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PALAU

Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

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About you

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Yes

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

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Yes

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

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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,**
- Expansion of the agriculture sector,**
- Expansion of the forestry sector,**
- Expansion of the fisheries sector,**
- Expansion of the services sector,**
- Expansion of the digital economy,**
- Infrastructure development,**
- 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 ,**
- Circular economy,**
- Improved (national) environmental governance,**
- Food security,**

DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIFIC SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

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DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL

CHARACTERISTICS:

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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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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,

Additional information on objectives and targets::

The intended objective of the plan includes the following outputs or pillars: 1. A healthy, educated, food-secure, and productive people who go home to a social, cultural, economic, and environmental setting that attracts Palauans to remain in or return to Palau. 2. Investment that accommodates the environment and climate change 3. Diversified economic growth that incorporates a focus on small business and collective benefits and is otherwise aligned with Palauan values: Increased and higher paying jobs; Increased government revenues; Reformed State-Owned Enterprises (SOEs); Civil Service Pension Fund, Social Security, and State Government Finances and Increased Private Investment.

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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

Yes

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.

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Yes

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.

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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.

Security of supply,
 Improved balance of payments situation,
 Expansion of agricultural exports,
 Expansion of exports of forestry products,
 Expansion of exports of fishery products,
 Expansion of services exports,
 Expansion of e-commerce and/or digitally delivered services exports
 ,
 Growth in the number of export markets reached,
 Improvements in trade facilitation,
 Export-related environmental protection objectives,
 Better export performance

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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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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)

Agriculture,
Forestry,
Fisheries,
Renewable energy,
Services (general),
Banking and financial services,
Communication services, including ICT,
Culture and creative industries,
Education services,
Energy services,
Environment services,
Tourism,
Transport services (air, land and maritime)

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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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Pacific Islands Forum States (PIFS)

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

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Yes

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

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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 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)

- ,
- Trade policy and administrative management,
- Trade facilitation,
- Trade education/training,

TRADE-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE (Including physical infrastructure)

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

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- Business support services,
- Building productive capacity,
- Agriculture,
- Forestry,
- Fishing,
- Travel and tourism,
- Digital trade and e-commerce

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Yes

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

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Dialogue with development partners

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

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Q22

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

Yes,

If yes, please identify which sources of aid finance or other financial assistance for trade that you would like to attract to achieve your trade objectives. (e.g. Official Development Assistance (i.e. Aid for Trade), Other Official Flows (loans at concessional rates that do not qualify as ODA), South-South co-operation, Climate finance, etc.)::

1. Loans at concessional rates 2. Climate Finances

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Yes

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

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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.)

Lengthy approval processes related to loans,

High cost of borrowing,

Difficulties accessing grant finance,

Insufficiency of grant financing,

Inter-ministerial co-ordination challenges,

Challenges engaging in public-private partnerships,

Limited ability to develop "bankable" projects,

Lack of coordination between development partners

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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 **No**

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)?

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Q28 **Somewhat aligned**

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

Q29 **Difficulties associated with cross-sectoral approaches (e.g. e-commerce development)**

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)

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Lack of donor coordination,

Conditions required by development partners to access support

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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 **Other (please specify),**

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::

Working to develop national strategy and coordination

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Q31 **No**

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

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

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

Business support services,

Banking and financial services,

Agriculture,

Forestry,

Fishing,

Industry,

Travel and tourism

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

- Agriculture,**
 - Forestry,**
 - Fisheries,**
 - Renewable energy,**
 - MSME sector development,**
 - Banking and financial services,**
 - Business and professional services,**
 - Communication services, including ICT,**
 - Education services,**
 - Energy services,**
 - Environment services,**
 - Science, technology and innovation,**
 - Tourism,**
 - Transport services (air, land and maritime)**
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In which categories of Aid-for-Trade support do you foresee future needs?(Please tick relevant boxes)

- Trade policy and administrative management,
- Trade facilitation,
- Trade education/training,
- Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)
- ,
- Trade-related Communications infrastructure,
- Trade-related Energy supply and generation infrastructure
- ,
- Business support services,
- Banking and financial services,
- Building productive capacity,
- Agriculture,
- Forestry,
- 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)**
- ,
- TRADE-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE (Including physical infrastructure)**
- ,
- 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)**

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

- GOAL 1: No Poverty,**
 - GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being,**
 - GOAL 4: Quality Education,**
 - GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation,**
 - GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy,**
 - GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth,**
 - GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure,**
 - GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality,**
 - GOAL 13: Climate Action,**
 - GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal,**
 - GOAL 5: Gender Equality**
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Yes

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