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<b>Q2: ABOUT YOU</b>	
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<b>Q4: Do you have Aid-for-Trade priorities?</b>	Yes
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**Q5: 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 12 listed .(1 being the most important)

Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	1
Trade facilitation	2
Regional integration	3

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**Q6: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q7: Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2012?** No

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**Q8: What are the top 3 drivers of these changes? (Please choose no more than 3 options)** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q9: Additional information.** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q10: Have these changes been reflected in your national development strategy?** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q11: Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q12: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your national or regional development policy?** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q13: In which existing policy document(s) can trade facilitation be found as a priority? (You may tick more than one box)** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q14: Additional information.** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q15: Is trade facilitation included in new draft policy documents currently being updated and formulated?** Yes

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<b>Q16: Please indicate in which new draft policy documents, currently being updated or formulated, trade facilitation is included:</b>	National trade strategy, National sectoral strategy(ies), Other (please specify) Diagnostic study of trade integration
<b>Q17: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q18: How important are trade costs for the competitiveness of your exports?</b>	Very important
<b>Q19: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<b>Q20: Do your national policies address the issue of trade costs for exports?</b>	Yes

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<b>Q21: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for exports ?</b>	Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)
<b>Q22: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q23: How important are trade costs for access to imports?</b>	Very important
<b>Q24: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q25: Do national policies address the issue of trade costs for imports?</b>	Yes
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<b>Q26: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for imports?</b>	National development strategy, Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)
<b>Q27: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q28: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of merchandise goods? (You may choose more than 1 option)</b>	Border procedures (trade facilitation), Non-Tariff Measures (including standards), Transport infrastructure, Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms), Access to trade finance
<b>Q29: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q30: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of services? (You may choose more than 1 option)</b>	Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms), Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism), Poor regulatory environment for services, Low levels of skills in service sectors
<b>Q31: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q32: 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)</b>	North America, Western Europe, North Africa and the Middle East, West Africa, Southern Africa
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Q33: Indicate your home region.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q34: **FOR MERCHANDISE GOODS:** For the markets which you have identified as the highest cost, why are trade costs high? (You may choose more than 1 option)

Border procedures (trade facilitation),  
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),  
Transport infrastructure,  
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms)

Q35: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

Q36: **FOR SERVICES:** For the markets which you have identified as the highest costs, why are trade costs high? (You may choose more than 1 options)

Poor network infrastructure (ICT, telecoms),  
Poor transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),  
Inefficient government regulations

Q37: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q38: How have your trade costs evolved over the past 5 years ?

More than 10% increase

Q39: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q40: Does your Government use any of the following sources to address the issue of trade costs? (You may choose more than 1 option)

Research with private sector,  
Research by donor funded project,  
World Bank Doing Business Index,  
World Bank Logistic Performance Index,  
World Customs Organizations Time Release Study

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Q41: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

Q42: Do you validate the results? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Yes, dialogue with private sector

Q43: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q44: Is your government taking national action to reduce trade costs?

Yes

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Q45: What national action is your government is taking?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Joint public-private sector initiatives,  
Initiatives supported by development partners,  
Initiatives supported by non-governmental organizations

Q46: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q47: In which areas have national actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than one box)**

- 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,
- 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
- ,
- Tariffs on product inputs (e.g. on computers for ICT services)

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**Q48: Is your government engaged in regional actions to reduce trade costs?**

Yes

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**Q49: Please specify (You may tick more than 1 box)**

- Regional economic community,
- Free trade agreements, Corridor initiatives,
- Joint public-private sector initiatives,
- Initiatives supported by development partners,
- Initiatives supported by non-governmental organizations

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**Q50: In which areas have regional actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Border procedures (trade facilitation),  
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),  
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),  
Transport infrastructure,  
Access to trade finance,  
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),  
Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),  
Negotiations with trading partners on access for service suppliers

**Q51: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q52: Is external support aligned with your national and regional needs to reduce trade costs ?**

Yes

**Q53: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q54: How is external support aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box)**

External support is aligned with national priorities to reduce trade costs  
,  
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 being prioritized  
,  
Improved dialogue with regional partners has resulted in this being prioritized



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Q55: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q56: Why is external support not aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box)

*Respondent skipped this question*

Q57: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

PAGE 34: F.1) TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

Q58: What impact would implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have on the evolution of your trade costs?

Between 0-10% reduction

Q59: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q60: In which regions would the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have the biggest impact on the trade costs you face ? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

North America, Western Europe, West Africa

Q61: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q62: Do you plan to seek Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted ?

Yes, support already being sought

Q63: Have you undertaken a Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment?

Yes

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**Q64: Please specify the organization(s) involved in and year(s) of each needs assessment.**

WTO	2014
International Trade Centre	2013

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**Q65: Do you plan to request a new Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment or an update of an existing assessment?** No

**Q66: Please specify why.** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q67: Where might you need support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

- To prepare category A, B, C notifications,
- To develop national implementation plans,
- To support scheduling of commitments,
- To support national ratification,
- To support implementation of specific TFA provisions
- ,
- To align support with on-going national reform programmes
- ,
- To align commitments with on-going regional programmes

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**Q68: What difficulties do you face, or do you expect to face, in securing Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted ? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Lack of information on funding opportunities,  
Differing priorities of in-country donors,  
Problems accessing external funds,  
Accessing the necessary expertise,  
Ensuring TFA implementation is a priority in national development planning documents  
,  
National coordination and demonstration of political will for TFA reform  
,  
Problems in formulating requests,  
Problems to quantify TFA implementation needs

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**Q69: Which disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, will prove the hardest to implement and where Aid-for-Trade support should be focused?(You may tick more than 1 box)**

Publication and availability of information,  
Advance rulings,  
Other measures to enhance impartiality, non-discrimination and transparency  
,  
Release and clearance of goods,  
Border agency cooperation,  
Movement of goods intended for import under customs control  
,  
Formalities connected with importation, exportation and transit  
,  
Freedom of transit

**Q70: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q71: 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 donor support with national priorities  
,  
Sustained engagement of development partners,  
Sustained political engagement and commitment by national authorities  
,  
Use of regional approach

**Q72: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q73: What outputs have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)**

Updated customs legislation,  
Improved cooperation between border agencies,  
New or updated transport infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.)  
,  
Creation of electronic single windows ,  
Creation of trade facilitation committees

**Q74: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q75: What outcomes have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)**

Reduction in border clearance times,  
Increase in customs revenue,  
Reduction in informal payments

**Q76: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q77: What impacts have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)**

Diversification in export products,  
Higher revenues for exporters,  
Higher revenues for importers,  
Consumer welfare effects,  
Increase in domestic private sector investment

**Q78: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q79: 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,  
Upgrading transport infrastructure,  
Upgrading network infrastructure,  
Working with trade partners to remove restrictions on movement of natural persons  
,  
Improving the regulatory environment for services  
,  
Tariffs on product inputs (e.g. on computers for ICT services)

**Q80: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q81: What contribution can reducing trade costs make to the target of inclusive, sustainable growth? (Please choose no more than 7 options)**

Increase in exports, Rise in employment,  
Diversification in export markets,  
Foreign direct investment,  
Domestic private sector investment,  
Consumer welfare effects, Reduction in poverty

**Q82: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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<b>Q83: Has the alignment of Aid-for-Trade support to your national needs and priorities changed since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade Initiative in 2005?</b>	No change
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<b>Q84: If it has improved, please specify why.(You may tick more than one box)</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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<b>Q85: Why has the alignment declined?(You may tick more than 1 box)</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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<b>Q86: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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<b>Q87: What impact has the Aid-for-Trade Initiative had since it was launched in 2005?(You may tick more than 1 box)</b>	Increase in resources available for trade development , More attention to trade issues in development
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<b>Q88: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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**Q89: What potential future contribution could the Enhanced Integrated Framework for LDCs make to the post-2015 development agenda? (Please choose no more than 5 options)**

Mainstreaming of trade issues in national policy ,  
Engaging the private sector in national trade and development policy planning  
,  
Catalyst for foreign direct investment,  
Contribution to inclusive, sustainable growth,  
Women's economic empowerment

**Q90: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q91: What potential future contribution could the Aid-for-Trade Initiative make to the post-2015 development agenda? (Please choose a maximum of 5 options)**

Contribution of financing for development,  
Contribution to improving the business and regulatory environment  
,  
Ensuring continued attention to trade issues in development  
,  
Making a contribution to economic growth and poverty eradication through inclusive, sustainable development  
,  
Positive impacts on women's economic empowerment

**Q92: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q93: How in your view could the Aid-for-Trade Initiative be improved?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q94: 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.**

*Respondent skipped this question*