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| Q1: COUNTRY | ST. LUCIA |
| Q2: ABOUT YOU | |
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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)

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| Trade facilitation | 1 |
| Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port) | 4 |
| Competitiveness | 2 |
| Connecting to value chains | 5 |
| Regional integration | 3 |

Q6: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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| Q7: Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2012? | Yes |
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| Q8: What are the top 3 drivers of these changes? (Please choose no more than 3 options) | Economic crisis, New trade capacity needs, Competitiveness objectives |
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Q9: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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| Q10: Have these changes been reflected in your national development strategy? | Yes |
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| Q11: Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners? | Yes |
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| Q12: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your national or regional development policy? | Yes |
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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)

National development strategy,
National trade strategy,
National sectoral strategy(ies)

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

National development strategy,
National trade strategy,
National sectoral strategy(ies),
National infrastructure development strategy,
Regional trade agreement

Q17: Additional information.

The CARICOM Single Market and Economy is currently being reviewed

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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?

Yes

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Q21: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for exports ?

National development strategy,
National trade strategy,
National infrastructure strategy,
Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)

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.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q25: Do national policies address the issue of trade costs for imports?

Yes

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Q26: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for imports?

National development strategy,
National trade strategy,
National infrastructure strategy,
Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)

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)

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

Q29: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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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)

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,
(please specify)
Ability to access financing from the traditional sources to finance services contracts. E-Commerce transactions (cost 4-6%)

Q31: Additional information.

Too many government regulations in the exporting countries e.g. the EU, Visas, Citizenships, etc

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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)

North America, The Caribbean,
Western Europe

Q33: Indicate your home region.

OECS and CARICOM

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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),
Tariffs, fees and other charges,
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),
Transport infrastructure, Access to trade finance

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),
Recognition of professional qualifications,
Restrictions on movement of natural persons,
Inefficient government regulations

Q37: Additional information.

Airfare, Visas, exchange rates

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

Between 0-10% reduction

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 by government,
Research by donor funded project,
World Bank Doing Business Index,
World Bank Logistic Performance Index,
World Customs Organizations Time Release Study
,
World Economic Forum Global Competitiveness Report

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Q41: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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

No

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)

National government initiatives,
Joint public-private sector initiatives,
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),
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,
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),
Tariffs, fees and other charges,
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
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)

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 |
| Q55: Additional information. | <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> |

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| Q56: Why is external support not aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box) | <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> |
| Q57: Additional information. | <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> |

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| Q58: What impact would implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have on the evolution of your trade costs? | Unsure |
| Q59: Additional information. | <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> |

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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, The Caribbean, Western Europe |
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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?

Unsure

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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?

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 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

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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) | Problems accessing external funds, National coordination and demonstration of political will for TFA reform , Programming cycles, Ensuring coherence with past programmes, 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) | The Agreement as a whole |
| Q70: Additional information. | <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> |

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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, Use of regional approach |
| Q72: Additional information. | <i>Respondent skipped this question</i> |

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

Greater transparency,
Updated customs working practices,
Improved cooperation between border agencies,
Creation of trade facilitation committees,
Creation of dialogue with private sector

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,
Increase in traffic flows through border posts,
Increase in export volumes,
Increase in import volumes

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)

Higher revenues for importers,
Entry into new value chain,
Increase in domestic private sector investment,
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 network infrastructure,
Working with trade partners to recognize professional qualifications
,
Working with trade partners to remove restrictions on movement of natural persons

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,
Foreign direct investment,
Domestic private sector investment

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

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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
,
More attention to trade issues in development ,
More priority given by national authorities to trade issues in national development planning
,
More priority given by private sector to trade issues

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)

Respondent skipped this question

Q90: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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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 to improving the business and regulatory environment

,

Engaging the private sector in development issues

,

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?

1. Facilitating access to donors and going beyond expressing goodwill.
2. Tangible results within a reasonable time frame.

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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