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**Q3: Do you have an Aid-for-Trade Strategy?**

Yes

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**Q4: If no, please indicate if your development policy includes trade priorities.**

Respondent skipped this question

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Q5: Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. If yes, please rank the top 5 priorities areas among the items listed. (1 being the most important)

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Additional information: please specify further the priorities that you selected above as well as the main problems/obstacles encountered in furthering them and provide a weblink to the relevant strategy.

ECA provides assistance in the form of policy analysis and capacity building in the area of trade in the context of Africa’s regional integration and industrialization agenda. An important element is efforts to boost intra-African trade, through reduced tariff and non-tariff barriers and reduced cost of trade.

Q6: Has your Aid-for-Trade strategy changed since 2014?  
No

Q7: If yes, what are the top 3 drivers of these changes? (Please choose no more than 3 options)  
Respondent skipped this question

Q8: How has your Aid-for-Trade spending changed since 2014?  
Between 0-10% reduction

Q9: How do you expect your Aid-for-Trade spending to change in the next 5 years?  
Between 0-10% increase,
Additional information on how you expect your Aid-for-Trade spending to change in the next 5 years. ECA is actively seeking more resources for activities relating to trade. Increased funding would allow addressing currently unmet demand for technical assistance in particular.

Q10: Looking ahead, what changes do you expect to your Aid-for-Trade strategy in the next 5 years?  
Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals,
More focus on climate change and green growth,
More focus on gender equality,
More focus on regional integration
Q11: Are you engaging with the private sector in the design, delivery and monitoring of your Aid-for-Trade programmes?

Yes

Q12: If yes, how are you engaging with the private sector:

- Project or programme identification,
- Project or programme implementation,
- Private sector associations in partner countries,
- Additional information on how you are engaging with the private sector in the design, delivery and monitoring of your Aid-for-Trade programmes.

Several projects for enhancing private sector capacities and promoting intra-African trade have been identified through dialogue with private sector organizations. Implementation is ongoing.

Q13: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda?

Yes

Q14: If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you think that Aid for Trade may help to achieve?

- 1. No poverty, 2. Zero hunger, 5. Gender equality,
- 8. Decent work and economic growth,
- 9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure,
- 10. Reduce inequalities, 13. Climate action,

Additional information on how Aid-for-Trade can contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. In Africa, trade can contribute towards increased opportunities for both genders through meaningful job creation and promotion of structural change. Trade in agricultural goods also has important linkages to food security on the continent.
Q15: Are you integrating women’s economic empowerment into your Aid-for-Trade programmes?

Yes,

Additional information on how women’s economic empowerment is being integrated into your Aid-for-Trade programmes? (e.g. indicating how these programmes are attempting to impact women and marginalized groups)

In addition to a workstream on trade and gender specifically, efforts are made to mainstream gender into all work in line with the ECA Gender Strategy. The ongoing Human Rights Impact Assessment on the Continental Free Trade Area also speaks to the theme.

Q16: Have you undertaken an evaluation of your Aid-for-Trade support?

No,

Additional information on the evaluation of your Aid-for-Trade support. (Please include information on the review’s finding and/or a weblink to the evaluation document)

An evaluation of recent programmes is ongoing but not yet completed.

Q17: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your Aid-for-Trade programming? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Yes, Aid-for-Trade strategy with a broader conception of trade facilitation (e.g. trade and transport facilitation)

Q18: Are you providing Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?

No,

Additional information on Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement. While there are currently no specific activities on the implementation of the TFA, TFA advocacy is part of the ongoing dialogue with partners. Technical assistance can be provided upon request.

Q19: If yes, how are you programming Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation support? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

Q20: In which regions are you providing Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement? (You may tick more than one box)

Respondent skipped this question
Q21: For implementation of which disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement are you providing Aid-for-Trade support? (You may tick more that 1 box)
Respondent skipped this question

Q22: What difficulties, if any, are you facing in programming and providing support to partner countries or regional economic communities to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement? (You may tick more that 1 box)
Respondent skipped this question

Q23: Are you working with the private sector to support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement?
Respondent skipped this question

Q24: If yes, how are you engaging with the private sector? (You may tick more that 1 box)
Respondent skipped this question

Q25: Does e-commerce (or other digital strategy) feature among the priorities in your national development policy?
Yes

Q26: If yes, please indicate which of the following is included: (You may tick more than 1 box)
E-commerce development,
Additional information to elaborate on how e-commerce (or other digital strategy) features in your national development strategy.
E-commerce is part of the emerging issues research work carried out by ECA in the area of trade, in an effort to assist African countries in the development of common positions and strategies. Additionally ECA works with organizations such as the African Alliance for Electronic Commerce to boost capacities in this area.
### Q27: Do you have any special policy initiatives that cover the area of e-commerce (or other digital strategy)?

No

### Q28: Does e-commerce feature in your in-country dialogues with partner countries?

Yes

### Q29: If yes, please indicate which of the following is included: (You may tick more than 1 box)

- E-commerce development

### Q30: If yes, please indicate how demand from partner countries for e-commerce support has grown in the past 5 years:

- No growth in demand for support

### Q31: Does e-commerce feature in your dialogues with regional partners e.g. regional economic communities or transport corridors?

Yes

### Q32: If yes, please indicate which of the following: (You may tick more than 1 box)

- E-commerce development

### Q33: If yes, please indicate how demand from regional partners for e-commerce support has grown in the past 5 years:

- No growth in demand for support

### Q34: What types of support are you offering for e-commerce development? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Additional information on the types of support you are offering for e-commerce development. Currently work is focused on exploring the implication for African countries of the introduction of e-commerce as an issue in the multilateral forums.
Q35: Are you working with the private sector to support growth in e-commerce in partner countries and regions?  
No

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Q36: Based on your experience of e-commerce support programmes, please indicate the main issues that firms and consumers in your partner countries face in accessing and using internet services? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Other regulatory issues (please specify), Additional information on your experience of the main issues that firms and consumers in your partner countries face in accessing and using internet services. E-commerce development is still at early stages continent and is not currently a continental policy priority.

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Q37: What are the most common trade issues that you encounter in your e-commerce support programmes? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Unsure

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Q38: Do you anticipate a growth in future demand from partner countries and regional partners in the area of e-commerce?

Yes

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Q39: If yes, please elaborate:

No growth in demand for support, Additional information on how you anticipate growth in future demand from partner countries and regional partners in the area of e-commerce. There is currently limited demand for support in this area, however this is likely to change as the issue gains prominence at the multilateral arena.

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Q40: In your view, can growth in e-commerce in partner countries and regions make a contribution to women’s economic empowerment?

Yes
Q41: Does your development policy or Aid-for-Trade strategy include trade-related infrastructure development priorities?

Yes,

Additional information on how your development policy or Aid-for-Trade strategy includes trade-related infrastructure development priorities.

ECA work in the area of infrastructure supports continental programmes and initiatives, guided by the priorities of Agenda 2063.

Q42: Do you have any special policy initiatives that cover the area of infrastructure or trade-related infrastructure specifically?

Yes,

Additional information on any special policy initiatives that cover the area of infrastructure or trade-related infrastructure specifically.

Specific initiatives supported by ECA include Programme for Infrastructure Development in Africa (PIDA), the Yamoussoukro Decision for the establishment of the Single African Air Transport Market, Africa's Integrated Maritime Strategy and the global Decade of Action on Road Safety.

Q43: Does trade-related infrastructure feature in your in-country dialogues with partner countries?

Yes

Q44: If yes, please indicate which of the following: (You may tick more than 1 box)

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE, ENERGY-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

Q45: Does trade-related infrastructure feature in your dialogues with regional partners (e.g. regional economic communities or transport corridors)?

Yes
Q46: If yes, please indicate which of the following services trade sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy: (You may tick more than 1 box)

- TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE,
- ENERGY-RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE

Q47: Do your programmes link trade-related infrastructure to the development of related services sectors?

Yes

Q48: If yes, please specify which services sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box)

- CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES
- TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

Q49: Which service sectors do you expect will support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement and will help realize associated economic benefits in partner countries? (You may tick more than 1 box)

- CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES
- FINANCIAL SERVICES,
- TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

Q50: Do your development programmes link growth in services capacity and services trade to growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing exports?

Yes
Q51: If yes, please specify which services sectors are identified for growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing. (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)
  - Services incidental to manufacturing services
  - Services incidental to energy distribution
- CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES
- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES
- FINANCIAL SERVICES
- TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

Q52: What are the main issues constraining growth in national services capacity and trade in your partner countries? Issues constraining growth: (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Access to finance
- Education and vocational training
- Licensing requirements
- Limited access to export markets
- Low levels of domestic investment
- Low levels of foreign direct investment
- Poor information and communication technology network infrastructure
- Poor transport infrastructure (maritime, inland waterway, air, rail, road)
- Regulatory restrictions

Q53: Does your Aid-for-Trade programming include actions to improve the investment climate in partner countries?

Yes
Q54: If yes, please specify how: (You may tick more than 1 box)

- By providing assistance to update investment policy, regulations and/or strategy
- By reducing risk for investors
- By supporting establishment of an investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency
- By training officials

Additional information on actions to improve investment climate in partner countries.

ECA supports global and regional intergovernmental policy processes and dialogue on investment agreements and transformative investment dispute settlement systems.

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Q55: What Aid-for-Trade actions have you taken to support national or regional initiatives to improve the investment climate in partner countries during the past 5 years? (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Embedding investment policy in overall development strategy
- Focusing on investment policy implementation and enforcement
- Focusing on public governance and institutions
- Training officials
- Updating investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

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Q56: Are you providing specific assistance and capacity building to help LDCs utilize services waiver opportunities?

No

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Q57: If yes, what kind of support are you providing? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q58: In your view, can the development of services trade contribute to women's economic empowerment? Yes

Q59: If yes, please specify in which services sectors? Services sectors:(You may tick more than 1 box)
- BUSINESS SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
- COMMUNICATION SERVICES
- EDUCATION SERVICES
- CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED SERVICES
- DISTRIBUTION SERVICES
- TRANSPORT SERVICES
- ENERGY SERVICES
- ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
- FINANCIAL SERVICES
- HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES
- TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES

Additional information on how the development of services trade can contribute to women's economic empowerment. Services trade can promote the development of new economic opportunities for women in all services sectors. However, supporting policies will need to be in place to ensure that these opportunities can be captured.

Q60: CONSULTATION Please list other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply.

Questionnaire was completed with inputs from teams working on issues of trade, investment and infrastructure.