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Q1: REGIONAL ECONOMIC COMMUNITY / TRANSPORT CORRIDOR	EAC / Northern and Central Corridors
Q2: MEMBERSHIP	TradeMark East Africa
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Q4: How important are trade costs for the competitiveness of exports of goods and services from your region?	Very important
Q5: Additional information.	
East Africa is second highest region of the world in terms of inland trade costs.	
Q6: Do your strategies address the issue of trade costs?	Yes

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<p>Q7: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for exports?</p>	<p>Regional development strategy, Regional trade strategy, Regional infrastructure strategy, Regional specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.) , Corridor development strategy</p>
<p>Q8: Documents (add weblinks where appropriate):</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>

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<p>Q9: How important are trade costs for access to imports?</p>	<p>Very important</p>
<p>Q10: Do your strategies address the issue of trade costs for imports?</p>	<p>Yes</p>

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<p>Q11: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for imports?</p>	<p>Regional development strategy, Regional trade strategy, Regional infrastructure strategy, Regional specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.) , Corridor development strategy</p>
<p>Q12: Documents (add hyperlinks where appropriate):</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>

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Q13: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of merchandise goods in your region? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Border procedures (trade facilitation),
Tariffs, fees and other charges,
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),
Transport infrastructure,
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Access to trade finance

Q14: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q15: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of services in your region?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),
Non-recognition of professional qualifications,
Restrictions on commercial presence,
Restrictions on movement of natural persons,
Poor regulatory environment for services,
Tariffs on product inputs (e.g. on computers for ICT services)
,
Low levels of skills in the services sector

Q16: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q17: 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)

East Africa

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Q18: FOR MERCHANDISE GOODS: For the markets which you have identified as the highest cost, why are the trade costs high? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Border procedures (trade facilitation),
Tariffs, fees and other charges,
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),
Transport infrastructure,
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Access to trade finance

Q19: Additional information.

Also Port procedures in Mombasa and dar es Salaam

Q20: FOR SERVICES: For the markets which you have identified as the highest cost, why are the trade costs high. (You may tick more than 1 box)

Poor network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms)
,
Poor transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),
Restrictions on movement of natural persons,
Poor regulatory environment for services

Q21: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q22: How have your trade costs evolved over the past 5 years ?

More than 10% reduction

Q23: Additional information.

Dramatic reduction in transit times on the Northern Corridor have led to some cost reductions

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Q24: Are there on-going regional actions to reduce trade costs?

Yes

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Q25: Please specify.(You may tick more than 1 box)

Initiatives led by your organization,
 Initiatives led by national governments,
 Joint public-private sector initiatives,
 Private sector initiatives,
 Initiatives supported by development partners,
 Initiatives supported by non-governmental organizations
 ,
 Other (please specify) WTO too

Q26: Add text and/or weblinks to information on initiatives:

Respondent skipped this question

Q27: In which areas have actions been undertaken or are actions on-going:

Reducing trade costs for MERCHANDISE GOODS
 ,
 Border procedures (trade facilitation),
 Tariffs, fees and other charges,
 Non-tariff measures (including standards),
 Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
 Transport infrastructure,
 Access to trade finance,
 Reducing trade costs for SERVICES,
 Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
 Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),
 Reforms of national regulatory frameworks for services
 ,
 Negotiations with trading partners on access for service suppliers

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Q28: Is external support aligned with your priorities on reducing trade costs?

Yes

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Q29: How is external support aligned with your priorities?(You may tick more than 1 box)	Dialogue with donors has resulted in attention to the issue of trade costs , Dialogue with South-South partners has resulted in attention to the issue of trade costs , Improved dialogue with the private sector has resulted in this issue being prioritized
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Q30: Why is external support not aligned with your priorities?(You may tick more than 1 box)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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Q31: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your regional strategies?	Yes
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Q32: In which strategy can trade facilitation be found as a priority?(You may tick more than 1 box)	Regional trade strategy, Regional trade agreement, Regional development strategy, Regional infrastructure strategy, Corridor strategy
Q33: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q34: Is trade facilitation included in new strategies currently being formulated or updated ?

Regional trade strategy	Yes
Regional trade agreement	Yes
Regional development strategy	Yes
Regional infrastructure strategy	Yes
Corridor strategy	Yes

Q35: Additional information: *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q36: Which, if any, of the following Trade Facilitation Agreement disciplines are covered by existing regional strategies or approaches?(You may tick more than 1 box)

	The Agreement as a whole,
	Release and clearance of goods,
	Border agency cooperation,
	Movement of goods intended for import under customs control
	,
	Customs cooperation

Q37: Additional information.

Not sure if others are included

Q38: Would changes need to be made to regional strategies or approaches to integrate, when adopted, Trade Facilitation Agreement disciplines?

Yes

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Q39: Where would changes need to made? (You may tick more than 1 box)

	Other (please specify)	Don't know
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Q40: Additional information. *Respondent skipped this question*

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<p>Q41: Do you plan to seek Aid-for-Trade support to help make changes to regional policies so as to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, after adoption?</p>	<p>Yes, support already being sought</p>
<p>Q42: Please specify where you believe you may need support.(You may tick more than one box)</p>	<p>To develop regional implementation plans, To support national ratification, To support implementation of specific TFA provisions , To align commitments with on-going regional programmes</p>
<p>Q43: Additional information.</p> <p>TMEA already convened all EAC member state bodies to support implementation of the WTO's Bali TFA</p>	

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<p>Q44: What difficulties do you face, or do you expect to face, in securing Aid-for-Trade support to help implement trade facilitation reforms and the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted? (You may tick more than 1 box)</p>	<p>Problems accessing funds, Problems in formulating requests</p>
<p>Q45: Additional information.</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>
<p>Q46: What impact do you consider that implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, will have on the evolution of your region's trade costs?</p>	<p>Between 0-10% increase</p>
<p>Q47: Additional information.</p> <p>EAC will press ahead with TF actions even if the WTO TFA is not completed</p>	
<p>Q48: In which region(s) with which you trade would implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have the biggest impact on the trade costs you face? (You may chose more than 1 option)</p>	<p>East Africa</p>
<p>Q49: Additional information.</p>	<p><i>Respondent skipped this question</i></p>

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Q50: What outputs have been achieved through regional actions to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)	Updated customs legislation, Greater transparency, Updated customs working practices, Improved cooperation between border agencies, Creation of trade facilitation committees
Q51: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q52: What outcomes have been achieved by regional actions to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)	Fall in border clearance times, Increase in customs revenue, Increase in traffic flows through border posts, Increase in exports volumes, Increase in import volumes
Q53: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q54: What impacts have been achieved by regional actions to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)	Unsure
Q55: Additional information.	We will know more when TMEA Phase 1 evaluations are complete by mid-2016.
Q56: 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, Other border agency reforms, Tariff reforms, Upgrading network infrastructure, Improving access to trade finance
Q57: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q58: 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 , Alignment of donor support with national priorities , Sustained political engagement and commitment by national authorities , Use of regional approach
Q59: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q60: What contribution do you think reducing trade costs can make to the target of inclusive, sustainable growth?(Please choose no more than 7 options)	Increase in exports, Rise in employment, Rise in female employment, Entry into new value chains, Fall in poverty
Q61: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q62: Has the alignment of Aid-for-Trade support to your organization's needs and priorities changed since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade Initiative in 2005?	No change
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Q63: How has the alignment improved?(You may tick more than one box)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q64: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q65: Why has the alignment declined?(You may tick more than one box)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q66: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q67: What impact has the Aid-for-Trade Initiative had since its launch in 2005? (Please choose no more than 5 options)	<p>More attention to trade issues in development ,</p> <p>More priority given by NGOs to trade issues</p>
Q68: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q69: What potential future contribution can the Aid-for-Trade Initiative make to the post-2015 development agenda?(Please choose no more than 5 options)	<p>Ensuring continued attention to trade issues in development</p> <p>,</p> <p>Engaging the private sector in development issues</p> <p>,</p> <p>Making a contribution to economic growth and poverty eradication through inclusive, sustainable development</p> <p>,</p> <p>Positive impacts on women's economic empowerment</p>
Q70: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q71: 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.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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