aid for Trade to support the achievement of trade-related aspects of the Sustainable Development Agenda?

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**Q38**

If yes, please indicate the relevant SDGs that Aid for Trade can help achieve.(Please tick relevant boxes)

GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being,

GOAL 4: Quality Education,

GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure,

GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities,

GOAL 13: Climate Action,

GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions,

GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal

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**Q39**

Yes

Do you foresee future needs for Aid for Trade to support the trade-related aspects of climate change ?