

# PARTNER COUNTRY QUESTIONNAIRE ON AID FOR TRADE

- We advise you to read the Explanatory Notes starting on page 10 before answering the questionnaire.
- When completed, this form should be returned by 20 February 2009 via e-mail to [aft.monitoring@oecd.org](mailto:aft.monitoring@oecd.org) and [aft.monitoring@wto.org](mailto:aft.monitoring@wto.org).
- The questionnaire can be downloaded from the OECD website at <http://www.oecd.org/dac/trade/aft> or from the WTO Members' website at <http://members.wto.org/members/>.
- All the boxes in this form are expandable.

## 1 IS YOUR TRADE STRATEGY MAINSTREAMED?

### Q1.1 Does your country have a national development plan or strategy?

Yes

No

If YES, does this development plan include trade as a lever for growth and poverty reduction? (*please tick the most accurate description below*)

- Trade is a key priority and the plan includes well developed trade-related priorities and implementation actions (*please attach*).
- Trade is mentioned but the plan does not include operational objectives and action plans.
- No.
- Other, please describe:

If your Government does NOT have an articulated national development plan or strategy, or if trade is not strongly present in it, are there other separate strategies/plans addressing trade-related objectives? (*feel free to tick more than one box*)

- Government priority areas are not systematically subject to a documented strategy.
- In the annual government budget.
- In various sectoral strategies (e.g. one per relevant ministry, or per sector). Please describe and attach: not available

- In one single trade development/competitiveness strategy document encompassing all trade-related priorities across different government departments (*please attach*).
- Other, please describe:

**For Least-Developed Countries participating in the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), former Integrated Framework (IF):**

**Do the Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS) and Action Matrix reflect your Government trade strategy? (please tick the most accurate description below)**

- The DTIS and accompanying action matrix reflect well my country's trade-related needs and my Government's priorities.
- The DTIS and accompanying action matrix partly reflect my Government's analysis of trade needs and priority areas.
- The DTIS and accompanying action matrix are not (or are no longer) a good indication of my country's trade-related needs and priorities.
- The DTIS and accompanying action matrix are not currently a good indication of my country's trade-related needs/priorities, but they are in the process of being updated.
- Other, please describe:

**Q1.2 What are your Government's priority areas of intervention to improve your country's capacity to benefit from trade expansion and integration into the world economy?**  
*(Below are listed the most common areas grouped according to broad aid category – please rank the top 3 priority areas among the 12 listed)*

<b>Trade Policy and Regulations</b>	Trade Policy Analysis, Negotiation and Implementation	<b>Economic Infrastructure</b>	<b>2</b> Network infrastructure (power, water, telecom)
	WTO Accession costs		Other transport
	Trade Facilitation		Cross-border Infrastructure
<b>Building Productive Capacity</b>	<b>1</b> Competitiveness	<b>Other</b>	Adjustment costs
	Value Chains		<b>3</b> Regional Integration
	Export Diversification		Other, please describe:

**Q1.3 Does your Government have an operational strategy (with action plans, timelines and budgets) for its priority areas?**

Priority 1:  Yes  Being formulated  No

*If Yes or Being formulated, please describe* There is the Centre for Enterprise Development (CED) which among other things is charged with building competitiveness.

Priority 2:  Yes  Being formulated  No

*If Yes or Being formulated, please describe* .There is a big focus on renewable energy and water conservation. To this extent there are two projects - one on Water and the other on energy conservation.

Priority 3:  Yes  Being formulated  No

*If Yes or Being formulated, please describe* ..... The integration initiative amongst Governments of some member states of the OECS and the government of Trinidad and Tobago

**Q1.4 Are the financing needs of these trade-related priorities included in your national dialogue with donors?**

Yes  No  Not sure

**If YES, which structures do you use to discuss the financing needs of your trade-related priorities with your donors? (feel free to tick more than one box)**

PRSP/CAS  Bilateral dialogues  Regional-wide dialogues  Other, please describe:

**Please describe the type of dialogue or alternative method, its level, its frequency, and its specificity to trade matters:**

**If NO, do you have plans to include trade-related priorities in your dialogue with donors in the next two to three years?**

Yes  No  Not sure

- End of Section 1 -

**Please feel free to provide additional information about your trade strategy**

## 2 HOW IS YOUR TRADE STRATEGY FINANCED?

**Q2.1 Does the attached CRS<sup>1</sup> profile accurately quantify the Aid for Trade you received in 2006 and 2007?**

Yes       No       Not sure/ NA

**If NO, please provide details of the Aid for Trade you received in 2006 and 2007.**

*[Please describe with figures, and include any activities that may fall under 'other trade-related needs']*

- End of Section 2 -

**Please feel free to provide any additional information on aid-for-trade flows**

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<sup>1</sup> The CRS profile summarises the commitments and disbursements reported by donors to the OECD Creditor Reporting System on the aid categories most closely associated with Aid for Trade as defined by the WTO Task Force, specifically support for trade policy and regulations, trade development, trade-related infrastructure, building productive capacity and trade-related adjustment (available from 2008 only).

### 3 HOW DO YOU IMPLEMENT YOUR TRADE STRATEGY?

#### Ownership

#### Q3.1 Who is responsible for overseeing and coordinating the implementation of your trade strategies including activities funded by ODA?

- A national committee is responsible for coordination and implementation.
- The Trade Department has a coordinating role but implementation is overseen by each relevant department separately.
- The national aid agency has the main coordinating role but implementation is overseen by each relevant department separately.
- There is no central coordination department. Each relevant department is separately responsible for implementation.
- Other, please describe:

**If you have (or are in the process of establishing) a national committee, please describe its main functions, its membership (e.g. ministries, private sector), frequency of its meetings and to whom the committee reports. [Please describe and exemplify below.]**

There is a Trade Policy Review Committee which is chaired by the Hon. Prime Minister. The objectives of this Committee are to have political oversight for all trade and trade related matters in St. Vincent and the Grenadines; to ensure that the various trade initiatives at the national level are in keeping with the wider national economic interests and where necessary, informed by our obligations at the sub-regional and regional levels; and to direct and oversee all trade negotiating positions at the different levels.

The Committee comprises Hon. Ministers and Senior Technical Officers from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade; Agriculture and Fisheries; Transport, Works etc.; National Security; Telecommunications, Science, Technology and Industry; and Health and the Environment; the Director General Finance and Planning and the Director of Planning and their Senior Technical Officers; the Hon. Attorney General; representatives from the Saint Vincent and the Grenadines Chamber of Industry and Commerce, Representatives from the Labour Movement; the Director of the Bureau of Standards.

The Committee is to meet monthly.

#### Q3.2 Do you engage in dialogue with the private sector and other key domestic stakeholders about the formulation and implementation of your trade strategy?

- Nearly always     Regularly     Rarely     Not sure/ NA

**If you do, please describe your main stakeholders and the focus and frequency of your dialogue.**

*[Please describe and exemplify below.]*

Regular meetings are convened with the Chamber of Industry and Commerce at two levels - a monthly meeting between the the Director of Trade and Senior Technical Officers in the Department of Trade and Consumer Affairs ; a quarterly meeting with the Hon. Minister of Foreign Affairs, Commerce and Trade.

**For Least-Developed Countries participating in the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF):**

**Q3.3 Is your EIF focal point and committee responsible for overseeing and coordinating all your trade agenda?**

Yes       No       Not sure/ NA

**If no, please describe the different arrangements:**

**Working with external partners: harmonisation and alignment**

**Q3.4 In your Aid for Trade programs, how often do donors co-ordinate and align through:**

	Regularly	Sometimes	Rarely or Never	Not Sure
Joint needs assessments	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-financing	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sector-wide approaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Monitoring and Evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other, please describe:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Monitoring and evaluation**

**Q3.5 Do you monitor or evaluate your donor supported trade-related programmes?**

Nearly always       Regularly       Rarely or Never       Not Sure

**If you monitor and evaluate your donor supported trade-related programmes, do you use:**

	Regularly	Sometimes	Rarely or Never	Not Sure
Donors' monitoring and evaluation results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint monitoring and evaluation arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Own monitoring and evaluation arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Own monitoring but joint/donor evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If you use nearly always or frequently your own monitoring and/or evaluation arrangements, can you please provide examples of your methodology and results? [Please describe and exemplify below.]**

#### Mutual Accountability

**Q3.6 Have you established mechanisms/procedures to discuss with the relevant donors the outcome and impact of your trade-related programmes?**

Yes       No       Not sure/ NA

**If yes, please can you describe and exemplify them?**

Half yearly Country Portfolio Reviews.

#### Priorities for improvement

**Q3.7 What are your government's priorities to improve the implementation and effectiveness of the aid for trade it receives? Please rank the top three in order of importance.**

- Greater say in the design of aid for trade interventions:
- Stronger donor focus on capacity development:
- Better predictability of aid for trade funding:
- More extensive use of Budget Support (or Trade Sectoral Wide Approaches)
- More regular joint-donor implementation actions
- More harmonised reporting requirements

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| More frequent joint donor-partner implementation efforts             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| More systematic use of joint donor-partner monitoring and evaluation | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Other, please describe:  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
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**Please, describe in detail the improvements needed in your top priority area**

Stronger Public Finance Management System to ensure easier access to the funds, greater transparency and accountability, eg, Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA). One such review was conducted in 2006. A similar review is scheduled to be conducted in 2009.

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### Sharing Knowledge

**Q3.8 Please identify and rank three areas of interventions (see Question 1.2 for a list of examples) where aid for trade has been most effective at raising trade capacity in your country.**

*(Please explain your choice)*

Area 1 Competitiveness -... The Centre for Enterprise Development(CED) is charged with among other things building competitiveness in the private sector ..

Area 2 Network infrastructure (power, water and telecom) - more efficient and cheaper power ...would lead to a reduction in the cost of production.

Area 3.Regional Integration -..The initiative amongst some OECS Member States and Trinidad and Tobago.

**Q3.9 Are there any particular examples of your aid-for-trade processes, programmes or projects that have obtained good results that you think could contribute to the development of good practices?**

*[If so, please describe them below and attach any relevant documents.]*

It might be too early to cite examples of our aid for trade processes, programmes or projects that have obtained good results that could contribute to the development of good practices.

- End of Section 3 -

**Please feel free to provide additional information on the implementation of your donor supported trade-related programmes and projects, i.e. aid for trade.**



## 4 ADDRESSING TRADE CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

**Q4.1 Do your trade strategies specifically address regional trade capacity challenges?**

Yes  No  Not sure/ NA

If YES, please describe them:

**Q4.2 Do you participate in regional dialogues, programmes or activities aimed at promoting regional integration?**

Yes  No  Not sure/ NA

If YES, can you tell us in how many of these you participate in and describe the most important ones to you? *[Please describe below.]*

Participation has been at the regional, sub-regional and multilateral levels (OECS, CARICOM, CARIFORUM and WTO)

**Q4.3 Do you know if these regional dialogues, programs, and/or institutions receive aid for trade?**

Yes, they do  No, they don't  I don't know/ NA

If YES, are you an active participant in the regional dialogues, programs and/or institutions?

Yes  No  Not sure/ NA

**Q4.4 Do you participate in or benefit from aid-for-trade programmes implemented at the regional level?**

Yes  No  Not sure/ NA

If YES, please describe the main benefits. *[Please describe and quantify whenever possible.]*

Capacity building in terms of regional workshops, seminars, Technical Working Groups, etc.

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Please feel free to provide any additional information concerning the regional dimension of your trade strategies:

-- Thank you --

