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Q3

Yes

Do you have South-South cooperation strategy(ies) or policy(ies)? For example, Türkiye's South-South support as outlined in its report on "The role of TİKA in South-South Cooperation and Triangular Cooperation".

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Q4

If yes, does your South-South cooperation strategy(ies) or policy(ies) include trade priorities? Explanatory notes: The India-Africa Framework for Strategic Cooperation states that expanded trade and economic ties would further contribute to sustainable growth and economic development in both sides [...] and seeks to accelerate trade between Africa and India [...]. The policy paper outlines various ways in which trade priorities will be advanced.

Other (please specify),

Additional information on your South-South development cooperation strategy(ies) or policy(ies) trade priorities.: India engages in development partnership under south - south cooperation. India's approach to development cooperation is mainly human-centric and is marked by Respect, Diversity, Care for the future, and Sustainable development. For India, the most fundamental principle in cooperation is respecting development partners and be guided by their development priorities. India's development cooperation does not come with any conditions, as stated by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India in his address at the Parliament of Uganda in July 2018, "Our development partnership will be guided by your priorities. It will be on terms that will be comfortable for you, that will liberate your potential and not constrain your future... We will build as much local capacity and create as many local opportunities as possible."

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Q5

Does your South-South cooperation strategy(ies) or policy(ies) have a thematic focus?

Other (please specify):

As stated in reply to question 4, India's development cooperation is entirely demand driven and entirely guided by the development priority of partner country. India does not impose any thematic focus or condition on the partner country. However, we could note a few important areas of our development partnership, such as economic and sustainable development, capacity building, and infrastructure

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Q6

If yes, please choose options from the non-exhaustive list of thematic options of key strategic objectives below. (If an objective(s) do not appear in the drop-down list, please tick other and add details in the text box. Please tick all relevant boxes.)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q7

Do the trade priorities found in your South-South cooperation plan or strategy(ies) include partner country specific objectives or targets? Explanatory notes: For example, "Trade and Economy" is a key priority area for Singapore's South-South assistance, delivered through the Singapore Cooperation Programme (SCP). Under the SCP, Singapore aims to finance infrastructure, foster infrastructure, establish resilient supply chain networks, and facilitate free trade in developing countries and LDCs.

Other (please specify):

India does not impose any trade priority on our partner. Our South-South cooperation is fully guided by the priorities and objectives of the partner country.

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Respondent skipped this question

If yes, choose options from the non-exhaustive list of options of key strategic objectives found in your development strategies/plans. (If an objective(s) or target* 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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Q9

No

Do you have a separate South-South trade and development policy or strategy, (i.e. an Aid-for-Trade strategy)? Explanatory notes: For example, Argentine Fund for South-South and Triangular Cooperation (FO.AR) Trade Development Program is "a cooperation mechanism coordinated by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, International Trade and Worship that enables the development and implementation of bilateral and triangular international technical cooperation projects".

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Q10

Do the priorities, themes and sectoral objectives found in your South-South trade and development programming (i.e. Aid for Trade) align with the trade priorities found in your development strategy(ies)?

Yes, in part,

Additional information on alignment with the trade priorities::

India's south-South development partner is totally based on national ownership of the partner country. There is no condition or priority attached by India in extended South-south cooperation. India has implemented development projects in 78 countries that are demand-driven, transparent, empowerment oriented, environment friendly and rely on a consultative approach. All the while ensuring respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity. As Prime Minister Modi said in Mauritius in July 2020: "India's approach to development partnership is mainly human-centric. India had undertaken projects that were diverse – commerce to culture, energy to engineering, health to housing, IT to infrastructure and sports to science." Therefore, in the first place there no specific themes or sectoral objectives in India's South-South Cooperation. However, since most of the development priorities are common amongst the global South, therefore, there is commonality between the programme undertaken by India under South-south cooperation and India's own development priorities.

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Q11

Does your South-South trade cooperation and development policy (i.e. Aid-for-Trade strategy) include objectives or targets for partner countries?

No**Q12**

If yes, please tick relevant boxes and provide further details, including hyperlinks to relevant documents. If no, please indicate if there is another South-South cooperation strategy or policy that includes specific objectives or targets)

Respondent skipped this question**Q13**

Do you have targets in other strategies that may have partner country trade priorities or influence in your South-South trade related cooperation financing? Explanatory notes: For example, the New Development Bank supports infrastructure and sustainable development projects in alignment with the development objectives of its members and their commitments under the SDGs and the Paris Agreement. The Bank prioritises high-impact operations that are climate-smart, disaster-resilient, technology integrated and socially inclusive.

No,

If yes, please provide further details, including hyperlinks to relevant documents on other trade priorities. Additional information::

India's development cooperation is entirely demand driven and entirely guided by the development priority of partner country. India does not impose any sectoral objectives on the partner country. However, we could note a few important areas of our development partnership, such as economic and sustainable development, capacity building and infrastructure.

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Q14

Does your South-South trade and development cooperation strategy (i.e. Aid for Trade) include sectoral objectives? Explanatory notes: For example, Brazil's More Food International Program focuses on supporting agricultural and livestock activities in Africa, including promoting sustainable farming practices, providing credit facilities to farmers, improving infrastructure, and strengthening agribusiness.

Additional information on trade objectives in other policy documents::
India's development cooperation is entirely demand driven and entirely guided by the development priority of partner country.

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If yes, please tick all relevant boxes and provide further details, including hyperlinks to relevant documents:If no, please indicate if there is another South-South trade and development cooperation strategy or policy that includes specific objectives or targets)(Please tick relevant boxes)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q16

Does your South-South cooperation trade and development cooperation strategy (i.e. Aid for Trade) include regional objectives? Explanatory notes: For example, the Pacific Alliance is a mechanism for regional integration formed by Chile, Colombia, Mexico and Peru.

Other (please specify):
India's development cooperation is entirely demand driven and entirely guided by the development priority of partner country. India does not impose any sectoral objectives on the partner country. However, we could note a few important areas of our development partnership, such as economic and sustainable development, capacity building, and infrastructure.

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Q17

If yes, please identify the relevant regional economic community(ies):(Please tick relevant boxes)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q18

Do you have priority areas in which you are providing South-South trade-related development cooperation (i.e. Aid-for-Trade) support? Explanatory notes: For example, The South Centre undertakes research and analysis oriented on various international policy areas that are relevant to the protection and promotion of the development interests of developing countries. One of the South Centre's priority areas is trade and investment.

Other (please specify):

India's development cooperation is entirely demand driven and entirely guided by the development priority of partner country. India does not impose any sectoral objectives on the partner country. However, we could note a few important areas of our development partnership, such as economic and sustainable development, capacity building, and infrastructure.

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Q19

If yes, please identify priority areas in which you are providing South-South trade-related development cooperation (i.e. Aid-for-Trade) support*. (Please tick relevant boxes)* If you would like to indicate climate change related priorities, please tick related boxes below (e.g. energy supply and generation infrastructure) and add relevant notes in the text box. Likewise for gender equality, please tick the relevant boxes (e.g. trade development) and add a note in the comment box.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q20

Which financing instruments do you use to implement your South-South trade-related development cooperation (i.e. Aid-for-Trade) priorities? For example, in Indonesia, Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE) has provided financing for projects in sectors like manufacturing, construction, and tourism. The funds provided by MATRADE mobilized local domestic funds to implement projects, including the development of manufacturing facilities and tourism infrastructure. In addition, the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED), provides financing for projects in sectors such as water and sanitation, transportation, and energy. In Jordan, the funds provided by KFAED were combined with local domestic funds to finance the projects. Additional information on your South-South financing instruments:

Indian model of developmental cooperation is comprehensive and involves multiple instruments including grant-in-aid, scholarship, lines of credit and capacity building and technical assistance[

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Q21

Is there a form of aid, finance or other financial assistance for trade that you are seeking to expand? If so, is there an accompanying strategy to leverage this source of finance? For example, the Abu Dhabi Fund for Development (ADFD) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) seeks to leverage external financing through co-financing partnerships with other countries and international financial institutions. The strategy focuses on sectors such as renewable energy, water, and infrastructure to attract additional funds and support development projects.

Other (please specify),

Additional information forms of aid, finance or other financial assistance that you are seeking to expand:: India's development partnership has seen growth in grant in aids, scholarships, line of credit, technical and economic co-operation. Despite its own resource constraints, India has been sharing its developmental experiences and technical expertise with other countries in the spirit of "VasudhaivaKutumbakam" [World is one family].

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Q22

What difficulties do you face mobilizing financing to implement your South-South trade-related development cooperation (i.e. Aid-for-Trade) objectives? (Please tick relevant boxes)

Other (please specify),

Additional information on difficulties mobilizing financing::
India's all comments are in relation to its South-South Cooperation, which is essentially a comprehensive development partnership guided exclusively by the priorities of the partner country and therefore, it there is no specific split of trade related development co-operation in India's south-south co-operation. India finances it south south cooperation from its own resources

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Q23

Is your government or organization providing an increasing share of trade-related development cooperation (i.e. Aid for Trade) in the form of loans and a declining share of grants?

No

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Q24

If yes, does this situation present a challenge for partner countries?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q25

Do you plan to stop providing South-South trade-related development cooperation (i.e. Aid for Trade)? Has a date been set to achieve this objective (e.g. a date to stop providing South-South assistance?)

No

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Q26

How well aligned is the South-South trade-related development cooperation support (i.e. Aid-for-Trade) you provide with the trade priorities of partner countries and regional organizations?

Completely aligned

Q27

What challenges do you encounter in aligning South-South trade-related development cooperation (i.e. Aid-for-Trade support) with the sectoral financing needs of partner countries and regional organizations?(You may tick more than one box)

Other (please specify),

Additional information on the challenges encountered by the government to align Aid-for-Trade support with sector's financing needs::

As stated previously India's development partnership is fully aligned with the ownership and development priority of the partner country.

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Q28

Does your South-South development cooperation strategy include a monitoring or results framework?

Other (please specify),

Additional information on monitoring or results framework::

"India's development partnership is based on mutual respect and complete ownership of partner country. Our development partnership is entirely guided by the needs and aspirations of our partner country. Therefore, while we measure our development cooperation in terms of efforts and outcomes, and our aim is to deliver most effectively at least cost, and in the fastest manner possible for our partner countries, India does not impose any monitoring and result framework on such partnership."

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Do you align your monitoring and evaluation activities with the monitoring or results framework of partner countries (i.e. fellow developing countries)?

Other (please specify),

Additional information on alignment of your monitoring and evaluation activities::

Refer to answer to Question No. 24

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Q30

Do you measure the impacts of your South-South trade-related development cooperation (i.e. Aid-for-Trade) support you provide?

Other (please specify),

If yes, where is Aid for Trade having a measurable impact in your opinion?:

Refer to answer to Question No. 24

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If yes, where is your South-South trade-related development cooperation having a measurable impact in your opinion?(You may tick more than one box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q32

Is there an Aid-for-Trade project or programme that you would like to highlight as an example of best practice?

Yes,

Additional information on best practice examples::

ITEC program. Details are at

<https://www.itecgoi.in/Sagaramrut>

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Q33

Do you foresee a continued need to provide South-South trade-related development cooperation (i.e. Aid for Trade) financing?(You may tick more than one box).

Other (please specify),

Additional information on the continued need to provide South-South trade-related development cooperation :: India sees a continued need to provide South-south development co-operation financing in all its aspects including trade related development co-operation. India would however like to continue to be guided by it current philosophy, and would not compartmentalized its South-South cooperation in trade related development and other, as it has no such obligation, unlike developed country/OECD.

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Q34

If yes, in which categories of South-South trade-related development cooperation (i.e. Aid-for-Trade) support do you foresee future needs?* If you would like to indicate climate change related priorities, please tick related boxes below (e.g. energy supply and generation infrastructure) and add relevant notes in the text box. (You may tick more than one box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q35

Do you foresee future need for South-South cooperation to support the achievement of trade-related aspects of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals Agenda? Explanatory notes: For example, Mexico's South-South Cooperation Strategy for Sustainable Development (2019-2024) outlines work with partners and stakeholders to advance the 2030 Agenda through concrete actions on the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Other (please specify),

Additional information on the need for South-South cooperation to support the achievement of trade-related aspects of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda.: India foresee a general future need for comprehensive South- South Cooperation in all aspects of development based on ownership principle and demand driven, which would continue too change for partner countries based on circumstances and stage of development. Development co-operation should be untied and based on mutual respect. As India's cooperation is fully demand driven, fully based on the development priority and ownership of partner country, this may not be a relevant question in its South-South co-operation strategy. It may be seen from the example that Mexico's South-South Cooperation strategy is for sustainable development and not necessarily for trade related aspects of SDG.

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Respondent skipped this question

If yes, please indicate which SDGs are referenced in your South-South cooperation strategy (Please tick relevant boxes)

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Q37

Do you foresee future need for South-South trade-related development cooperation (i.e. Aid-for-Trade) to support the trade-related aspects of climate change?

Other (please specify),

If yes, please provide further details: Additional information on the future needs for South-South trade-related cooperation to support the trade-related aspects of climate change::

The question could be understood in different ways since the phrase 'trade-related aspects of climate change' could mean different things to different parties. What is a 'trade-related aspects of climate change' for one party may not be a trade-related issue or not a climate change related issue for another party. India does not support mainstreaming of environment/climate change issues at WTO and maintains that these issues are being more suitably dealt with under the Multilateral Environmental Agreements (MEA).
