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Q2: ABOUT YOU
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Q3: CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply):
Finance and Planning, Invest SVG

Q4: Do you have Aid-for-Trade priorities? Yes

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: 5
- Trade facilitation: 4
- Network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications): 3
- Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port): 1
- Regional integration: 2
Q6: Additional information.  
*Respondent skipped this question*

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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)  
Economic crisis, Regional integration, Trade facilitation

Q9: Additional information.  
*Respondent skipped this question*

Q10: Have these changes been reflected in your national development strategy?  
Yes

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

PAGE 10: C.2) YOUR GOVERNMENT’S AID-FOR-TRADE PRIORITIES

Q13: In which existing policy document(s) can trade facilitation be found as a priority? (You may tick more than one box)  
National trade strategy, Regional trade agreement, Regional development strategy

Q14: Additional information.  
*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q15: Is trade facilitation included in new draft policy documents currently being updated and formulated?  
Yes
PAGE 12: C.2.) YOUR GOVERNMENT’S AID-FOR-TRADE PRIORITIES

Q16: Please indicate in which new draft policy documents, currently being updated or formulated, trade facilitation is included:

- National development strategy,
- National trade strategy,
- Regional trade agreement,
- Regional development strategy

Q17: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 14: D.1) TRADE COSTS

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,
- Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)

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

Q26: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for imports?  
National development strategy,  
National trade strategy,  
Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)

Q27: Additional information.  
Respondent skipped this question

Q28: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of merchandise goods? (You may choose more than 1 option)  
Border procedures (trade facilitation),  
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),  
Transport infrastructure, Access to trade finance

Q29: Additional information.  
Respondent skipped this question

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),  
Non-recognition of professional qualifications,  
Poor regulatory environment for services

Q31: Additional information.  
Respondent skipped this question

Q32: Do national policies address the issue of trade costs for exports?  
Yes

Q33: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for exports?  
National development strategy,  
National trade strategy,  
Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)

Q34: Additional information.  
Respondent skipped this question
### 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)

- North America
- The Caribbean
- Western Europe

### Q33: Indicate your home region.

- The Caribbean

### 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)
- 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
- Restrictions on movement of natural persons

### Q37: Additional information.

- Respondent skipped this question

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

- Unsure

### Q39: Additional information.

- Respondent skipped this question

### Q40: Does your Government use any of the following sources to address the issue of trade costs? (You may choose more than 1 option)

- Research with private sector
- World Bank Doing Business Index
- World Customs Organizations Time Release Study
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<td>Q42: Do you validate the results? (You may tick more than 1 box)</td>
<td>Yes, dialogue with private sector</td>
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<td>Q44: Is your government taking national action to reduce trade costs?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<td>Q45: What national action is your government is taking ?(You may tick more than 1 box)</td>
<td>National government initiatives, Initiatives supported by development partners</td>
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<td>Q47: In which areas have national actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than one box)</td>
<td>Border procedures (trade facilitation), Non-Tariff Measures (including standards), Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms), Transport infrastructure, Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms), Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism), Reforms of national regulatory frameworks for services, Tariffs on product inputs (e.g. on computers for ICT services)</td>
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<td>Q48: Is your government engaged in regional actions to reduce trade costs?</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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Q49: Please specify (You may tick more than 1 box)  
Regional economic community,  
Joint public-private sector initiatives,  
Initiatives supported by development partners

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),  
Transport infrastructure,  
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

Q52: Is external support aligned with your national and regional needs to reduce trade costs?  
Yes

Q53: Additional information.  
Respondent skipped this question

Q54: How is external support aligned with your needs? (You may tick more than 1 box)  
External support is aligned with national priorities to reduce 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
Q55: Additional information.  Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 32: E.1) REDUCING TRADE COSTS

Q56: Why is external support not aligned with your needs? (You may tick more than 1 box)  Respondent skipped this question

Q57: Additional information.  Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 34: F.1) TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

Q58: What impact would implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have on the evolution of your trade costs?  More than 10% reduction

Q59: Additional information.  Respondent skipped this question

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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)  All regions

Q61: Additional information.  Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 36: F.1) TRADE FACILITATION AGREEMENT

Q62: Do you plan to seek Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted?  Yes, support already being sought

Q63: Have you undertaken a Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment?  Yes

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**Q64:** Please specify the organization(s) involved in and year(s) of each needs assessment.

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**Q65:** Do you plan to request a new Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment or an update of an existing assessment?

No

**Q66:** Please specify why.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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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 develop national implementation plans,
- To align support with on-going national reform programmes,
- To align commitments with on-going regional programmes

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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,
- Problems accessing external funds,
- Accessing regional programmes,
- Accessing global programmes
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,
- Release and clearance of goods,
- Border agency cooperation,
- Formalities connected with importation, exportation and transit,
- Customs cooperation,
- Establishment and/or continued operation of national committee

Q70: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 43: G.1) IMPACT: REDUCING TRADE COSTS AND INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Q71: What have been the key factors in achieving successful reductions in trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

- Private sector engagement and commitment,
- Alignment of projects with private sector priorities,
- Funding from development partners,
- Sustained engagement of development partners

Q72: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

PAGE 44: G.1) IMPACT: REDUCING TRADE COSTS AND INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Q73: What outputs have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

- Updated customs legislation,
- Updated customs working practices,
- New conformity assessment procedures or processes,
- Creation of trade facilitation committees,
- Creation of dialogue with private sector

Q74: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question
**Q75**: What outcomes have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

- Reduction in border clearance times
- Reduction in informal payments

**Q76**: Additional information.

**Q77**: What impacts have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

- Higher revenues for importers
- Consumer welfare effects

**Q78**: Additional information.

**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)

- Customs reform
- Other border agency reforms
- Tariff reforms
- Support for compliance with Non-Tariff Measures
- Working with trade partners to remove restrictions on movement of natural persons
- Improving the regulatory environment for services
- Tariffs on product inputs (e.g. on computers for ICT services)

**Q80**: Additional information.
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,  
- Entry into new value chains,  
- Moving up value chains,  
- Diversification in export markets,  
- Consumer welfare effects,  
- Reduction in poverty

Q82: Additional information.  

Respondent skipped this question

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

Q84: If it has improved, please specify why. (You may tick more than one box)  

- Better dialogue with donors,  
- Better dialogue with South-South partners,  
- Better dialogue with regional partners

Q85: Why has the alignment declined? (You may tick more than one box)  

Respondent skipped this question

Q86: Additional information.  

There was no decline
**Q87:** What impact has the Aid-for-Trade Initiative had since it was launched in 2005? (You may tick more than 1 box)

- 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

**Q88:** Additional information.  
*Respondent skipped this question*

**PAGE 54: H.1) IMPACT OF THE AID FOR TRADE INITIATIVE**

**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)

- Mainstreaming of trade issues in national policy
- Engaging the private sector in national trade and development policy planning
- Coherence in trade and development policy
- Catalyst for Aid-for-Trade flows
- Contribution to inclusive, sustainable growth

**Q90:** Additional information.  
*Respondent skipped this question*
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)

- 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

Q92: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

Q93: How in your view could the Aid-for-Trade Initiative be improved?

Donors should seek to better understand the needs of developing countries and demonstrate better flexibility in the flow of aid.

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.

Respondent skipped this question