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**Q1**

Respondent (Name of Regional Economic Community or Transport Corridor)

Trade Mark Africa

**Q2**

About you

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**Q3**

Yes

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

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**Q4**

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

**Yes,**

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

Market access: Eastern Africa's physical and soft infrastructure at ports, roads and borders has been flagged as a cause of excessive delays in trading, resulting in high costs. TMA continues to support improvement of transport infrastructure to help reduce trading time and costs. Focus remains on roads, ports and border projects, in addition to the expansion of multimodal transport corridors on lakes and rail, and improving infrastructure related to the garments, agro-logistics and food aid value chains. ICT4 programming contributes to reducing barriers to trade and cost of doing business within the EA region through automation of key trade processes and systems. The programme interventions are multiple pronged: Supporting government agencies to implement Single Window Information for Trade Systems, which are building blocks to effective and efficient links to National Single Windows; Online information portals improve access to critical information on import/export; and Modernising customs systems. Combined, these interventions accrue cross cutting benefits which include eliminating periods of process inaction occasioned by manual activities when acquiring trade documents; reducing transactional costs in acquiring trade regulatory documents; and increasing process transparency therefore stakeholder confidence and trust in the management of trade regulatory documents. The programme is premised on the fact that electronic application and processing of relevant clearance and trade permit documents necessary for movement of goods across borders saves time, reduces costs for traders and ultimately leading to healthier investment in trade and reduction in costs of goods and services. The Trade Policy Programme overall outcome is supporting the EAC Secretariat and private sector to improve the Trade Regulatory Environment and contribute to the reduction of trade barriers and Improved Business Competitiveness in the region. To achieve this, four interrelated interventions are undertaken: -Improve harmonisation of trade policies; -Improve public and private sector technical capacity in trade policy making and implementation; -Enhance participation of stakeholder in addressing binding constraints to trade; and -Enhance availability of evidence to support inclusive trade policy programming. The Women and Trade programme seeks to increase incomes and improve livelihoods for women traders and women-owned enterprises through capacity building, addressing trade barriers and advocacy for policies that will create an enabling environment for women traders and women-led SMEs. This is part of a larger initiative by TMA to tackle poverty and reduce inequality through increased trade and competitiveness.

competitiveness.

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Q5

No

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

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Q6

Respondent skipped this question

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.)

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Q7

Yes

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).

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Q8

Other targets (e.g. digital connectivity, gender equality, renewable energy, circular economy, etc.)

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\*:

Economic growth targets,  
Poverty reductions targets

## Page 9: SECTION B: TRADE PRIORITIES IN OTHER REGIONAL POLICY DOCUMENTS OR STRATEGIES

Q9

No

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?)

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**Q10****Yes**

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.

**Q11**

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.

**Increased competitiveness,****Expansion of e-commerce and/or digitally delivered services exports**

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**Growth in the number of export markets reached,****Improvements in trade facilitation,****Climate change related objectives (e.g. reduction in emissions associated with trade)**

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**Export diversification in terms of number of markets reached**

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**Export diversification in terms of number of goods and services exported**

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**Export markets diversification targets,****Trade facilitation targets (e.g. time taken to release),****Emissions reduction targets found in nationally determined contributions\*\***

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**Better export performance****Q12****No**

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.

**Q13**

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

**Other (please specify),**

Additional information on the alignment of trade priorities::  
Not applicable

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**Q14****No**

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.

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**Q15****Respondent skipped this question**

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)

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**Q16****Yes**

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.

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**Q17**

If yes, please identify the priority areas for Aid for Trade for which your regional economic community (or transport corridor) is actively seeking support.(Please tick relevant boxes:)

Trade facilitation,

Trade education/training,

**TRADE-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE (Including physical infrastructure)**

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**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,

Digital trade and e-commerce,

**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)**

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Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)

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**Q18**

Yes

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

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**Q19**

Dialogue with new partners,

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

Communication of policy document

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**Q20**

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

**Yes,**

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.):  
Aid for Trade, Climate finance

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**Q21****No**

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

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**Q22****Respondent skipped this question**

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)

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**Q23****Yes,**

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?

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:  
Declining grants

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**Q24****Yes**

If yes, does this situation present a challenge for your regional economic community or transport corridor to achieve its trade objectives?

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**Q25****No**

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?).



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Page 23: SECTION E: ALIGNMENT OF AID-FOR-TRADE SUPPORT WITH REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND TRADE PRIORITIES**Q26****Mostly aligned**

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

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**Q27****Respondent skipped this question**

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)

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Page 24: SECTION F: OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS OF AID-FOR-TRADE SUPPORT**Q28****Yes, for the regional development strategy**

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

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Page 25: SECTION F: OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS OF AID-FOR-TRADE SUPPORT**Q29****Yes**

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

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Page 26: SECTION F: OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS OF AID-FOR-TRADE SUPPORT**Q30**

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

**Trade facilitation,****Regional trade agreements (RTAs),****Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)****,****Business support services,****Digital trade and e-commerce**

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Page 27: SECTION F: OUTCOMES AND IMPACTS OF AID-FOR-TRADE SUPPORT**Q31****Respondent skipped this question**

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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## Page 28: SECTION G: FUTURE AID-FOR-TRADE NEEDS

**Q32****Yes**

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

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**Q33**

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.)

**Agriculture,**  
**MSME sector development,**  
**Services (general),**  
**Communication services, including ICT,**  
**Environment services,**  
**Transport services (air, land and maritime),**  
**Cross-sectoral e-commerce and digital trade**

**Q34**

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)**  
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**Trade policy and administrative management,**  
**Trade facilitation,**  
**TRADE-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE (Including physical infrastructure)**  
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**Trade-related Transport and storage infrastructure (e.g. port, dry port, inland container port, inland container depot, etc.)**  
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**Business support services,**  
**Digital trade and e-commerce**

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**Q35** **Yes**

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.

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| <b>Q36</b>   | <b>GOAL 1: No Poverty,</b>                              |
| If yes, please indicate which SDGs are referenced in your regional development strategy.(You may tick more than one box) | <b>GOAL 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth,</b>         |
|  | <b>GOAL 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure,</b> |
|  | <b>GOAL 10: Reduced Inequality,</b>                     |
|  | <b>GOAL 5: Gender Equality</b>                          |

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**Q37** **Yes**

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

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