



## PAGE 5: ABOUT YOU

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## PAGE 7: SECTION 1 : AID-FOR-TRADE PRIORITIES - YOUR GOVERNMENT'S AID-FOR-TRADE PRIORITIES

<b>Q3: Does your national development strategy include trade priorities ? (i.e. Aid-for-Trade priorities)</b>	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	5
Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)	1
Network and/or transport infrastructure of a cross border nature	2
International competitiveness	3
Services development	4

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**Q5: Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2014?**

No,

Please specify further the priorities that you selected above, as well as the main problems/obstacles encountered in furthering them. Please include a weblink to the relevant strategy.

The updated Philippine Development Plan (PDP) 2011-2016 articulates the pursuit of inclusive growth. Aside from pursuing macroeconomic fundamentals and capital accumulation, the updated PDP aims to broaden the basis and spread of the benefits of such growth by improving people's access to opportunities through investments in physical connectivity and human capital. Market access restrictions in certain economic activities and burdensome procedures and unnecessary costs are some of the obstacles/challenges identified. The updated PDP can be accessed through the NEDA website.

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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:**

13. Climate action ,  
12. Responsible consumption and production ,  
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,  
7. Affordable and clean energy ,  
6. Clean water and sanitation

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

Yes

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

No

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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, Regional trade agreement(s)

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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") 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 7: Release and Clearance of Goods ,  
Art 10: Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit

**Q19: Are you engaged in a dialogue with development partners on your Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation needs?**

No

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**Q20: If yes, please specify with which development partners you are discussing Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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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)?**

Yes,  
If yes, please provide a weblink to the relevant national e-commerce (or national digital-related strategy).  
Republic Act No. 8792, known as the "Electronic Commerce Act" [www.gov.ph/2000/06/14/republic-act-no-8792-s-2000/](http://www.gov.ph/2000/06/14/republic-act-no-8792-s-2000/)

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

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development  
,  
Broadband development,  
Telecommunications strategy,  
Other digital strategy (please specify e.g. business, e-learning, e-health, etc.)  
RA 8792 provides for the use of electronic signatures, documents, and the likes

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

Partially

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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?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**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.  
Various agencies involved: 1.) Department of Trade and Industry; 2.) Department of Budget and Management; 3.) Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas; 4.) Department of Transportation and Communications; 5.) National Telecommunications Commission; 6.) National Computer Center; 7.) National Information Technology Council; 8.) Commission on Audit

**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)**

Payment issues

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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)**

Other (please specify),  
Additional information on the export challenges faced by your MSMEs in relation to cross border e-commerce transactions.  
Integration with global and/or regional value chains

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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)**

Other (please specify),  
Additional information on the import challenges faced by your MSMEs in relation to cross border e-commerce transactions.  
Integration with global and/or regional value chains

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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)**

Difficulties issuing conformity assessment certificates  
,  
Difficulties to control counterfeit goods

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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)**

Difficulties applying conformity assessment measures

Difficulties applying intellectual property protection,

Problems in payment of customs duties ,

Rules of origin determination questions

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

Fixed broadband

No data available

Wifi

No data available

Mobile phone

No data available

Dial up modem

No data available

**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)**

E-signatures, On-line fraud,

Problems registering as vendors on online e-commerce platforms

Slow internet connection speeds, Data protection,

Cost of mobile phone subscription,

Cost of broadband subscription,

Access to international payment gateways

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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, e-government transactions,

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):**

No data available

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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, both domestic and international 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 ,  
Electronic payments

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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

**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 ,  
Corporate foundations / corporate social responsibility schemes  
,  
Private sector

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

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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,  
COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE,  
ENERGY-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE,  
Other (please specify),  
Additional information on trade-related infrastructure sectors that feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy.  
Water supply

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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)**

Rail transport services, Road transport services,  
Air transport services,  
Maritime transport services,  
TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation),  
,  
TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES,  
FINANCIAL SERVICES,  
Telecommunication services, Postal services

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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)**

Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services ,  
 Engineering services ,  
 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES ,  
 Technical testing and analysis services ,  
 Services incidental to manufacturing services ,  
 Courier and express delivery services ,  
 Telecommunication 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)

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

COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g., services related to installation of computer hardware, data processing and database services)  
 ,  
 TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES ,  
 Hotels and restaurants (including catering)

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**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 ,  
 Domestic sourcing requirements for foreign investors  
 ,  
 Economic needs tests,  
 Foreign ownership restrictions,  
 Lack of recognition internationally of professional or vocational qualifications  
 ,  
 Regulatory restrictions,  
 Poor transport infrastructure (maritime, inland waterway, air, rail, road)  
 ,  
 Poor information and communication technology network infrastructure  
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 Low levels of foreign direct investment

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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 ,  
 Domestic sourcing requirements for foreign investors  
 ,  
 Economic needs tests,  
 Education and vocational training ,  
 Foreign ownership restrictions,  
 Lack of recognition internationally of professional or vocational qualifications  
 ,  
 Licensing requirements,  
 Low levels of foreign direct investment ,  
 Poor information and communication technology network infrastructure  
 ,  
 Poor transport infrastructure (maritime, inland waterway, air, rail, road)  
 ,  
 Regulatory restrictions, Qualification requirements

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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)**

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)

,

Technical testing and analysis services ,

Services auxiliary to all modes of transport (cargo handling, storage and warehouse, freight transport agency services, etc.)

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Road transport services , Rail transport services ,

Air transport services ,

Internal waterways transport services ,

Maritime transport services ,

TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

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Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

,

Insurance and insurance-related services ,

FINANCIAL SERVICES,

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and retail trade services)

,

Telecommunication services ,

Courier and express delivery services ,

COMMUNICATION SERVICES,

Services incidental to manufacturing services

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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)**

Other (please specify),

By upgrading economic infrastructure to attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the production sector.

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By updating investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

,

By training officials, By reducing risk for investors, Additional information about actions to improve the investment climate foreseen in your national development strategy.

By incorporating a "competitive mindset"

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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)**

Training officials,  
 Updating investment policy, regulations and/or strategy  
 ,  
 Signing investment agreements focused on investment promotion and facilitation  
 ,  
 Signing a bilateral investment treaty(ies) or other investment agreements  
 ,  
 Reviewing tax policy,  
 Reforming an existing investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency  
 ,  
 Focusing on public governance and institutions ,  
 Facilitating entry and operations of foreign investors ,  
 Establishing an investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency  
 ,  
 Embedding investment policy in overall development 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)**

All services sectors,  
 COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g., services related to installation of computer hardware, data processing and database services)  
 ,  
 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES,  
 ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES,  
 HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES ,  
 TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED 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)**

DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and retail trade services)  
 ,  
 TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES ,  
 Additional information on how the development of services capacity and trade can contribute to women's economic empowerment.  
 Many women are engaged in MSMEs and informal sector.

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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)**

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

Department of Trade and Industry (Bureau of International Trade Relations), National Economic Development Authority, Board of Investments, and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (Central Bank of the Philippines)

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