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RWANDA

Respondent (Country or Customs Territory)

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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::
Rwanda has the National Strategy for Transformation (NST1)(2017 - 2024): which is a broader 7YGP encompassing different sectors of development (including Trade among others). and it can be found on the website of the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning/MINECOFIN. access link:
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Does your national development strategy(ies) have a thematic focus?

Yes

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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:

- '
- Economic diversification,**
- Enhancing exports in non-traditional sectors,**
- Export diversification,**
- Expansion of the extractive sector (minerals and mining)**
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- Expansion of the agriculture sector,**
- Expansion of the forestry 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)**
- '
- 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)**
- '
- 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,**
- Inclusive growth, including (historically)**

disadvantaged groups (add additional information in text box if appropriate).

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Food security,

DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIFIC SOCIAL 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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Q8

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

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Economic growth targets,

Poverty reduction targets,

Additional information on objectives and targets::

The different objectives, baselines and targets can be found in detail in the NST1 fully described in the "Annex 1: NST1 Monitoring and Evaluation Matrix" P58-65.

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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)::
Rwanda has The National Export Strategy II (2015): which encompasses the revised export strategy of Rwanda and trade strategic plan. It can be found on the website of the Ministry of Trade and Industry/MINICOM. access link: https://www.minicom.gov.rw/fileadmin/user_upload/Minicom/Publications/Policies/National_Export_Strategy_II.pdf
Rwanda also has the Rwanda Trade Policy which can be found on the website of the Ministry of Trade and Industry/MINICOM. access link: <https://www.minicom.gov.rw/index.php?eID=dumpFile&t=f&f=11240&token=0104466dc144c252cc8761dbe3a37ca859b5f93f>

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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.

- Security of supply,
- Improved balance of payments situation,
- Increased competitiveness,
- Expansion of agricultural exports,
- Expansion of exports of forestry products,
- Expansion of exports of fishery products,
- 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,
- Improvements in trade facilitation,
- Export growth targets,
- Export diversification in terms of number of markets reached
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- Mineral and mining export growth target,
- Agricultural export growth target,
- Better export performance,
- Expansion of mineral and mining exports,
- Reduction in import targets,
- Forestry product export target,
- Manufactured export target,
- Services trade export target,
- E-commerce export target,
- MSME sector growth targets,
- Trade facilitation targets (e.g. time taken to release)

Q13

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

Yes, in full

Q14

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.

Yes,

Additional information on trade objectives in other policy documents::

In its Economic Transformation Pillar, Rwanda's NST1 has sectoral objectives in Job creation, Urbanization, Trade digitalization (e Payment systems, Increased digital literacy), Industrialization, Tourism, Mining, Agriculture productivity and sustainability, and Forestry.

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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)

Agriculture,

Forestry,

Mining and minerals,

Manufacturing sector,

MSME sector development,

Banking and financial services,

Business and professional services,

Communication services, including ICT,

Culture and creative industries,

Distribution services,

Education services,

Science, technology and innovation,

Recreation and sport,

Tourism,

Transport services (air, land and maritime),

Cross-sectoral e-commerce and digital trade,

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

The different objectives, baselines and targets can be found in detail in the NST1 fully described in the "Annex 1: NST1 Monitoring and Evaluation Matrix" P58-65.

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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),**Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA)**

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Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS),

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**Southern African Development Community (SADC),
East African Community (EAC)**

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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 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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Trade facilitation,

Regional trade agreements (RTAs),

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 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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Multilateral trade negotiations,

Industry,

Digital trade and e-commerce,

TRADE-RELATED ADJUSTMENT (Including supporting developing countries to put in place accompanying measures that assist them to benefit from liberalized trade)

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Additional information on priority Aid for Trade areas::

Most of the aid for trade needs, plans and implementation strategy of Rwanda are found in the TRADE POLICY which can be found on the website of the Ministry of Trade and Industry/ MINICOM. access link:
<https://www.minicom.gov.rw/index.php?eID=dumpFile&t=f&f=11240&token=0104466dc144c252cc8761dbe3a37ca859b5f93f>

Q20

Yes

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

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Q21

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

**Communication of policy document,
Diagnostic trade integration study or update,
Dialogue with development partners**

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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. Effective trade coordination mechanism need to be strengthened. 2. Institutional capacity to implement the trade agenda needs to be strengthened (green industrialization, trade logistics,...)

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

Yes

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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 **No**

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 **Mostly aligned**

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

Q29 **Conditions required by development partners to access support**

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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Q30 **Yes, for the national trade strategy**

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

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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,

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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Q33

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

Yes

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Q34

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

Yes

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Q35

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

Manufacturing sector,

MSME sector development,

Cross-sectoral e-commerce and digital trade,

Other (please specify),

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

Logistics sector.

Q36

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

Trade facilitation,
 Regional trade agreements (RTAs),
 Trade education/training,
 Multilateral trade negotiations,
 Industry,
 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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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 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth,
GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure,
GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production,
GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal,
GOAL 5: Gender Equality

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Q39

Yes

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