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Q4: Do you have Aid-for-Trade priorities?	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	2
Trade facilitation	3
Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)	5
Cross-border infrastructure	4
Regional integration	1

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Q6: Additional information.

Please note that all areas identified immediately above are of priority to Dominica; those identified are so done due to the requirements of the Questionnaire.

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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) Regional trade agreement,
Regional development strategy,
Other (please specify)
Growth and Protection Strategy (2014 - 2018)

Q14: Additional information.

The Government of the Commonwealth of Dominica remains committed to the pursuit of economic growth and the improved quality of life for all Dominicans hence the continued revision of the Growth and Social Protection Strategy (GSPS). This reinforces Government's dedication to providing social protection interventions while encouraging economic growth and sustained development at a national level.

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Q15: Is trade facilitation included in new draft policy documents currently being updated and formulated? No

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Q16: Please indicate in which new draft policy documents, currently being updated or formulated, trade facilitation is included: *Respondent skipped this question*

Q17: Additional information. *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q18: How important are trade costs for the competitiveness of your exports? Very important

Q19: Additional information. *Respondent skipped this question*

Q20: Do your national policies address the issue of trade costs for exports? No

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Q21: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for exports ? *Respondent skipped this question*

Q22: Additional information. *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q23: How important are trade costs for access to imports? Very important

Q24: Additional information.

Customs Duties (for example) can determine the quantity of a particular product imported into Dominica and its ability to do well on that market.

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Q25: Do national policies address the issue of trade costs for imports? No

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Q26: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for imports? *Respondent skipped this question*

Q27: Additional information. *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q28: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of merchandise goods? (You may choose more than 1 option) Access to trade finance

Q29: Additional information.

Many of our producers with export potential complaint of not having the cushion of support from Financial Institutions which would assist them in meeting quickly orders from external buyers.

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Q30: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of services? (You may choose more than 1 option) Other

Q31: Additional information.

None of the cost related areas indicated herein above do not apply to Dominica. Majority of the areas which would allow for restrictions and therefore added costs to the export of services have been dealt with on the Regional and Sub-Regional level; also specifically in the area of "Tariffs on Product inputs (e.g. on computers for ICT services)" the Prime Minister in his budget address has reduced the duties on these products in an effort to bring more awareness and engagement in the area of ICT.

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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)	Other, (please specify) The countries which Dominica actively trades with are within and under the auspices of preferential trade agreements and therefore "duty free" applies on those goods exported.
Q33: Indicate your home region.	Caribbean

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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)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q35: Additional information. See "Additional Information" under relevant 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)	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q37: Additional information. See "Additional Information" under relevant Question.	

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Q38: How have your trade costs evolved over the past 5 years ?	Between 0-10% reduction
Q39: Additional information. Dominica has embraced automation (ASYCUDA World) and have embraced a Trade Logistics Project; this has enabled a time efficiency leading to savings in trade costs.	

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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 government,
Research by donor funded project,
World Bank Doing Business Index,
World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report

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,
Yes, dialogue with government

Q43: Additional information.

The Division of trade actively visits producers under an initiative aptly named "Giving Trade a Face" (G-TAF) and holds consultations regularly with the private sector and Government Line Ministries. There are also Focal Points within the Division which are to report monthly on activities taking place within private and public sector stakeholders.

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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)

National government initiatives,
Joint public-private sector initiatives,
Initiatives supported by development partners

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),
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Transport infrastructure,
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),
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,
Joint public-private sector initiatives,
Initiatives supported by development partners

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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,
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),
Negotiations with trading partners on access for service suppliers
,
Tariffs on product inputs (e.g. on computers for ICT services)

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.

We have (for example) worked with donors such as the International Finance Cooperation (ICF) as it relates a Trade Logistics Project which will when fully launched impact positively on trade cost reduction.

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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
,
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?

No capacity to estimate

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)

No capacity to estimate

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, after TFA adoption

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	2008
UNCTAD	2013

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Q65: Do you plan to request a new Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment or an update of an existing assessment? Yes

Q66: Please specify why.

There are ongoing reforms within the Customs Division and other Border Agencies which will surely impact our Trade Facilitation requirements upon completion.

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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 develop national implementation plans,
- 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,
- Problems accessing external funds,
- Accessing the necessary expertise,
- Problems in formulating requests,
- Accessing global programmes

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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)

Advance rulings, Appeal and review procedures

Q70: Additional information.

The Customs Act No. 20 of 2010 and its Regulations has allowed Dominica the ability to be compliant with many of the measures housed within the ambit of the new Trade Facilitation Agreement.

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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,
Funding from development partners,
Alignment of donor support with national priorities
,
Sustained engagement of development partners,
Sustained political engagement and commitment by national authorities

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,
Updated customs working practices,
Improved cooperation between border agencies,
New or updated transport infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.)
,
New network infrastructure (e.g. ICT, power)

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 traffic flows through border posts

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 markets,
Diversification in export products,
Higher revenues for exporters,
Higher revenues for importers,
Rise in employment, Fall in poverty

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 recognize professional qualifications
,
Removing domestic restrictions on commercial presence
,
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,
Entry into new value chains,
Diversification in export markets,
Diversification in export products,
Domestic private sector investment,
Reduction in poverty

Q82: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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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?

Improved

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Q84: If it has improved, please specify why.(You may tick more than one box)

Better dialogue with donors,
Better dialogue with the private sector,
Better dialogue with regional partners

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Q85: Why has the alignment declined?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q86: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q87: What impact has the Aid-for-Trade Initiative had since it was launched in 2005?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Increase in resources available for trade development

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More attention to trade issues in development ,

More priority given by regional authorities to trade issues in development planning

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More priority given by donors to trade issues in national development planning

Q88: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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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 ,

Coherence in trade and development policy,

Catalyst for Aid-for-Trade flows ,

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

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