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<b>Q1: COUNTRY</b>	TONGA
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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
Network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications)	3
Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)	4
Cross-border infrastructure	5

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**Q6: Additional information.**

While other AfT categories (above) do not appear in the list of priorities in this questionnaire, they remain very important to the holistic and integrated approach towards economic development

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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)** New development priorities,  
Competitiveness objectives, Trade facilitation

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

**Q10: Have these changes been reflected in your national development strategy?** No

**Q11: Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?** Yes

**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 sectoral strategy(ies),  
Regional trade agreement,  
Other (please specify)  
Regional Aid for Trade Strategy for the Pacific Countries

**Q14: Additional information.**

The National Trade Policy Framework that is due to be developed will prioritise trade facilitation as the focus is to "unleash the export potential of firms through trade policy 'at the border', 'behind the border' and 'beyond the border' as ITC puts it. Trade facilitation is therefore one of the fundamental areas to ensure growth and to also achieve the set priorities.

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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,  
Regional development strategy,  
Other (please specify)  
Regional Aid for Trade Strategy for the Pacific Countries

**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?** Yes

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

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

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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?

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)

Tariffs, fees and other charges,  
Transport infrastructure

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)

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Q31: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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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)

Developed Asia, Pacific Islands, Other, (please specify) Australia and New Zealand

Q33: Indicate your home region.

Pacific Islands

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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

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 transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),  
Recognition of professional qualifications

Q37: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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

*Respondent skipped this question*

Q39: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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<b>Q40: Does your Government use any of the following sources to address the issue of trade costs? (You may choose more than 1 option)</b>	Research by government, World Bank Doing Business Index, Other (please specify) Pacific Island Forum Secretariat (Regional Organisation)
<b>Q41: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<b>Q42: Do you validate the results? (You may tick more than 1 box)</b>	Yes, dialogue with government, Other (please specify) Private Sector Participation
<b>Q43: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q44: Is your government taking national action to reduce trade costs?</b>	Yes
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<b>Q45: What national action is your government is taking?(You may tick more than 1 box)</b>	National government initiatives, Joint public-private sector initiatives, Initiatives supported by development partners
<b>Q46: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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

FOR MERCHANDISE GOODS:,  
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

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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),  
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

**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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<b>Q54: How is external support aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box)</b>	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
<b>Q55: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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

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<b>Q58: What impact would implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have on the evolution of your trade costs?</b>	Unsure
<b>Q59: Additional information.</b>	
The answer above is "Unsure", however, the Government of Tonga believes that there will be substantial contribution to reduction of the trade costs. This cannot be estimated at the moment, thorough assessment should be done to determine an approximate percentage	

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<b>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)</b>	Western Europe, Developed Asia, Pacific Islands, Other (please specify) Australia and New Zealand
<b>Q61: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q62: Do you plan to seek Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted ?</b>	Yes, after TFA adoption
<b>Q63: Have you undertaken a Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment?</b>	Yes

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<b>Q64: Please specify the organization(s) involved in and year(s) of each needs assessment.</b>	
WTO	2013
UNCTAD	2013
World Bank	2013
International Trade Centre	2014
Other	2013

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<b>Q65: Do you plan to request a new Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment or an update of an existing assessment?</b>	Unsure
<b>Q66: Please specify why.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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  
,  
Other (please specify)  
Capacity Building of Trade Officials and related Ministries (Customs, Ministry of Agriculture, Food, Forests and Fisheries etc)

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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,  
Ensuring TFA implementation is a priority in national development planning documents  
,  
National coordination and demonstration of political will for TFA reform  
,  
Integrating TFA implementation into on-going 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)**

Disciplines on fees, Border agency cooperation,  
Establishment and/or continued operation of national committee

**Q70: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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<b>Q71: What have been the key factors in achieving successful reductions in trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)</b>	Private sector engagement and commitment, Funding from development partners, Alignment of donor support with national priorities , Sustained political engagement and commitment by national authorities , Use of regional approach
<b>Q72: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q73: What outputs have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)</b>	Updated customs legislation, Greater transparency, Updated customs working practices, Tariff reform, Creation of trade facilitation committees
<b>Q74: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q75: What outcomes have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)</b>	Reduction in border clearance times, Increase in customs revenue
<b>Q76: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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

**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)**

Other border agency reforms, Tariff reforms,  
Upgrading transport infrastructure,  
Upgrading network infrastructure,  
Improving access to trade finance

**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,  
Diversification in export products,  
Foreign direct investment,  
Domestic private sector investment,  
Consumer welfare effects

**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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<b>Q84: If it has improved, please specify why.(You may tick more than one box)</b>	Better dialogue with donors, Better dialogue with South-South partners, Better dialogue with the private sector, Better dialogue with regional partners
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<b>Q85: Why has the alignment declined?(You may tick more than 1 box)</b>	Other (please specify) Not Applicable
<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 , More priority given by national authorities to trade issues in national development planning , More priority given by regional authorities to trade issues in development planning , More priority given by donors to trade issues in national development planning , More priority given by private sector to trade issues , More priority given by NGOs to trade issues
<b>Q88: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>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)</b>	Other (please specify) Not Applicable
<b>Q90: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<b>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)</b>	Contribution of financing for development, Contribution to improving the business and regulatory environment , Ensuring continued attention to trade issues in development , Engaging the private sector in development issues , Making a contribution to economic growth and poverty eradication through inclusive, sustainable development
<b>Q92: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<b>Q93: How in your view could the Aid-for-Trade Initiative be improved?</b> Development assistance to focus on areas such as: 1. Trade in Services 2. Promotion of imports by developed countries by assisting in addressing technical capacities such as TBT and SPS 3. Trade Facilitation 4. Assisting recipient countries with capacity to evaluate impact of the assistance provided 5. In some areas assistance be directed to private sector projects 6. Trade-related Infrastructure development	

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<b>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.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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