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2024 Aid for Trade Regional Economic Community/Transport Corridor Questionnaire

INTRODUCTION

2024 AID FOR TRADE REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY/TRANSPORT CORRIDOR QUESTIONNAIRE MAINSTREAMING TRADE

This self-assessment questionnaire is part of the 2023-2024 monitoring and evaluation exercise. It is designed to gather information on your regional economic community or transport corridor's trade priorities and Aid-for-Trade needs. The information provided will be consulted by development partners and contribute to the alignment of support to your Aid-for-Trade needs.

By completing the questionnaire, you will be supporting the WTO's efforts to promote transparency in the following areas, specifically in relation to your regional context:

- the supply side and trade-related infrastructure constraints of developing countries, and in particular least developing countries (i.e. partner countries) *;
- the provision of Aid-for-Trade support by development partners;
- how Aid-for-Trade support is aligned with priority needs;
- the impact and outcomes of Aid-for-Trade support; and
- future needs for Aid-for-Trade support.

Responses will be made publicly available on the [WTO/OECD Aid-for-Trade website](#), analysed and discussed in the next set of Aid-for-Trade publications and at the Global Review in 2024.

Respondents are encouraged to reach a "whole of institution" view, meaning that they need to consult regional policy documents or liaise with colleagues in other ministries to reach a common response.

For further information, please contact us via email at aft.wto@wto.org. The deadline for submission is **30 November 2023**.

* Partner countries are WTO developing Member countries and countries or customs territories in the process of accession.



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ABOUT YOU

* 1. Respondent (Name of Regional Economic Community or Transport Corridor)

ECONOMIC COMMUNITY OF WEST AFRICAN STATES

* 2. About you

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*** 3. Do you have a regional development plan or strategy(ies)?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify)



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4. If yes, does your regional development plan or strategy(ies) include trade priorities?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify)

Additional information on trade priorities. Please provide further details including hyperlinks to relevant documents:

- 4x4 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVE
- VISION 2050
- RRTFS(DRAFT)
- E-COMMERCE STRATEGY
- AFCFTA IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
- TRADE AND GENDER STRATEGY
- COMMUNITY STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK
- FOOD FORTIFICATION
- VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT
- QUALITY PROGRAMME
- FRAMEWORK FOR PRIVATE SECTOR AND ENTERPRISE PROMOTION
- COMMON INVESTMENT POLICY



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*** 5. Does your regional development strategy(ies) have a thematic focus?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify)

- INFRASTRUCTURE
- CLIMATE
- FOOD SECURITY
- INCREASED INTRA-REGIONAL TRADE
- THEMATIC FOCUS
- TOURISM
- INVESTMENT
- PAYMENT AND SETTLEMENT SYSTEM
- DEVELOPING HUMAN CAPACITY AND SKILLS
- GEO-DIVERSITY
- DEVELOPING HUMAN CAPACITY AND SKILLS FOR THE DIGITAL ECONOMY
- BIO-DIVERSITY
- PRIVATIZATION DEVELOPMENT
- PAYMENT STRUCTURE
- FINANCIAL SECTOR
- HARMONIZE RULES AND REGULATIONS



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STRATEGIES**

6. If yes, choose options from the non-exhaustive list of thematic options below.

(If a thematic option does not appear in the list below, please tick other and add details in the text box. Please tick relevant boxes.)

☒ **DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIFIC ECONOMIC CHARACTERISTICS:**

- ☒ Food security
- ☒ Economic diversification
- ☒ Enhancing exports in non-traditional sectors
- ☒ Export diversification
- ☒ Trade integration
- ☒ Expansion of the extractive sector (minerals and mining)
- ☒ 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
- ☒ Expansion of the digital economy
- ☒ Infrastructure development

- ☒ Innovation and technological development

- ☒ Expansion of the formal economy
- ☒ Expansion of the MSME sector
- ☒ Expansion of public-private partnerships

☒ **DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIFIC SOCIAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

- ☒ Human capital development (e.g. education through skills, training and health)
- ☒ Higher labour productivity
- ☒ Employment creation
- ☒ Women's economic empowerment and gender equality
- ☒ Youth employment and skills
- ☒ Inclusive growth, including (historically) disadvantaged groups (e.g. including people with disabilities).
- ☒ Institutional strengthening (e.g. good governance, transparency and accountability)
- ☒ Social protection
- ☒ Promotion of peace/security and development

☐ **DEVELOPMENT WITH SPECIFIC ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS:**

- ☒ Climate change mitigation
- ☒ Climate change adaptation
- ☐ Preventing desertification
- ☒ Protection of biodiversity
- ☒ Environmental protection
- ☒ Sustainable resource management
- ☐ Waste management and pollution control
- ☐ Circular economy
- ☐ Improved environmental governance
- ☐ Pollution control targets
- ☐ Oceans and blue economy
- ☒ Other (please specify)

Additional information on thematic issues:



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7. Do the trade priorities found in your regional development plan or transport corridor development strategy(ies) include specific objectives or targets?

For example, the [Nacala Railway Corridor Project](#) aims to transport approximately 18 million tons of coal from the existing mine in Moatize, via Malawi, to a new coal terminal in Nacala a Velha (Mozambique). The project was funded by Vale, and forms the backbone of a world-class transport corridor for Mozambique's Tete Province, as well as onward to Zambia and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify)

- INFRASTRUCTURE MASTER. PLAN
AIMS TO CONSTRUCT A 6-LANE(2X3)
DUAL CARRIAGE 1,028 1cm HIGHWAY
BETWEEN LAGOS AND ABIDJAN



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8. If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list of options below.

(If an objective(s) or target(s)* do not appear in the list below, please tick other and add details in the text box. Please tick all relevant boxes).

Objectives & Targets*:

- ☒ Helping partner countries with smooths graduation from LDC status
- ☒ Helping partner countries achieve Middle Income Status
- ☒ Helping partner countries achieve Upper Middle-Income Status
- ☐ Helping partner countries achieve Developed Country status
- ☒ Economic growth targets
- ☐ Poverty reductions targets
- ☒ Other targets (e.g. digital connectivity, gender equality, renewable energy, circular economy, etc.)

Additional information on objectives and targets:

- GOVERNANCE, SECURITY AND PEACE
- ECONOMIC GROWTH, EMPLOYMENT, STRUCTURAL TRANSFORMATION, PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPMENT
- ECONOMIC AND MONETARY INTERGRATION, ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE, ENERGY AND PARTNERSHIPS

*(Add value in the comment box if a target is cited, e.g. % growth rate of absolute value)



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SECTION B: TRADE PRIORITIES IN OTHER REGIONAL POLICY DOCUMENTS OR STRATEGIES

9. In addition to the trade priorities you may have in your regional development strategy, do you have trade priorities that are set out in other regional policy documents or strategies (e.g. an Aid-for-Trade strategy?)

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify)

- WEST AFRICA COMMON INDUSTRIAL POLICY(WACIP)
- ECOWAS AGRICULTURAL POLICY(ECOWAP)
- TRADE AND TRANSPORT FACILITATION IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
- E-COMMERCE STRATEGY
- AFCFTA IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
- GENDER AND TRADE PLAN OF ACTION
- E-GOVERNANCE
- PROMOTING ENTREPRENEURSHIP



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SECTION B: TRADE PRIORITIES IN OTHER REGIONAL POLICY OR STRATEGIES

*** 10. Do these other regional policy documents or strategies include trade objectives or targets?**

For example, the [West African Common Industrial Policy](#) plans, inter alia, to increase the volume of exports of goods manufactured in West Africa to the global market, from the current 0.1 % to 1 % by 2030. Another objective includes raising the local raw material processing rate from 15-20% to an average of 30 % by the same year.

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Other (e.g. strategy expired, new strategy under discussion, etc.)

SOME ARE TARGETED BUT NOT VERY SPECIFIC. FOR EXAMPLE, THE ECOWAS STRATEGY TO BUILD RESILIENCE ON FOOD SYSTEMS, FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY ALIGNS WITH THE ZERO-HUNGER VISION WITHOUT SETTING A SPECIFIC TARGET.

11. If your regional trade strategy includes objectives or targets*, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details, including hyperlinks to relevant documents.

If no, please indicate in the text box under the question choices whether there is another regional strategy or policy that includes specific objectives or targets.

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> OBJECTIVES: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Export diversification in terms of number of markets reached |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Better export performance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Export diversification in terms of number of goods and services exported |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Security of supply | <input type="checkbox"/> Access to essential goods |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Improved balance of payments situation | <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction in import targets |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increased competitiveness | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Competitiveness ranking in global index |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of mineral and mining exports | <input type="checkbox"/> Mineral and mining export growth target |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expansion of agricultural exports | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agricultural export growth target |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of exports of forestry products | <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry product export target |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Expansion of exports of fishery products | <input type="checkbox"/> Fishery products export target |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expansion of manufactured exports | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manufactured export target |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expansion of services exports | <input type="checkbox"/> Services trade export target |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expansion of e-commerce and/or digitally delivered services exports | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> E-commerce export target |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Expansion of MSME sector exports | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MSME sector growth targets |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Protection of intellectual property | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Revenue targets from different forms of IP rights (e.g. copyright, trademarks etc) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Growth in the number of export markets reached | <input type="checkbox"/> Export markets diversification targets |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improvements in trade facilitation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitation targets (e.g. time taken to release) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Climate change related objectives (e.g. reduction in emissions associated with trade) | <input type="checkbox"/> Emissions reduction targets found in nationally determined contributions** |
| <input type="checkbox"/> TARGETS*: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Trade-related targets to reduce certain trade flows (e.g illicit wildlife trade) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Export-related environmental protection objectives | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Export growth targets | |

Additional information on objectives or targets:

*(add value in the comment box if a target rate is cited (e.g. % growth rate or absolute value).

** Information on nationally determined contributions can be found in the UNFCCC registry available at: <https://unfccc.int/NDCREG>

12. Do you have a regional trade policy or strategy, export development strategy, industry or economic diversification or similar policy or strategy (e.g. regional e-commerce strategy, etc.)?

For example, the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation forum has an [Integrated Trade Agenda 2030](#) that aims to assist CAREC members to integrate further into the global economy, enhance the growth potential of CAREC members and improve the living standards of its people, with a focus on three pillars: trade expansion from increased market access, greater diversification and stronger institutions for trade.

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify: e.g. strategy expired, new strategy under discussion, etc.)

Additional information on the presence of a regional trade policy or strategy, export development strategy, industry or economic diversification strategy, or a similar policy or strategy:

- REGIONAL TRADE POLICY(DRAFT)
- E-COMMERCE STRATEGY
- AFCFTA IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
- INDUSTRIAL POLICY
- INVESTMENT POLICY
- TRADE LIBERALISATION SCHEME

13. Do the trade priorities found in your regional development strategy align with those found in other regional policy documents or strategies?

☐ Yes, in full

☒ Yes, in part

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify)

Additional information on the alignment of trade priorities:

- REGIONAL TRADE POLICY IS ALIGNED TO THE 93 TREATY
- AFCFTA IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY
- VISION 2050
- COMMUNITY STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK
- ECOWAS 4x4 STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES



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SECTION C: SECTORAL AND REGIONAL TRADE OBJECTIVES

*** 14. Do the trade objectives in your regional development plan or trade strategy(ies) include sectoral objectives?**

Explanatory notes For example, the Caribbean Community and Common Market (CARICOM) has developed various sectoral plans, including as the [Caribbean Sustainable Tourism Policy Framework](#).

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify: e.g. strategy expired, new strategy under discussion, etc.)



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SECTION C: SECTORAL AND REGIONAL TRADE OBJECTIVES

15. If yes, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details, including hyperlinks to relevant documents.

If no, please indicate if there is another regional strategy or policy that includes specific objectives or targets):

(Please tick relevant boxes)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Culture and creative industries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries | <input type="checkbox"/> Distribution services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mining and minerals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Oil and gas | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Renewable energy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Environment services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing sector | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science, technology and innovation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MSME sector development | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation and sport |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services (general) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tourism |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Banking and financial services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transport services (air, land and maritime) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Business and professional services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cross-sectoral e-commerce and digital trade |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication services, including ICT | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

Additional information on sectoral objectives:

- INCREASED AGRIC PRODUCTIVITY AND COMPETITIVENESS
- EXPANSION OF THE SERVICES SECTOR FOR JOB CREATION AND DEVELOPMENT



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SECTION D: FINANCING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE PRIORITIES

*** 16. Does your regional economic community (or transport corridor) have priority areas for Aid for Trade for which it is actively seeking support?**

Explanatory notes: For example, the [6th Sixth East African Community Development Strategy 2021/22 – 2025/26](#) outlines seven strategic development objectives and 8 priority areas in the trade area that the East African Community will pursue.

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify)



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17. If yes, please identify the priority areas for Transport for which your regional economic community (or transport corridor) 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 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 policy and administrative management
- ☒ Trade facilitation
- ☒ Regional trade agreements (RTAs)
- ☐ Multilateral trade negotiations
- ☐ Trade education/training
- ☒ **TRADE-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE** *(Including physical infrastructure)*
- ☒ Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)
- ☒ Trade-related Communications infrastructure
- ☐ Trade-related 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
- ☐ Forestry
- ☐ Fishing
- ☒ Industry
- ☒ Mineral resources and mining
- ☒ Travel and tourism
- ☒ 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)*
- ☒ **OTHER TRADE-RELATED NEEDS**
- ☐ **Unsure**

Additional information on the priority Aid-for-Trade support areas:

- SUPPORT PROGRAM AIMED AT MIGRATING
- TRADERS FROM INFORMAL SECTOR TO FORMAL SECTOR
- SUPPORT TO WOMEN SMALL SCALE CROSS BORDER OPERATORS
- INFORMAL TRADE REGULATION PROGRAM. OUTLINES 4 COMPONENTS FOR IMPLEMENTATION
- TRADE FACILITATION
- CYBER SECURITY, DATA PRIVACY AND DIGITILIZATION



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

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify)



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

- ☒ Dialogue with new partners
- ☒ Communication of policy document
- ☒ Diagnostic trade integration study or update
- ☐ Other, please specify

Additional information on how priorities were communicated.

DONOR ROUND TABLE



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SECTION D: FINANCING REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE PRIORITIES

20. Does your regional economic community (or transport corridor) face difficulties in financing implementation of the trade relations objectives found in your development plan or strategy(ies) or trade strategy?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Other (please specify)

Additional information on the difficulties faced in financing trade objectives. 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 that do not qualify as ODA), South-South co-operation, Climate finance, etc.):

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

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify)



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22. If yes, please identify the types of difficulties you face in accessing finance to address your Aid-for-Trade needs.

(You may tick more than one box)

- ☐ High cost of borrowing
- ☐ Difficulties accessing grant finance
- ☐ Insufficiency of grant financing
- ☒ Conditions attached by financing partners to access Aid for Trade
- ☐ Inter-ministerial co-ordination challenges
- ☐ Weak financial systems
- ☐ Challenges engaging in public-private partnerships
- ☐ Domestic oversight constraints
- ☒ Limited ability to develop "bankable" projects
- ☒ Lengthy approval processes related to loans
- ☒ Lack of coordination between development partners
- ☐ Other (please specify)

Additional information on financing difficulties:

- LACK OF ABSORPTION CAPACITY
- SHORTCOMINGS IN EU PILLAR ASSESSMENTS



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*** 23. Does your regional economic community or transport corridor 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?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Other (please specify)

Additional information on whether your regional economic community or transport corridor is experiencing 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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24. If yes, does this situation present a challenge for your regional economic community or transport corridor to achieve its trade objectives?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Other (please specify)

Additional information on the challenges of decreasing share of loans and increasing share of grants:

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25. 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?).

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Other (please specify)

Additional information on your plans to stop receiving Aid for Trade:

THE REGION RELIES ON AID FOR TRADE TO AUGMENT FUNDS RECEIVED
THROUGH THE COMMUNITY LEVY



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SECTION E: ALIGNMENT OF AID-FOR-TRADE SUPPORT WITH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE PRIORITIES

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

- ☐ Not at all aligned
- ☐ Somewhat aligned
- ☒ Moderately aligned
- ☐ Mostly aligned
- ☐ Completely aligned
- ☒ Other (please specify)

Additional information on the alignment. Please specify whether this is an official perspective or the personal opinion of the respondent:

EU SUPPORT TO THE AfCFTA, FOR EXAMPLE REGIONAL AfCFTA ALIGNS
WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

27. What challenges do you encounter in aligning the Aid-for-Trade support you receive with the sectoral level needs outlined in relevant policy documents ?

(You may tick more than one box)

- ☒ Difficulties associated with cross-sectoral approaches (e.g. e-commerce development)
- ☐ Lack of donor coordination
- ☐ Lack of South-South partner coordination
- ☐ Limited knowledge of recipient (i.e. developing country) needs and economic situation
- ☒ Conditions required by development partners to access support
- ☒ Length of project/programme funding cycles
- ☒ Human capacity constraints to developing bankable projects
- ☐ Lack of partner country ownership
- ☐ Weak institutional capacity (e.g. lack of coordination at domestic level)
- ☒ Other (please specify)

Additional information on aligning Aid-for-Trade support with the sectoral level needs:

LACK OF COLLABORATION WITH OTHER SECTORS



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SECTION F: OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS OF AID-FOR-TRADE SUPPORT

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

☐ Yes, for the regional development strategy

☐ Yes, for the regional trade strategy

☒ No

☐ Other (please specify)

Additional information on whether development financing partners align their monitoring and evaluation activities with your regional monitoring or results frameworks:

EACH INSTITUTION HAS ITS OWN M&E FRAMEWORK



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*** 29. Do you measure the impacts of the Overseas development assistance support you receive?**

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Other (please specify)

Additional information on measuring the impacts of Aid-for-Trade support:

IMPACT ASSESSMENT YET TO BE CARRIED OUT



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30. If yes, please identify the priority areas for which you are actively seeking support.

(Please tick relevant boxes.)

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- ☒ Business support services
- ☐ Banking and financial services
- ☒ Building productive capacity
- ☒ Agriculture
- ☐ Forestry
- ☐ Fishing
- ☒ Industry
- ☐ Mineral resources and mining
- ☒ Travel and tourism
- ☒ 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)*
- ☒ **OTHER TRADE-RELATED NEEDS**
- ☐ Unsure

Additional information on the priority areas for Aid for Trade:

- ECOWAS MEMBER STATES SUPPORTING TO MOVE FROM LDC STATUS TO NON-LDC STATUS
- VALUE CHAIN DEVELOPMENT
- AUTOMOTIVE AND MACHINERY



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31. Is there a Donor sponsored project or programme that you would like to highlight as an example of best practice?

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify)

Additional information on examples of best practice. Please include evidence to support your assessment of Aid-for-Trade support impacts:

- UNCTAD'S COLLABORATION WITH ECOWAS COMMISSION TO DEVELOP E-COMMERCE STRATEGY
- THE START UP EXPERIENCE TARGETED AT THE YOUTH
- CYBER SECURITY (ORGANISED CRIME WEST AFRICA RESPONSE)



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*** 32. Do you foresee a continued need for Donor financing?**

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify)



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33. If you foresee a continued need for Aid-for-Trade financing, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details including hyperlinks as relevant.

(Please tick relevant boxes.)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Construction services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Forestry | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Culture and creative industries |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fisheries | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Distribution services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mining and minerals | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Oil and gas | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Energy services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renewable energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Environment services |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manufacturing sector | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science, technology and innovation |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MSME sector development | <input type="checkbox"/> Recreation and sport |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Services (general) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tourism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Banking and financial services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transport services (air, land and maritime) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business and professional services | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cross-sectoral e-commerce and digital trade |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Communication services, including ICT | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify) |

Additional information on sectors in which you foresee a future need for Aid-for-Trade financing:

- NEEDED TO FILL FUNDING GAPS IN IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY INITIATIVES
- POLICY AND REGULATORY FRAMEWORK ON CYBER SECURITY
- DIGITAL ENTERPRENUERSHIP FOR YOUTH

34. 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 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 policy and administrative management
- ☒ Trade facilitation
- ☒ Regional trade agreements (RTAs)
- ☐ Multilateral trade negotiations
- ☒ Trade education/training
- ☒ **TRADE-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE** *(Including physical infrastructure)*
- ☒ Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)
- ☒ Trade-related Communications infrastructure
- ☒ Trade-related 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
- ☐ Forestry
- ☐ Fishing
- ☒ Industry
- ☐ Mineral resources and mining
- ☒ Travel and tourism
- ☒ 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)*
- ☐ **OTHER TRADE-RELATED NEEDS**
- ☐ **Unsure**

Additional information categories of Aid-for-Trade support in which you foresee future needs:

- SMEs
- START-UPS
- INVESTMENT CLIMATE
- TOURISM DEVELOPMENT
- PHARMACEUTICAL STRATEGIES
- INVESTMENT CLIMATE



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*** 35. Do you foresee future needs for Aid for Trade to support the achievement of trade-related aspects of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda?**

For example, the Central American Integration System (SIECA)'s Regional Mobility and Logistics Master [Plan](#) 2035 takes into account the impacts of implementing its strategy with regard to the 2030 United Nations Sustainable Development Objectives.

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify)

- AGRICULTURE TO ADAPT TO CLIMATE CHANGE
- RESILIENCE OF FOOD SYSTEMS
- FOOD AND NUTRITION SECURITY TOWARDS ENDING HUNGER
- ECOWAS GREEN HOUSE VILLAGE
- CONSTRUCTION
- PHARMACEUTICAL
- QUALITY STANDARD



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36. If yes, please indicate which SDGs are referenced in your regional development strategy.

(You may tick more than one box)

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOAL 1: No Poverty | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOAL 2: Zero Hunger | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOAL 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOAL 3: Good Health and Well-being | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOAL 12: Responsible Consumption and Production |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOAL 4: Quality Education | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOAL 13: Climate Action |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOAL 5: Gender Equality | <input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 14: Life Below Water |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 6: Clean Water and Sanitation | <input type="checkbox"/> GOAL 15: Life on Land |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOAL 7: Affordable and Clean Energy | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOAL 16: Peace and Justice Strong Institutions |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOAL 17: Partnerships to achieve the Goal |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure | |

Additional information on SDGs:



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

☒ Yes

☐ No

☐ Other (please specify)

Additional information on the future needs for Aid-for-Trade to support the trade-related aspects of climate change:

- AID FOR TRADE WOULD SUPPORT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ECOWAS ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY
- ADAPTATION OF AGRICULTURE TO CLIMATE CHANGE
- ECOWAS GREEN VILLAGE TO PROMOTE GREEN TECHNOLOGY TO INCREASE TRADE
- ENERGY RESILIENCE
- MANAGEMENT OF ELECTRONIC WASTE TO REDUCE POLLUTION



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The next page will allow you to complete your questionnaire by pressing the "Submit" * button.

At this stage all your answers have been recorded. A member of our team will contact you using the details you provided at the start of the questionnaire if necessary. You can also send any question or comment by writing to aft.wto@wto.org

Thank you for participating in the 2023-2024 Aid-for-Trade Monitoring and Evaluation Exercise !

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