

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

This questionnaire is intended to solicit information about the progress made since 2008 and focuses in particular on the outputs and outcomes of trade-related co-operation programmes.

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COUNTRY: Oman

MINISTRY / AGENCY: Ministry of Commerce & Industry

TRADE RELATED COOPERATION POLICY

1. DID YOUR TRADE RELATED COOPERATION POLICIES CHANGE SINCE 2008?

YES

NO

1.1 If YES, what were the driving forces behind these changes?

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
The economic crisis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changed development priorities in partner countries strategies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changed priorities in strategies from regional bodies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change of national leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change in development priorities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New approaches, procedures and instruments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More opportunities for triangular co-operation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify:

1.2 If YES, please elaborate on what these changes are:

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
New themes:					
• Greater focus on results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Climate change and green growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Gender equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The geographic focus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The regional dimension	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Phasing out of the trade related cooperation policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please specify:</i>					

2. LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013, IS YOUR GOVERNMENT PLANNING A REVISION OF ITS APPROACH TO TRADE RELATED COOPERATION?

YES NO

2.1 If YES, please rate the changes your government is planning:

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
New themes:					
• Greater focus on results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Climate change and green growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Gender equality	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The geographic focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The regional dimension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phasing out of the trade related cooperation policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify: Government is creating more most modern infrastructure facilities such as ports, airports and also easing procedures by using IT portals etc to ease trade flows.

RESOURCES

3. HAS DEMAND FROM PARTNER COUNTRIES FOR YOUR TRADE RELATED COOPERATION CHANGED SINCE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED INCREASED LITTLE/NO CHANGE DECLINED NOT SURE

3.1 If the demand increased, please describe from which countries and for the type of trade related support requested:

4. HAS THE DEMAND FOR REGIONAL TRADE RELATED COOPERATION PROGRAMMES CHANGED SINCE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED INCREASED LITTLE/NO CHANGE DECLINED NOT SURE

4.1 If the demand increased, please describe the regions and type of trade-related support requested:

5. HAS THE VOLUME OF YOUR TRADE RELATED COOPERATION PROGRAMMES CHANGED SINCE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED INCREASED LITTLE/NO CHANGE DECLINED NOT SURE

5.1 *If the volume increased, please describe the regions and type of the additional trade related cooperation provided:*

6. DO YOU HAVE INDICATIVE FORWARD LOOKING COOPERATION PLANS?

YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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6.1. *If YES, do these plans contain a specific share devoted to trade related cooperation?*

YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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6.2 *If YES, please specify: Omani Centre for Investment Promotion & Export Development (OCIPED) is responsible for identifying export markets for Omani products. They conduct market research and road shows in target countries and assist local business community to identify export market needs.*

DELIVERY

7. HAS THERE BEEN PROGRESS IN STRENGTHENING DIALOGUE MECHANISMS BETWEEN YOU AND PARTNER COUNTRIES?

SIGNIFICANTLY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	MODERATELY <input type="checkbox"/>	HARDLY <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT SURE <input type="checkbox"/>
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7.1 *If YES, please describe and exemplify: Trade co-operation and enhancement initiatives with partner countries*

7.2 *Is the local private sector in partner countries involved in these dialogues?*

ALWAYS	SOMETIMES	RARELY/NEVER	NOT SURE
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7.3 *Please elaborate on your experiences with the private sector in south-south cooperation:*

8. HAS MONITORING OF YOUR TRADE RELATED COOPERATION PROGRAMMES IMPROVED SINCE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY <input type="checkbox"/>	MODERATELY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HARDLY <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT SURE <input type="checkbox"/>
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8.1 *If there have been improvements, do you:*

	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES	RARELY OR NEVER	NOT SURE
Use own monitoring arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involve partner countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use joint monitoring arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

8.2 *Please elaborate on your experiences with monitoring:*

IS TRADE-RELATED COOPERATION WORKING?

9. WITHIN YOUR TRADE RELATED COOPERATION ACTIVITIES, DO YOU DEFINE WHAT CONSTITUTES SUCCESS, EITHER AT THE LEVEL OF THE POLICY ITSELF OR AT THE LEVEL OF THE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES?

YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT SURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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9.1 *If YES, how do you define success of your trade related cooperation?*

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
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Enhanced understanding of the role of trade in economic development	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased profile of trade in development strategies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased exports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced poverty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater environmental sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater gender equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please define:</i>				
9.2 Please illustrate with examples of both successful and unsuccessful trade related cooperation activities:				

10. HOW DEPENDENT IS THE SUCCESS OF YOUR TRADE-RELATED COOPERATION PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS ON COMPLEMENTARY POLICIES IN PARTNER COUNTRIES?				
VERY IMPORTANT <input type="checkbox"/>	PARTLY IMPORTANT <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT IMPORTANT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT SURE <input type="checkbox"/>	
10.1 if important, how do you rate the importance of the following complementary policies in partner countries for the success of your trade related cooperation activities?				
	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Fiscal policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monetary policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labour market policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Competition policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regulatory environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. HAS YOUR GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKEN AN EVALUATION OF ITS TRADE RELATED COOPERATION PROGRAMMES OR PROJECTS?					
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NOT SURE <input type="checkbox"/>			
11.1 If NO, is your government planning an evaluation of its trade related cooperation programmes and projects?					
YES <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT SURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
11.2 If YES, for when is the evaluation planned ?					
2010 <input type="checkbox"/>	2011 <input type="checkbox"/>	2012 <input type="checkbox"/>	2013 <input type="checkbox"/>	2014 <input type="checkbox"/>	2015 <input type="checkbox"/>

12. PLEASE INDICATE THE MAIN CHALLENGES YOUR GOVERNMENT FACED IN EVALUATING ITS TRADE RELATED COOPERATION PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS
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	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Difficulties in setting quantifiable objectives	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulties in establishing a baseline	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulty in obtaining in-country data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Absence of suitable indicators	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budgetary constraints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability of in-country staff to collect and report data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability of partners to collect and report data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please specify:</i>				

13. HOW DOES YOUR GOVERNMENT ASSESS THE USEFULNESS OF MONITORING THE AID-FOR-TRADE INITIATIVE AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL?

POSITIVE

NEUTRAL

NEGATIVE

DON'T KNOW

13.1 What do you see as the Initiative's major challenges or areas for improvements?