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Q3: CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply) :	Consulted Internally with the Heads of the various departments of the Trade Directorate (Goods Unit, Services Unit, Trade Related Issues Unit, CARICOM Unit)

PAGE 6: C.2.) YOUR GOVERNMENT'S AID-FOR-TRADE PRIORITIES

Q4: Do you have Aid-for-Trade priorities?	Yes
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Q5: 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 12 listed .(1 being the most important)

Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	1
Trade facilitation	3
Competitiveness	4
Export diversification	2
Regional integration	5

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Q6: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q7: Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2012?

No

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Q8: What are the top 3 drivers of these changes? (Please choose no more than 3 options)

Respondent skipped this question

Q9: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

Q10: Have these changes been reflected in your national development strategy?

Respondent skipped this question

Q11: Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?

Respondent skipped this question

Q12: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your national or regional development policy?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q13: In which existing policy document(s) can trade facilitation be found as a priority? (You may tick more than one box)

National development strategy,
National trade strategy,
Regional trade agreement

Q14: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q15: Is trade facilitation included in new draft policy documents currently being updated and formulated?

Yes

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Q16: Please indicate in which new draft policy documents, currently being updated or formulated, trade facilitation is included:	Other (please specify) National Export Strategy and National Aid for Trade Strategy
Q17: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q18: How important are trade costs for the competitiveness of your exports?	Very important
Q19: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q20: Do your national policies address the issue of trade costs for exports?	Yes

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Q21: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for exports ?	National trade strategy
Q22: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q23: How important are trade costs for access to imports?	Very important
Q24: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q25: Do national policies address the issue of trade costs for imports?	Yes
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Q26: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for imports?	Other (please specify) The Customs and Excise Division have several documents relating to trade costs for imports
Q27: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q28: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of merchandise goods? (You may choose more than 1 option)	Tariffs, fees and other charges, Non-Tariff Measures (including standards), Transport infrastructure
Q29: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q30: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of services? (You may choose more than 1 option)	Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms), Non-recognition of professional qualifications, Restrictions on movement of natural persons
Q31: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q32: In which regional markets to which you export merchandise goods and services do you face the highest trade costs? (Please select no more than 5 regions)	North America, The Caribbean, Western Europe, (please specify) For the Caribbean - Mainly OECS Countries. Also the above answers relate to goods as Services Data is very Limited
Q33: Indicate your home region.	Trinidad and Tobago

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Q34: FOR MERCHANDISE GOODS: For the markets which you have identified as the highest cost, why are trade costs high? (You may choose more than 1 option)	Tariffs, fees and other charges, Non-Tariff Measures (including standards)
Q35: Additional information. For Tariffs , Fees and other charges this relates to the North American Markets as not trade agreement has been negotiated. For the Caribbean and Western Europe, tariffs do not pose a barrier as trade agreements have been signed however non tariff measures such as standards pose a high cost.	
Q36: FOR SERVICES: For the markets which you have identified as the highest costs, why are trade costs high? (You may choose more than 1 options)	Poor network infrastructure (ICT, telecoms), Recognition of professional qualifications, Restrictions on movement of natural persons, Inefficient government regulations
Q37: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q38: How have your trade costs evolved over the past 5 years ?	Unsure
Q39: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q40: Does your Government use any of the following sources to address the issue of trade costs? (You may choose more than 1 option)	Research by donor funded project, World Bank Doing Business Index, World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report
Q41: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q42: Do you validate the results? (You may tick more than 1 box)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q43: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q44: Is your government taking national action to reduce trade costs?

Yes

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Q45: What national action is your government is taking?(You may tick more than 1 box)

National government initiatives,
Joint public-private sector initiatives

Q46: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

Q47: In which areas have national actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than one box)

Border procedures (trade facilitation),
Tariffs, fees and other charges,
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Reforms of national regulatory frameworks for services
,
Negotiations with trading partners on access for service suppliers

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Q48: Is your government engaged in regional actions to reduce trade costs?

Yes

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Q49: Please specify (You may tick more than 1 box)

Regional economic community,
Free trade agreements

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Q50: In which areas have regional actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),
Reforms of national regulatory frameworks for services
,
Negotiations with trading partners on access for service suppliers

Q51: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q52: Is external support aligned with your national and regional needs to reduce trade costs ?

Yes

Q53: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q54: How is external support aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box)

External support is aligned with national priorities to reduce trade costs
,
Dialogue with donors has resulted in attention to the issue of trade costs
,
Improved dialogue with the private sector has resulted in this being prioritized
,
Improved dialogue with regional partners has resulted in this being prioritized

Q55: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q56: Why is external support not aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q57: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q58: What impact would implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have on the evolution of your trade costs?

No capacity to estimate

Q59: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q60: In which regions would the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have the biggest impact on the trade costs you face ? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

North America, Central America,
The Caribbean, Western Europe

Q61: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q62: Do you plan to seek Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted ?

Yes, after TFA adoption

Q63: Have you undertaken a Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment?

Yes

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Q64: Please specify the organization(s) involved in and year(s) of each needs assessment.

WTO

2013

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Q65: Do you plan to request a new Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment or an update of an existing assessment?

No

Q66: Please specify why.

The last request performed in 2013 is recent

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Q67: Where might you need support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted? (You may tick more than 1 box)

To develop national implementation plans,

To support implementation of specific TFA provisions

,

To align support with on-going national reform programmes

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Q68: What difficulties do you face, or do you expect to face, in securing Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted ? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Ensuring TFA implementation is a priority in national development planning documents

,

National coordination and demonstration of political will for TFA reform

,

Problems in formulating requests,

Problems to quantify TFA implementation needs,

Accessing regional programmes

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Q69: Which disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, will prove the hardest to implement and where Aid-for-Trade support should be focused?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Publication and availability of information,

Advance rulings, Border agency cooperation,

Formalities connected with importation, exportation and transit

,

Customs cooperation

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Q70: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q71: What have been the key factors in achieving successful reductions in trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

Private sector engagement and commitment,
Alignment of projects with private sector priorities
,
Funding from development partners

Q72: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q73: What outputs have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

Creation of one-stop border posts,
Creation of electronic single windows ,
Creation of trade facilitation committees,
Creation of dialogue with private sector ,
Improved border infrastructure

Q74: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q75: What outcomes have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

Reduction in border clearance times

Q76: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q77: What impacts have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

Diversification in export markets,
Increase in foreign direct investment

Q78: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q79: Which types of actions have achieved the most positive results in reducing trade costs for goods and services? (Please choose no more than 7 options)

Customs reform

Q80: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q81: What contribution can reducing trade costs make to the target of inclusive, sustainable growth? (Please choose no more than 7 options)

Increase in exports,
Diversification in export markets,
Diversification in export products,
Foreign direct investment,
Consumer welfare effects

Q82: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q83: Has the alignment of Aid-for-Trade support to your national needs and priorities changed since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade Initiative in 2005?

Improved

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Q84: If it has improved, please specify why.(You may tick more than one box)

Better dialogue with donors,
Better dialogue with the private sector,
Better dialogue with regional partners

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Q85: Why has the alignment declined?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q86: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q87: What impact has the Aid-for-Trade Initiative had since it was launched in 2005?(You may tick more than 1 box)

More priority given by national authorities to trade issues in national development planning
,
More priority given by regional authorities to trade issues in development planning

Q88: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q89: What potential future contribution could the Enhanced Integrated Framework for LDCs make to the post-2015 development agenda? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

Coherence in trade and development policy

Q90: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

Q91: What potential future contribution could the Aid-for-Trade Initiative make to the post-2015 development agenda? (Please choose a maximum of 5 options)

Contribution of financing for development,
Contribution to improving the business and regulatory environment
,
Engaging the private sector in development issues

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Q92: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

Q93: How in your view could the Aid-for-Trade Initiative be improved?

Could be more aligned to national strategies

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Q94: Additional information on "Reducing trade costs and inclusive, sustainable growth". If there is anything you would like to add on the topic of "Reducing trade costs for inclusive, sustainable growth", which you feel has not been covered in this questionnaire, please use this box.

Respondent skipped this question