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Q1 TONGA

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 Yes,

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

If yes, please provide further details including hyperlinks to relevant documents containing trade priorities::

https://www.mted.gov.to/wp-

content/uploads/2023/05/TTPF-Final-Review-Aug-website-

1.pdf

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Q5 Yes

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

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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,

Export diversification,

Expansion of the agriculture sector,

Expansion of the forestry sector,

Expansion of the fisheries sector,

Expansion of the manufacturing sector,

Expansion of the services sector,

Infrastructure development,

Institutional strengthening (e.g. good governance, transparency and accountability)

,

Climate change mitigation,

Climate change adaptation,

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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Protection of biodiversity,

Women's economic empowerment and gender equality

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Youth employment and skills,

Environmental protection,

Waste management,

Improved (national) environmental governance,

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

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DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIFIC SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS:

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DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS:

Q7 Yes

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

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## **Q8**

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,

Additional information on objectives and targets:: page14 of the Tonga Trade Policy Framework. Share of exports in GDP (%)15% by 2025.

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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)::

Tonga eCommerce Strategy and Roadmap 2021
https://www.mted.gov.to/wpcontent/uploads/2023/05/TONGA-E-COMMERCESTRATEGY-ROADMAP-2021.pdf Readiness Assessment
for Cross-Border Paperless Trade: TONGA 2022
https://www.mted.gov.to/wpcontent/uploads/2023/05/TONGA\_cross-border-readinessassessment-report.pdf Tonga Private Sector Development
Strategy

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Q11 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.

# 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.

### **OBJECTIVES:**,

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

Expansion of MSME sector exports,

Growth in the number of export markets reached,

Improvements in trade facilitation,

Export growth targets,

E-commerce export target,

MSME sector growth targets,

Trade facilitation targets (e.g. time taken to release)

Q13 Yes, in part

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

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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::

Box 1 of the TTPF highlights the TTPF and Sector Policies – Linkages and Potential Measures page 22~23

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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,

Fisheries,

Mining and minerals,

Manufacturing sector,

MSME sector development,

Communication services, including ICT,

Tourism,

Transport services (air, land and maritime),

Cross-sectoral e-commerce and digital trade

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

# Pacific Islands Forum States (PIFS),

Additional information on regional objectives::

The Tonga eCommerce Strategy and Roadmap mentions coordination with PIFS that will help ensure Tonga is able to participate to and benefit from regional and sub-regional initiatives stemming from the implementation of the Pacific regional e-commerce strategy.

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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)

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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Q20 Yes

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

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**Q25** 

**Q27** 

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

Communication of policy document,

Dialogue with development partners

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Q22 Yes

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

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Q23 Other (please specify):

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

largely sectoral

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# Q24 Respondent skipped this question

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.)

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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?

### Other (please specify),

Additional information on loans and grants:: Unsure

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# Q26 Respondent skipped this question

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

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

### Other (please specify),

Additional information on stopping foreign aid and Aid for

Trade::

Unsure

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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

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)

# Length of project/programme funding cycles,

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

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# Q30

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

# Other (please specify),

Additional information on alignment of monitoring and evaluation::

Not sure.

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Q31 Other (please specify):

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

Other (please specify): We are working towards it.

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Q32 Respondent skipped this question

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

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Q33 No

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

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Q34 Yes

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

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# Q35

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

Agriculture,

Forestry,

Fisheries,

Manufacturing sector,

MSME sector development,

Services (general),

Banking and financial services,

Business and professional services,

Communication services, including ICT,

Tourism.

Transport services (air, land and maritime),

Cross-sectoral e-commerce and digital trade

# **Q36**

In which categories of Aid-for-Trade support do you foresee future needs?(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-RELATED ADJUSTMENT (Including supporting developing countries to put in place accompanying measures that assist them to benefit from liberalized trade)

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Q37 Yes

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

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

GOAL 1: No Poverty,

GOAL 2: Zero Hunger,

GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being,

**GOAL 4: Quality Education,** 

GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth,

GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure,

**GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production,** 

**GOAL 13: Climate Action,** 

GOAL 14: Life Below Water,

GOAL 15: Life on Land,

**GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions,** 

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?