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Q1: About you

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Q2: Does your regional development or corridor development strategy include trade priorities ? (i.e. Aid-for-Trade priorities)

Yes

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Q3: If yes, please indicate your regional/corridor 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 14 listed.(1 being the most important)

Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	4
Trade facilitation	2
Network and/or transport infrastructure of a cross border nature	3
Export diversification	5
Regional integration	1

Please specify further the priorities that you selected above, as well as the main problems/obstacles encountered in furthering them. Please provide a weblink to the regional development or corridor development strategy in which your aid-for-trade priorities can be found.

Almost all the list above is key for COMESA. therefore, the prioritization is a challenge. in addition the split in infrastructure areas makes it a little bit more difficult. it would have also been important to define regional integration as almost all the other components form part of it. main challenge is one of funding given the global constraints on resources. Also for regional integration, a coordinated approach is important to achieve for effectiveness and efficiency in implementation and impact of results. various documents can be found at www.comesa.int

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Q4: Have your region's or corridor's Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2014? Yes

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Q5: If yes, what are the top 3 drivers of these changes?(Please choose no more than 3 options)

New regional development or integration strategy	3
Industrialization objectives	1
Expansion of domestic services sectors and/or trade in services	2

Additional information on the top 3 drivers of these changes since 2014. in line with the current COMESA medium term strategic plan and also the priorities under the COMESA EAC SADC Tripartite arrangement.

Q6: Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?

Yes,

Additional information to elaborate on how changes have been reflected in your dialogue with development partners.
The Support from COMESAs main donors that is on going, reflects the priorities which are either already included in funding instruments or expected to be included.

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Q7: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?

Yes

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Q8: If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you think that Aid for Trade may help to achieve? Sustainable Development Goals:

- 8. Decent work and economic growth ,
 - 9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,
 - 11. Sustainable cities and communities ,
 - 13. Climate action,
 - 16. Peace, justice and strong institutions
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Q9: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?

Yes,

Additional information to elaborate on how Aid for Trade can make a contribution to women's economic empowerment.
most funding is emphasizing women economic empowerment and target group of support under productive capacities usually reflects this. however, it may be important to improve capacities of how to streamline this into regional integration programmes where this is more of a challenge.

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Q10: Have you participated in any evaluation process that has been undertaken on the Aid-for-Trade support that you receive?

Yes,

Additional information on evaluations of Aid for Trade support. (Please include information on the review's finding and/or a weblink to the evaluation document) this was both under EU support and for COMESA Aft. <http://ecdpm.org/wp-content/uploads/2013/11/DP-130-Review-COMESA-Aid-for-Trade-Strategy-2012.pdf>

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Q11: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your regional or corridor development policy? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Yes, with a direct link or reference link to the Trade Facilitation Agreement

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Q12: If yes, in which policy document(s) can trade facilitation be found as a priority?(You may tick more than 1 box).

Regional development strategy

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Q13: If no or unsure, do you expect to include trade facilitation as a priority in future regional or corridor planning document(s) ?(You may tick more than one box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q14: If yes, in which regional planning document, do you expect to include trade facilitation as a priority in future regional or corridor planning document(s)(You may tick more than one box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q15: Are you seeking Aid-for-Trade support to implement disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement at regional or corridor level?

Yes

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Q16: If yes, please specify which measures you are looking to implement at regional or corridor level.(You may tick more than 1 box)

Art 1: Publication and Availability of Information ,
Art 8: Border Agency Cooperation ,
Art 9: Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control
,
Art 10: Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit
,
Art 11: Freedom of Transit ,
Art 12: Customs Cooperation

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Q17: Are you engaged in a dialogue with development partners on regional or corridor actions to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement or to undertake broader trade facilitation actions (e.g. trade and transport facilitation)?

Yes, broader trade facilitation actions (e.g. trade and transport facilitation)?

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Q18: If yes, please specify with which development partner(s) you are discussing Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation.

United States, EU Institutions,
African Development Bank, World Bank Group,
World Customs Organization

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Q19: If no, what difficulties, if any, are you facing in securing Aid-for-Trade support to help implement regional or actions to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q20: Is there an Aid-for-Trade facilitation project or programme that you wish to showcase as an example of best practice ?

Unsure

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Q21: Do you have (a) regional or corridor strategy(ies) for e-commerce or other digital-related regional or corridor strategy(ies)? Yes

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Q22: If yes, please indicate which of the following : (You may tick more than 1 box) Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development
,
Broadband development, E-government,
Telecommunications strategy

Q23: If yes, does this regional or corridor strategy include measures to help micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) establish online presence? Unsure

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Q24: If no, do you plan to develop or update your regional or corridor development strategy to include e-commerce priorities? *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q25: Do you have any mechanism(s) to coordinate your regional or corridor e-commerce (or other digital) strategy? Regional coordination mechanism of ministries responsible for Information Communication Technology

Q26: Does your regional strategy for e-commerce cover issues related to trade in services and/or goods through e-commerce? Yes

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Q27: If yes, please indicate which issues are covered in your regional or corridor strategy:(You may tick more than 1 box) Other (please specify) unsure

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Q28: For EXPORTS, what challenges do micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) in your region face in relation to cross border e-commerce transactions? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Unsure

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Q29: For IMPORTS, what challenges do micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) in your region or corridor face in relation to cross border e-commerce transactions? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Unsure

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Q30: Please estimate the percentage of goods and services imported and exported by the region through e-commerce/digital channels and the growth of imports and exports through e-commerce/digital channels over the past 3 years.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q31: For EXPORTS, what challenges does the on-line purchase of merchandise goods through e-commerce present for customs and other border management authorities in your region? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Unsure

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Q32: For IMPORTS, what challenges does the on-line purchase of merchandise goods through e-commerce present for customs and other border management authorities in your region or corridor? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Unsure

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Q33: Please indicate the main issues that enterprises and consumers in your region or corridor have in accessing internet services.(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q34: Can electronic payments be made across borders within your region or corridor?

Yes

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Q35: If yes, please indicate how electronic payments can be made across borders within your region or corridor. (You may tick more than 1 box) Unsure

Q36: Please estimate the percentage of transactions paid electronically in your region (through e-banking, mobile money or e-government): *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q37: 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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Q38: Can consumers use mobile phones for remittances and fund transfers across borders in your region or corridor? Unsure

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Q39: Are Information and Communication Technology programmes available to support students, workers and Micro Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs)? *Respondent skipped this question*

Q40: Is there an Aid-for-E-commerce project or programme that you wish to showcase as an example of best practice? Unsure

Q41: Do you anticipate a need for future assistance in order to help your region or corridor meet its e-commerce strategic objectives? Yes

Q42: If yes, please indicate who you would like to work with to provide this support : (You may tick more than 1 box) *Respondent skipped this question*

Q43: In your view, can growth in e-commerce make a contribution to women's economic empowerment? Yes

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Q44: Does your regional or corridor development strategy include trade-related infrastructure development priorities? Yes

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Q45: If yes, please indicate which trade-related infrastructure sectors feature as priority sectors in your regional or corridor development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box)

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE,
Maritime transport infrastructure,
Internal waterways transport infrastructure,
Air transport infrastructure,
Rail transport infrastructure,
Road transport infrastructure,
Infrastructure related to all modes of transport: cargo handling, storage and/or warehousing
,
COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE,
ENERGY-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

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Q46: Does your regional or corridor development strategy link trade-related infrastructure to the development of related services sectors? Unsure

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Q47: If yes, please indicate which services trade sectors feature as priority sectors in your regional or corridor development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box) *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q48: Does your regional development strategy (or other regional economic policy documents) link growth in services capacity and trade to growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing exports? Yes

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Q49: If yes, please specify which services sectors are identified for growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing. (You may tick more than 1 box)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES,
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES,
OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES,
COMMUNICATION SERVICES,
CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES
,
FINANCIAL SERVICES,
TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES ,
TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

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Q50: Which services sectors are growing fastest in your region or corridor?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q51: What are the main issues constraining growth in regional or corridor services trade?Issues constraining growth : (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q52: Which services sectors do you expect will support implementation the Trade Facilitation Agreement and will help realize associated economic benefits of TFA implementation? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q53: Are development partners providing support for the development of regional services capacity and trade as part of their trade-related infrastructure support?

Yes

Q54: If yes, is there a project or programme that you wish to highlight as an example of best practice?

Unsure

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Q55: Does your regional or corridor development strategy include actions to improve the investment climate?

Yes

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Q56: If yes, please specify how: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Additional information about actions to improve the investment climate foreseen in your regional or corridor development strategy.
COMESA has a regional investment agency (RIA) which is responsible for this area.
<http://comesaria.org/>

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Q57: What actions have you taken to improve the investment climate in the past 5 years? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q58: Are development partners supporting regional or corridor investment climate reforms?

Unsure

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Q59: If yes, is there a project or programme that you wish to highlight as an example of best practice?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q60: Does the regional or corridor development strategy seek to attract investment in particular service sectors?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q61: If yes, please identify the sectors for which the regional or corridor development strategy seeks to attract investment.(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q62: Can the development of services capacity and trade contribute to women's economic empowerment ?

Yes

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Q63: If yes, please specify which service sectors in your region or corridor may have particular impact on women's economic empowerment?Services sectors: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q64: In your view, can services trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?

Yes

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Q65: 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)

- 8. Decent work and economic growth ,
 - 9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,
 - 11. Sustainable cities and communities ,
 - 12. Responsible consumption and production ,
 - 13. Climate action ,
 - 16. Peace, justice and strong institutions ,
 - 17. Partnership for the goals
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Q66: CONSULTATION (Other departments or organisations consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply):

None. this is because of the festive season, COMESA has closed and it was difficult to access people during the period. would propose to still try completing the questionnaire upto January to allow for better input.
