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| <b>Q1: Respondent</b> | BARBADOS                          |
| <b>Q2: About you</b>  |                                   |
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## PAGE 7: SECTION 1 : AID-FOR-TRADE PRIORITIES - YOUR GOVERNMENT'S AID-FOR-TRADE PRIORITIES

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| <b>Q3: Does your national development strategy include trade priorities ? (i.e. Aid-for-Trade priorities)</b> | Yes |
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**Q4: If yes, please indicate your 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 ones listed below.(1 being the most important)**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation | 4   |
| Trade facilitation                                     | 1   |
| International competitiveness                          | 2   |
| Regional integration                                   | 5   |
| Services development                                   | 3   |
| Please provide a weblink to the relevant strategy.     | <a href="http://www.economicaffairs.gov.bb/archive-detail.php?id=327">http://www.economicaffairs.gov.bb/archive-detail.php?id=327</a> |

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| <b>Q5: Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2014?</b> | No |
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**Q6: If yes, please rank the top 3 drivers of these changes : (Please choose no more than 3 options)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q7: Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q8: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?**

Yes

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**Q9: If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you think that Aid for Trade may help to achieve? Sustainable Development Goals:**

7. Affordable and clean energy ,  
8. Decent work and economic growth ,  
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,  
12. Responsible consumption and production ,  
17. Partnership for the goals

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**Q10: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?**

Yes,

Additional information on how Aid for Trade can make a contribution to women's economic empowerment.  
increased investment opportunity for women entrepreneurs

**Q11: Have you participated in any evaluation process that has been undertaken on the Aid-for-Trade support you receive?**

No

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**Q12: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your national or regional development policy? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Yes, National Development Strategy with a broader conception of trade facilitation (e.g. trade and transport facilitation)

Additional information on whether trade facilitation is reflected as a priority in your national or regional development policy.

The Region has adopted a coordinated approach to the implementation of the TFA to complement national efforts.

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**Q13: If yes, in which policy document(s) can trade facilitation be found as a priority? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

National development strategy,

Regional trade agreement(s),

Regional development strategy,

Additional information on the policy document(s) in which trade facilitation can be found as a priority.

<http://www.economicaffairs.gov.bb/archive-detail.php?id=327>

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**Q14: If no, does your government plan to include trade facilitation as a priority in future planning document(s)? (You may tick more than one box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q15: Please outline the current status of work related to the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement(You may tick more than 1 box)**

Additional information about the current status of work related to the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement

Barbados is currently analysing the Protocol with a view to acceptance in the near future.

**Q16: Are you planning to use the flexibilities set out in section II of the Trade Facilitation Agreement ?**

Yes

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**Q17: If yes, please specify:(You may tick more than 1 box)**

Category A commitments deposited,

Category B commitments under preparation,

Category C commitments under preparation

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**Q18: Which disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement are you seeking Aid-for-Trade support to implement?(You may tick more than 1 box)**

Art 1: Publication and Availability of Information ,  
 Art 3: Advance Rulings ,  
 Art 4: Procedures for Appeal or Review ,  
 Art 6: Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation and Penalties  
 ,  
 Art 7: Release and Clearance of Goods ,  
 Art 8: Border Agency Cooperation ,  
 Art 12: Customs Cooperation

**Q19: Are you engaged in a dialogue with development partners on your Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation needs?**

No

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**Q20: If yes, please specify with which development partners you are discussing Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q21: If no, what difficulties, if any, are you facing in securing Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?(You may tick more than 1 box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q22: Is there an Aid-for-Trade facilitation project or programme that you wish to showcase as an example of best practice ?**

No

## PAGE 25: SECTION 3 : E-COMMERCE

**Q23: Does your government have a national strategy for e-commerce (or other national digital-related strategy)?**

No

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**Q24: If yes, please indicate which of the following : (You may tick more than 1 box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q25: If yes, is this national strategy reflected in your national development strategy?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q26: If no, does your government plan to develop or update your national development strategy to include e-commerce (or other digital-related) priorities?**

Yes

**Q27: Does your government plan to develop a separate e-commerce or (other digital-related) strategy ?**

Yes

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**Q28: Do you have any mechanism(s) to coordinate your national e-commerce (or other digital strategy) across government ?**

No

**Q29: Does your existing or planned national strategy for e-commerce (or other digital-related) strategy cover issues related to trade in services and/or goods through e-commerce?**

Yes

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**Q30: If yes, please indicate which issues are covered in your national e-commerce (or other digital related) strategy:(You may tick more than 1 box)**

Additional information on issues covered in your national e-commerce (or other digital related) strategy:  
The strategy is in the formative stages and we are now looking to constitute the national team to look at the matter of e-commerce. Many of these issues will hopefully be incorporated when the planning is further advanced.

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**Q31: For EXPORTS, what challenges do your micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) face in relation to cross border e-commerce transactions? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Banking restrictions on foreign exchange transfer ,  
Difficulties accessing third-party payment services ,  
High shipping costs, On-line fraud,  
Problems with on-line payment systems

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**Q32: For IMPORTS, what challenges do your micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) face in relation to cross border e-commerce transactions? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

On-line fraud,  
Problems with on-line payment systems , Unsure

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**Q33: Please estimate the percentage of goods and services that your country exports and imports internationally through e-commerce / digital channels and the growth of imports and exports through e-commerce / digital channels over the past 3 years.**

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| Percentage of goods exported through e-commerce                   | No data available |
| Percentage of services exported through e-commerce                | No data available |
| Percentage of goods traded as expedited shipments                 | No data available |
| Growth of imports through e-commerce channels in the past 3 years | No data available |
| Growth of export through e-commerce channels in the past 3 years  | No data available |
| Growth of expedited shipments                                     | No data available |

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**Q34: For EXPORTS, what challenges does the on-line purchase of merchandise goods through e-commerce present for your customs and other border management authorities? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Unsure

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**Q35: For IMPORTS, what challenges does the on-line purchase of merchandise goods through e-commerce present for your customs and other border management authorities? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Difficulties in applying customs risk management techniques  
,  
Problems in payment of customs duties ,  
Rules of origin determination questions

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**Q36: Please indicate how consumers and enterprises connect to the internet.**

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|-----------------|-------------------------|
| Fixed broadband | 91% or above            |
| Wifi            | No capacity to estimate |
| Mobile phone    | No capacity to estimate |
| Dial up modem   | 0-10%                   |

Please provide a reference or weblink to the document(s) on which your answer is based.

[http://www.telecoms.gov.bb/website/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=25&Itemid=127](http://www.telecoms.gov.bb/website/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=25&Itemid=127)

**Q37: Please indicate the main issues that enterprises and consumers in your countries have in accessing and using internet services.(You may tick more than 1 box)**

Access to international payment gateways ,  
Credit card payments, E-signatures, On-line fraud,  
Tax regimes

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**Q38: Are electronic payments solutions available in your country?(You may tick more than 1 box)**

Yes, e-banking, Yes, e-government transactions ,  
Yes, credit or debit card transactions

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**Q39: If yes, please estimate the percentage of transactions paid electronically in your country (through e-banking, mobile money or e-government):**

No data available

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**Q40: 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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**Q41: Do consumers in your country use mobile phones for domestic and international remittances and fund transfer?** Unsure

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**Q42: Please indicate which e-government services your country provides:(You may tick more than 1 box)** E-government forms and application downloads ,  
On-line submission of forms and applications ,  
Electronic payments

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**Q43: Are Information and Communication Technology support programmes available to support students, workers and Micro, Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs)?** Yes

**Q44: Is there an Aid-for-E-commerce project or programme that you wish to showcase as an example of best practice?** No

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**Q45: Do you anticipate a need for future assistance in order to meet your e-commerce strategic objectives?** Yes

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**Q46: If yes, please indicate who you would like to work with to provide this support:(You may tick more than 1 box)** Bilateral donors, Multilateral and regional donors ,  
South-South partners,  
Corporate foundations / corporate social responsibility schemes  
,  
Private sector

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**Q47: In your view, can growth in e-commerce make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?** Yes



## PAGE 46: SECTION 4: INFRASTRUCTURE, SERVICES, AND INVESTMENT

**Q48: Does your national development strategy include trade-related infrastructure development priorities?** Yes

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**Q49: If yes, please indicate which trade-related infrastructure sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy.(You may tick more than 1 box)**

Air transport infrastructure,  
Road transport infrastructure,  
Maritime transport infrastructure,  
ENERGY-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

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**Q50: Does your national development strategy link trade-related infrastructure to the development of related services sectors?** Unsure

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**Q51: If yes, please indicate which services trade sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q52: Does your national development strategy (or other national economic policy documents) link growth in services capacity and trade to growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing exports?** No

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**Q53: If yes, please specify which services sectors are identified for growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing. (You may tick more than 1 box)** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q54: Which services sectors are growing fastest in your country? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Legal services ,  
 Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services ,  
 Medical and dental services ,  
 COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g., services related to installation of computer hardware, data processing and database services)  
 ,  
 Services incidental to energy distribution ,  
 Higher education services ,  
 FINANCIAL SERVICES,  
 Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)  
 ,  
 HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES ,  
 Other human health services ,  
 TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES ,  
 Hotels and restaurants (including catering) ,  
 RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audio visual services)

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**Q55: What are the main issues constraining growth in national services capacity? Issues constraining growth : (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Absence of national services policy framework ,  
 Access to finance ,  
 Education and vocational training ,  
 Funding constraints of national professional bodies ,  
 Lack of recognition internationally of professional or vocational qualifications  
 ,  
 Limited access to export markets ,  
 Low levels of domestic investment ,  
 Low levels of foreign direct investment

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**Q56: What are the main issues constraining growth in your services trade? Issues constraining growth : (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Absence of national services policy framework ,  
 Access to finance ,  
 Education and vocational training ,  
 Funding constraints of national professional bodies ,  
 Lack of recognition internationally of professional or vocational qualifications  
 ,  
 Licensing requirements ,  
 Limited access to export markets ,  
 Low levels of domestic investment ,  
 Low levels of foreign direct investment ,  
 Qualification requirements, Regulatory restrictions,  
 Additional information about the main issues  
 constraining growth in services trade.  
 accreditation of professional qualifications and  
 absence of mutual recognition agreements limits the  
 abilities of the services suppliers to export their  
 services to other countries, particularly outside of the  
 Caribbean Region.

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**Q57: Which services sectors do you expect will support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement and will help realize associated economic benefits? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Services incidental to manufacturing services ,  
 Services auxiliary to all modes of transport (cargo handling, storage and warehouse, freight transport agency services, etc.)

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**Q58: Is there an Aid-for-Trade project or programme that you wish to highlight as an example of best practice?** No

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**Q59: Does your national development strategy include actions to improve the investment climate?** Yes

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**Q60: If yes, please specify how: (You may tick more than 1 box)**

By establishing an investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency

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Additional information about actions to improve the investment climate foreseen in your national development strategy.

<https://www.investbarbados.org/>

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**Q61: What actions have you taken to improve the investment climate in the past 5 years ? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Establishing an investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency

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Reviewing tax policy,

Signing a bilateral investment treaty(ies) or other investment agreements

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Training officials

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**Q62: Are development partners supporting investment climate reforms ?**

No

**Q63: 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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**Q64: Does your national development strategy seek to attract investment in particular services sectors? If so, please identify which ones. (You may tick more than 1 box)**

COMMUNICATION SERVICES,

Telecommunication services,

FINANCIAL SERVICES,

TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES ,

RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audio visual services)

,

Other (please specify),

Additional information on how your national development strategy seeks to attract investment in particular services sector.  
renewable energy services

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**Q65: Can the development of services capacity and trade contribute to women's economic empowerment ?** Yes

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**Q66: If yes, please specify which services sectors in your country may have particular impact on women's economic empowerment? Services sectors: (You may tick more than 1 box)** PROFESSIONAL SERVICES,  
Services incidental to manufacturing services

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**Q67: In your view, can services trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?** Yes

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**Q68: 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)** 3. Good health and well-being , 4. Quality education,  
7. Affordable and clean energy ,  
8. Decent work and economic growth ,  
9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,  
13. Climate action

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