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Q3 Does your national development strategy include trade priorities ? (i.e. Aid-for-Trade priorities)

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)

Regional integration 5
Services development 1
Trade facilitation 3
Trade finance access 2
Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port) 4

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

Upgrading (i) Transportation Infrastructure and (ii)
Network Infrastructure are both important priorities for
St. Kitts and Nevis. Under Transportation Infrastructure,
efforts are ongoing to upgrade the road networks and
port facilities to facilitate economic diversification and
increased trade. Under Network Infrastructure, there is
increased focus on enhancing renewable energy and
energy efficient options, ensuring the sustainability of
the water supply, and improving digital connectivity in
order to facilitate economic growth and diversification.
Intrinsic to these efforts is the focus on climate change
resilience such as protecting coastal roads, electricity
and water infrastructure from increasing climate change
impacts.

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Q5 Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2016?

Yes

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Q6 If yes, please rank the top 3 drivers of these changes :(Please choose no more than 3 options)

2030 Sustainable Development Goals 1

Expansion of domestic services sectors and/or trade in services 2

MSMEs growth and development objectives 3

Q7 Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?

Yes

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Q8 Please provide names, titles, references or weblinks to policy documents relevant to Aid for Trade in your country.

The Government of St. Kitts & Nevis official webpage - https://www.gov.kn/
St. Kitts & Nevis Ministry of Finance - http://www.mof.gov.kn/
The Ministry of International Trade, Industry, Commerce & Consumer Affairs - http://miticca.gov.kn/

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Q9 Is economic diversification a priority in your national or regional development strategy?

Yes.

If yes, please provide additional information (including as to how economic diversification is defined and measured).: Economic diversification is defined and measured by the contribution of various economic sectors to the Gross Domestic Product (GDP). The performance of new and emerging sectors is measured.

Q10 What are the main constraints to economic diversification identified in your national or regional development strategy?(You may tick more than 1 box)

High trade , costs

Inadequate network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications)

Limited access to trade finance

Limited agricultural production , capacity

Limited customs and other border agency capacity

Limited e-trade readiness,

Limited inward foreign direct investment

Limited industrial or manufacturing capacity

Limited services capacity,

Limited standards , compliance

Small domestic

market

Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)

Unaffordable and/or unreliable electricity access

Q11 Please indicate in which of category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing you receive aid-for-trade support for economic diversification. (You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

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)

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Trade policy and administrative , management

Trade facilitation,

Regional trade agreements (RTAs)

Multilateral trade negotiations

Trade education/training,

Energy supply and generation 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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Business support services,

Agriculture,

Fishing,

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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Other trade related needs

Q12 Does the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification align with the priorities established in your national or regional trade and development strategy(ies)?

Yes

Q13 Has your government recorded progress in economic diversification since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade initiative in 2006?

Yes,

Additional information on whether your government has recorded progress in economic diversification since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade initiative in 2006?:

Since the launch of the National Adaptation Strategy (2006-2017) in 2006, the progress of each economic/social sector is monitored and reported on, on an annual basis. Crosscutting issues such as security and environmental impacts are also monitored. The Government of St. Kitts & Nevis is in the process of acquiring technical assistance to develop a new National Development Strategy.

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Q14 If yes, please specify in which area(s):(You may tick more than 1 box)

Structural transformation,

Additional information on the progress that your government has recorded in economic diversification since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade initiative in 2006.:

The cross-sector activities undertaken since 2006 to advance the National Adaptation Strategy (NAS) include numerous structural reforms at the institutional level, including improving the efficiency and effectiveness of tax collection including improved business registration, consolidating smaller taxes into a Value Added Tax, the restructuring and reduction of National Debt, the incorporation of technology to streamline activities at the Customs and Excise Department, other measures to improve Public Financial Management, reform to social/community assistance mechanisms including improving social assistance targeting mechanisms, development and implementation of National Youth and Gender Development Policies/Strategies, the implementation/ratification of new trade agreements, expansion of educational services including offshore education, and numerous incentives to stimulate Foreign Direct Investment such as investment in the tourism/real estate sector. Infrastructural transformations to increase trade have included investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies to reduce electricity costs, expansion and protection of the water distribution grid, the establishment of Commercial Parks including the installation of road and utility infrastructure, upgrading of the island road network and associated infrastructure, upgrade of the air and sea ports, and incorporating resilience measures at every stage to mitigate against climate change.

Q15 If yes, please also indicate in which sector(s): (You may tick more than 1 box)

Services,

Additional information on the sector(s) where progress in economic diversification has been made.:

The services sectors that were prioritized in the 2006-2017 NAS are (i) Tourism, (ii) ICT, (iii) Financial Services and (iv) Agriculture. Significant progress has been made in Tourism, ICT, Financial Services, Education Services and General Services provision.

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Q16 In which category(ies) of Aid for Trade is the support you receive impactful for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

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)

Trade policy and administrative , management

Trade facilitation,

Regional trade agreements (RTAs)

Multilateral trade negotiations

Trade education/training,

Energy supply and generation 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)

Business support services,

Agriculture,

Fishing,

Travel and

tourism

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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Q17 What factors contribute to the success of the aid-fortrade support you receive for economic diversification? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors) Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities

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Coordination among , donors

Country ownership,

Donor interest in specific projects/programmes

Good trade-related infrastructure

Institutional capacity to implement projects

Leveraging of foreign direct investment

National/regional coordination,

Sufficient funding and appropriate implementation timelines

Q18 What factors may limit the success of the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic diversification? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors.)

Diverging priorities between partner and donor

Inability to leverage foreign direct investment

Poor alignment of aid-for-trade received with national/regional priorities

Poor national/regional coordination,

Weak institutional capacity

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Q19 Does the Aid for Trade you receive help mobilize other forms of development finance for economic diversification (i.e. non-concessional financing, foreign direct investment, remittances, trade finance, etc.).

Yes,

Additional information on how Aid for Trade received helps mobilize other forms of development finance for economic diversification.:

It plays an impacting role on the Federation's ranking in the Global Doing Business Report, in relation to foreign direct investment and the development of professional services.

Q20 Which development partner(s) are the most important source of aid-for-trade financing for economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box)

European Union,
Italy,
Japan,
Korea,
United States,
United Arab , Emirates
Caribbean Development Bank , (CDB)
EU Institutions,
Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN , (FAO)
Global Environment Facility , (GEF)
Inter-America Development Bank , (IDB)
International Labour Office (ILO),
International Monetary Fund , (IMF)
International Trade Centre , (ITC)
United Nations Development Programme , (UNDP)
UN Industrial Development Organization , (UNIDO)
World , Bank
World Trade Organization , (WTO)
Additional information on the development partners that are important sources of aid-for-trade financing for economic diversification.: Chinese Taipei

Q21 Which South-South partner(s) are the most important source of financing for your economic diversification?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Mexico*,

South Korea*,

Chinese Taipei,

Venezuela,

Cuba,

India

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Q22 Looking ahead, in which sector(s) will future support for economic diversification be most required? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Agriculture,

Industry,

Services,

Fisheries.

Additional information on the sector(s) that will require most support for economic diversification.:

ITC

Q23 Looking ahead, in which category of aid-for-trade financing do you think that your government will require aid-for-trade support for economic diversification. (You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

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)

Trade policy and administrative management

Trade facilitation,

Regional trade agreements , (RTAs)

Multilateral trade negotiations

Trade education/training,

Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

Transport and storage infrastructure

Communications infrastructure,

Energy supply and generation , 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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Business support services,

Banking and financial

services

Building productive

capacity

Agriculture,

Fishing,

Industry,

Travel and

tourism

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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Other trade related needs

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Q24 Is there any Aid-for-Trade project or programme for economic diversification that you would like to showcase as an example of best practice?(Please provide additional information and include weblinks as relevant)

The implementation of the United States developed Small Business Development Centre created to assist the micro and small business sector.

https://www.sbdcglobal.com/sbdc-expansion/sbdcs-in-the-caribbean/st-kitts-nevis

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Q25 Is economic empowerment a priority in your national or regional development strategy?

Yes,

If yes, please provide additional information on how economic empowerment is prioritized in your national or regional strategy.:

Examples of economic empowerment indicators listed in NAS: Tourism: • Improve access to credit for potential small entrepreneurs at the community level • Establishing a tourism small enterprise empowerment fund • Provide incentives for small business development enterprises in the tourism sector Agriculture: • Train farmers in agronomic practices • Work closely with private sector to facilitate the development of agro-processing enterprises • Construction of shade houses • Training of fishers in navigation, diving, primary processing of fish, and food safety • Establishment of an aquaculture demonstration and training unit ICT: • Provide undergraduate and graduate scholarships in ICT; promote certification in ICT • Provide distance learning facilities to facilitate access to ICT; establish a business incubator • Implement projects to promote the use of ICT in all communities, such as the development of Community Access Points in community centres. Financial Services: • Increase collaboration between the authorities and service providers to enhance existing products and develop new products to respond to changes in the global financial services market. Economic Empowerment indicators and programmes are also referenced in the Country Poverty Assessment, National Poverty Reduction Strategy and National Social Protection Strategy

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Q26 For which groups does your national or regional development strategy seek to promote economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Women's economic empowerment

Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises

Youth economic empowerment

Q27 Does the national or regional development strategy propose any indicators to track economic empowerment or include any targets to achieve?

Yes

If yes, please provide additional information on the indicators, or targets, on economic empowerment that are included in your national or regional development strategy.: Examples of economic empowerment indicators listed in NAS: Tourism: • Improve access to credit for potential small entrepreneurs at the community level • Establishing a tourism small enterprise empowerment fund • Provide incentives for small business development enterprises in the tourism sector Agriculture: • Train farmers in agronomic practices • Work closely with private sector to facilitate the development of agro-processing enterprises • Construction of shade houses • Training of fishers in navigation, diving, primary processing of fish, and food safety • Establishment of an aquaculture demonstration and training unit ICT: • Provide undergraduate and graduate scholarships in ICT; promote certification in ICT • Provide distance learning facilities to facilitate access to ICT; establish a business incubator • Implement projects to promote the use of ICT in all communities, such as the development of Community Access Points in community centres. Financial Services: • Increase collaboration between the authorities and service providers to enhance existing products and develop new products to respond to changes in the global financial services market. Economic Empowerment indicators and programmes are also referenced in the Country Poverty Assessment, National Poverty Reduction Strategy and **National Social Protection Strategy**

Q28 Does the national or regional development strategy link economic empowerment to participation in international trade?

Yes

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Q29 Please indicate in which category(ies) of aid-for-trade financing you receive aid-for-trade support for economic empowerment. (You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

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)

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Trade policy and administrative , management

Trade facilitation,

Regional trade agreements , (RTAs)

Multilateral trade negotiations

Trade education/training,

Transport and storage , infrastructure

Energy supply and generation , 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)

Business support services,

Agriculture,

Fishing,

Travel and tourism

Q30 Does the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic empowerment align with the empowerment priorities established in your national or regional trade and development strategy(ies)?

Yes

Additional information on how the aid-for-trade support you receive for economic empowerment aligns with the empowerment priorities established in your national or regional trade and development strategy(ies).: Examples of economic empowerment indicators listed in NAS: Tourism: • Improve access to credit for potential small entrepreneurs at the community level • Establishing a tourism small enterprise empowerment fund • Provide incentives for small business development enterprises in the tourism sector Agriculture: • Train farmers in agronomic practices • Work closely with private sector to facilitate the development of agro-processing enterprises • Construction of shade houses • Training of fishers in navigation, diving, primary processing of fish, and food safety • Establishment of an aquaculture demonstration and training unit ICT: • Provide undergraduate and graduate scholarships in ICT; promote certification in ICT • Provide distance learning facilities to facilitate access to ICT; establish a business incubator • Implement projects to promote the use of ICT in all communities, such as the development of Community Access Points in community centres. Financial Services: • Increase collaboration between the authorities and service providers to enhance existing products and develop new products to respond to changes in the global financial services market. Economic Empowerment indicators and programmes are also referenced in the Country Poverty Assessment, National Poverty Reduction Strategy and National Social Protection Strategy

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Q31 How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to women's economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Improving access to information Improving access to foreign markets Improving access to global value chains Improving digital connectivity Improving the provision of services Improving the flow of goods at borders (Trade Facilitation) Providing access to finance Supporting the growth and economic development of women Supporting the elaboration of gender-sensitive policies Supporting the growth and economic development of Youth Upgrading business skills, **Upgrading ICT** skills Upgrading the energy infrastructure Upgrading the transport infrastructure

Q32 What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support women's economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Trade facilitation,

Trade education/training,

Energy supply and generation

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.)

Business support services,

Banking and financial services

Building productive capacity

Agriculture,

Industry,

Travel and tourism

Q33 What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting women's economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities

Leveraging of foreign direct

investment

Institutional capacity to implement projects

National/regional coordination,

Services capacity

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Q34 How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the economic empowerment of MSMEs?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors) Providing access to , finance

Supporting the growth and economic development of women

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Supporting the growth and economic development of Youth

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Upgrading the energy infrastructure

Improving access to global value chains

Q35 What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support the economic empowerment of MSMEs? (You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Business support services,

Banking and financial services

Building productive , capacity

Agriculture,

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).

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Trade policy and administrative management

Trade facilitation,

Regional trade agreements , (RTAs)

Multilateral trade negotiations

Trade education/training,

Transport and storage , infrastructure

Energy supply and generation 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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Fishing

Q36 What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting the economic empowerment of MSMEs? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities

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Coordination among , donors

Donor interest in specific projects/programmes

Leveraging of foreign direct

investment

Institutional capacity to implement projects

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Q37 How best can Aid for Trade make a contribution to Youth economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Providing access to , finance

Supporting the growth and economic development of Youth

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Upgrading business skills,

Improving access to

information

Improving digital connectivity

Additional information or examples of projects and programmes on how Aid for Trade can make a contribution to Youth economic empowerment.:

Entrepreneurship programs to assist the Youth in developing their skills as an Entrepreneur.

Q38 What forms of aid-for-trade financing, in your view, best support to Youth economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave all boxes unticked if you do not receive support)

Business support services,

Banking and financial services

Building productive capacity

Agriculture,

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).

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Trade facilitation,
Regional trade agreements , (RTAs)
Multilateral trade , negotiations
Trade education/training,
Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)
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Transport and storage , infrastructure
Communications infrastructure,
Energy supply and generation , 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.)
Fishing,
Industry,
Travel and , tourism
Trade related adjustment (Including supporting

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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Other trade related needs

Q39 What factors contribute to the success of Aid for Trade in promoting to Youth economic empowerment? (You may tick more than 1 box. Please limit your answer to the top five factors)

Alignment of aid-for-trade support with national/regional priorities

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Coordination among , donors

Good digital and ICT connectivity

Institutional capacity to implement projects

Sufficient funding and appropriate implementation timelines

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Q40 In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda?

Yes,

Please provide a weblink to the relevant national strategy or policy document in which SDGs are referred to.:

The inter-ministerial process to monitor the progress of the SDGs has begun. The plan is to mainstream SDGs in the new National Development Strategy. The Country Poverty Assessment, National Poverty Reduction Strategy and National Social Protection Strategy can also be referenced for success in the areas of the SDGs.

Q41 If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goal or Goals (SDGs) Aid for Trade can help to achieve.(You may tick more than 1 box)Sustainable Development Goals:

poverty
2. Zero hunger,
3. Good health and well- , being
4. Quality education,
5. Gender , equality
6. Clean water and , sanitation
7. Affordable and clean , energy
8. Decent work and economic , growth
9. Industry, innovation and , infrastructure
10. Reduce , inequalities
11. Sustainable cities and , communities
12. Responsible consumption and production
13. Climate , action
14. Life below , water
15. Life on , land
16. Peace, justice and strong , institutions
17. Partnership for the goals

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Q42 Which donor(s) are now the most important source aid-for-trade financing for your economic empowerment. (You may tick more than 1 box)

European Union, Korea,

United Kingdom,

United States,

Caribbean Development Bank , (CDB)

Food and Agricultural Organization of the UN

Global Environment Facility , (GEF)

Inter-America Development Bank (IDB)

International Labour Office (ILO),

International Monetary Fund

(IMF)

International Trade Centre

(ITC)

World

Bank

World Trade Organization

(WTO)

United Nations Development Programme

(UNDP)

Additional information on the donor(s) are the most important source of aid-for-trade financing for your economic empowerment.:

Chinese Taipei

Q43 Which South-South partner(s) are the most important source of financing for your economic empowerment?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Mexico*,

South Korea*,

Chinese Taipei,

Venezuela,

Cuba,

India

Q44 Looking ahead, in which category(ies) of aid-fortrade financing do you think that further support for economic empowerment will be required.(You may tick more than 1 box and/or leave boxes unticked if you do not receive support) Business support services,

Banking and financial

services

Building productive

capacity

Agriculture,

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).

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Trade policy and administrative , management

Trade facilitation,

Regional trade agreements (RTAs)

Multilateral trade , negotiations

Trade education/training,

Trade-related infrastructure (Including physical infrastructure)

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Transport and storage , infrastructure

Communications infrastructure,

Energy supply and generation , 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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Fishing,

Industry,

Travel and tourism

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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Other trade related needs

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Q45 Please provide any additional information that you think may be relevant.(Please references in the form or weblinks, document symbols etc.)

Reference documents/web links would include:

- National Adaptation Strategy 2006-2017 (see attached document)
- St. Kitts & Nevis Ministry of Finance website http://www.mof.gov.kn/
- The Government of St. Kitts & Nevis Website https://www.gov.kn/
- Country Poverty Assessment (see attached document)
- National Poverty Reduction Strategy http://stats-bs.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/04/SKN-NPRS-EXEC-SUMM-2nd.pdf
- National Social Protection Strategy https://www.unicef.org/easterncaribbean/ECAO_National_Social_Protection_Strategy__SKN.pdf

Q46 Is there any Aid for Trade project or programme for economic empowerment you would like to showcase as particularly important for your country or as an example of best practice?(Please provide any relevant additional information and include weblinks as relevant)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q47 CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this guestionnaire reply):

The Ministry of International Trade, Industry, Commerce & Consumer Affairs, the Ministry of Sustainable Development, the Department of Statistics, the Ministry of Education, Youth, SPorts & Culture and the Ministry of Community Development, Gender Affairs & Social Services.