Q1: About you
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Q2: Does your regional development or corridor development strategy include trade priorities? (i.e. Aid-for-Trade priorities)
Yes

Q3: If yes, please indicate your regional/corridor 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 14 listed. (1 being the most important)

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Please specify further the priorities that you selected above, as well as the main problems/obstacles encountered in furthering them. Please provide a weblink to the regional development or corridor development strategy in which your aid-for-trade priorities can be found.

The main obstacles encountering in furthering the priorities are: limited technical and financial resources, supply side constraints, inadequate institutional capacity.

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Q4: Have your region's or corridor's Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2014?  No

Q5: If yes, what are the top 3 drivers of these changes? (Please choose no more than 3 options)  Respondent skipped this question

Q6: Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?  Respondent skipped this question

Q7: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda?  Yes


Q9: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?  Yes,  Additional information to elaborate on how Aid for Trade can make a contribution to women's economic empowerment. Aid for Trade can contribute to helping women become entrepreneurs who are better positioned to contribute to economic and social development.

Q10: Have you participated in any evaluation process that has been undertaken on the Aid-for-Trade support that you receive?  No

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Q11: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your regional or corridor development policy? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Yes, with a direct link or reference link to the Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Additional information on how trade facilitation is reflected as a priority in your regional development or corridor development policy.

Trade Facilitation is reflected in the OECS Growth and Development Strategy.

Q12: If yes, in which policy document(s) can trade facilitation be found as a priority? (You may tick more than 1 box).

Regional development strategy.

Additional information on how trade facilitation can be found as a priority in your policy document(s). Please include a weblink.

Trade facilitation as a priority can also be found in the reports of meetings of trade officials and Ministers of the OECS.

Q13: If no or unsure, do you expect to include trade facilitation as a priority in future regional or corridor planning document(s)? (You may tick more than one box)

Respondent skipped this question.

Q14: If yes, in which regional planning document, do you expect to include trade facilitation as a priority in future regional or corridor planning document(s)? (You may tick more than one box)

Respondent skipped this question.

Q15: Are you seeking Aid-for-Trade support to implement disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement at regional or corridor level?

Yes.
Q16: If yes, please specify which measures you are looking to implement at regional or corridor level. (You may tick more that 1 box)

- Art 1: Publication and Availability of Information
- Art 3: Advance Rulings
- Art 6: Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation and Penalties
- Art 7: Release and Clearance of Goods
- Art 8: Border Agency Cooperation
- Art 9: Movement of Goods Intended for Import under Customs Control
- Art 10: Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit
- Art 11: Freedom of Transit
- Art 12: Customs Cooperation

Additional information on which measures you are looking to implement at regional or corridor level, particularly with respect to specific measures within TFA articles (e.g. single window, authorized operator, etc.).

The OECS has agreed to establish a customs union to facilitate free circulation of goods. The obligations arising from the Trade Facilitation are important to facilitate circulation of goods and so there is an agreement to implement measures at the regional level as far as practicable. In addition OECS Economic Union Member States are also parties to the CARICOM Single Market and Economy which requires that there be harmonisation in the implementation of measures at the regional level.

Q17: Are you engaged in a dialogue with development partners on regional or corridor actions to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement or to undertake broader trade facilitation actions (e.g. trade and transport facilitation)?

Yes, Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation
Q18: If yes, please specify with which development partner(s) you are discussing Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation.

International Finance Corporation,
International Trade Centre, World Bank Group,
Additional information on the development partner(s) with which you are discussing Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation.
The OECS has been in continuous dialogue particularly with multilateral agencies such as the UNCTAD/ITC and IFC to assist with trade facilitation reforms.

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Q19: If no, what difficulties, if any, are you facing in securing Aid-for-Trade support to help implement regional or actions to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q20: Is there an Aid-for-Trade facilitation project or programme that you wish to showcase as an example of best practice?

No

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Q21: Do you have (a) regional or corridor strategy(ies) for e-commerce or other digital-related regional or corridor strategy(ies)?

No

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Q22: If yes, please indicate which of the following: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q23: If yes, does this regional or corridor strategy include measures to help micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) establish online presence?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q24: If no, do you plan to develop or update your regional or corridor development strategy to include e-commerce priorities?

Yes
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| Q27: If yes, please indicate which issues are covered in your regional or corridor strategy:(You may tick more than 1 box) | Respondent skipped this question |

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| Q28: For EXPORTS, what challenges do micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) in your region face in relation to cross border e-commerce transactions? (You may tick more than 1 box) | On-line fraud, Problems with on-line payment systems |

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| Q29: For IMPORTS, what challenges do micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) in your region or corridor face in relation to cross border e-commerce transactions? (You may tick more than 1 box) | On-line fraud |

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Q30: Please estimate the percentage of goods and services imported and exported by the region through e-commerce/digital channels and the growth of imports and exports through e-commerce/digital channels over the past 3 years.

| Percentage of goods exported through e commerce | No data available |
| Percentage of services exported through e commerce | 51-60% |
| Percentage of goods traded expedited shipments | No data available |
| Growth of imports through e commerce channels in the past 3 years | No data available |
| Growth of export through e commerce channels in the past 3 years | No data available |
| Growth of expedited shipments | No data available |

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Q31: For EXPORTS, what challenges does the on-line purchase of merchandise goods through e-commerce present for customs and other border management authorities in your region? (You may tick more than 1 box)

| Unsure |

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Q32: For IMPORTS, what challenges does the on-line purchase of merchandise goods through e-commerce present for customs and other border management authorities in your region or corridor? (You may tick more than 1 box)

| Unsure |

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Q33: Please indicate the main issues that enterprises and consumers in your region or corridor have in accessing internet services. (You may tick more than 1 box)

| Cybercrime laws, Data protection, On-line fraud |

Q34: Can electronic payments be made across borders within your region or corridor?

| Yes |

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Q35: If yes, please indicate how electronic payments can be made across borders within your region or corridor. (You may tick more than 1 box)

- E-banking payments can be made across borders within the region or corridor
- Credit or debit card transactions can be made across borders within the region or corridor

Q36: Please estimate the percentage of transactions paid electronically in your region (through e-banking, mobile money or e-government): No data available

Q37: If no, please outline what is holding back e-banking, mobile money and e-government transactions. (You may tick more than 1 box) Respondent skipped this question

Q38: Can consumers use mobile phones for remittances and fund transfers across borders in your region or corridor? Unsure

Q39: Are Information and Communication Technology programmes available to support students, workers and Micro Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs)? Yes,

Additional information on Information and Communication Technology programmes available to support students, workers and Micro-Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs). Every country has government and privately operated programmes to support small business owners and student to enhance their ICT skills

Q40: Is there an Aid-for-E-commerce project or programme that you wish to showcase as an example of best practice? No

Q41: Do you anticipate a need for future assistance in order to help your region or corridor meet its e-commerce strategic objectives? Yes
Q42: If yes, please indicate who you would like to work with to provide this support: (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Bilateral donors,
- Multilateral and regional donors,
- South-South partners,
- Corporate foundations/corporate social responsibility schemes,
- Private sector

Q43: In your view, can growth in e-commerce make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?

Yes

Q44: Does your regional or corridor development strategy include trade-related infrastructure development priorities?

No

Q45: If yes, please indicate which trade-related infrastructure sectors feature as priority sectors in your regional or corridor development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q46: Does your regional or corridor development strategy link trade-related infrastructure to the development of related services sectors?

Yes
Q47: If yes, please indicate which services trade sectors feature as priority sectors in your regional or corridor development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, Legal services,
Accounting, auditing and bookkeeping services,
Architectural services, Engineering services,
Medical and dental services,
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,
Higher education services,
FINANCIAL SERVICES,
HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES,
Other human health services,
TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES,
Hotels and restaurants (including catering),
Travel agencies and tour operators services,
Tourist guides services,
RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audio visual services),
Maritime transport services,

Additional information about services sectors feature as priority sectors in your regional or corridor development strategy. Information on the services sectors that feature as priority can be found in the OECS Growth and Development Strategy.

Q48: Does your regional development strategy (or other regional economic policy documents) link growth in services capacity and trade to growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing exports?

Yes

Q49: If yes, please specify which services sectors are identified for growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing. (You may tick more than 1 box)

OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES
Q50: Which services sectors are growing fastest in your region or corridor? (You may tick more than 1 box)

TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES

Q51: What are the main issues constraining growth in regional or corridor services trade? Issues constraining growth: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Access to finance, Costs of services offered, Lack of recognition internationally of professional or vocational qualifications, Licensing requirements, Limitations on natural persons, Limited access to export markets, Low levels of domestic investment, Low levels of foreign direct investment, Qualification requirements, Regulatory restrictions

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Q52: Which services sectors do you expect will support implementation the Trade Facilitation Agreement and will help realize associated economic benefits of TFA implementation? (You may tick more than 1 box)

COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g., services related to installation of computer hardware, data processing and database services), OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES, COMMUNICATION SERVICES, Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance), Maritime transport services

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Q53: Are development partners providing support for the development of regional services capacity and trade as part of their trade-related infrastructure support?

Yes

Q54: If yes, is there a project or programme that you wish to highlight as an example of best practice?

Unsure

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Q55: Does your regional or corridor development strategy include actions to improve the investment climate?

Yes
Q56: If yes, please specify how: (You may tick more than 1 box) By updating regional investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

Q57: What actions have you taken to improve the investment climate in the past 5 years? (You may tick more than 1 box) Focusing on investment policy implementation and enforcement, Reforming an existing investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency, Reviewing tax policy

Q58: Are development partners supporting regional or corridor investment climate reforms? Yes

Q59: If yes, is there a project or programme that you wish to highlight as an example of best practice? No

Q60: Does the regional or corridor development strategy seek to attract investment in particular service sectors? Unsure

Q61: If yes, please identify the sectors for which the regional or corridor development strategy seeks to attract investment. (You may tick more than 1 box) Respondent skipped this question
Q62: Can the development of services capacity and trade contribute to women’s economic empowerment? **Yes**

Q63: If yes, please specify which service sectors in your region or corridor may have particular impact on women's economic empowerment? **Services sectors:**
- COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g., services related to installation of computer hardware, data processing and database services)
- OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES,
- Secondary education services,
- Higher education services,
- Adult education services,
- Insurance and insurance-related services,
- HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES,
- TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES,
- Maritime transport services

Q64: In your view, can services trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda? **Yes**

Q65: If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you think that growth in services trade may help. **Sustainable Development Goals:**
- 3. Good health and well-being
- 4. Quality education
- 5. Gender equality

Q66: CONSULTATION (Other departments or organisations consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply): Business Development Unit