

DONOR QUESTIONNAIRE ON AID FOR TRADE

1 WHAT IS YOUR AID FOR TRADE STRATEGY?

Q1.1 Do you have an operational Aid for Trade strategy? Does it have a “pro-poor” focus? What are its key objectives and delivery/implementation modes? (Please break down by types of aid: "multilateral contributions" / "trust funds" / "budget support" / "other bilateral")

Please describe and exemplify. If applicable, feel free to refer to your 2007 response.

The IMF does not have an explicit aid-for-trade strategy. In accordance with its mandate as a financial institution, the Fund promotes global financial stability and orderly exchange arrangements. It does not finance individual projects in member countries. Fund activities related to aid-for-trade include technical assistance (TA), Fund financial support, and policy advice. Fund TA on trade centers on tariff and customs reform and, where needed, the design and implementation of overall tax reforms to compensate for revenue losses from (and thus to facilitate) tariff liberalization. Technical assistance in customs administration aims, in addition to its revenue dimension, to reduce the negative impacts on trade facilitation and trade development of inefficient and costly customs operations. Regarding financial support, the Fund makes available financing under its regular facilities to help address the overall balance of payments needs resulting from adjustment to trade-related reforms. Two instruments--the Trade Integration Mechanism (TIM) and the Exogenous Shocks Facility (ESF)--can be tailored specifically to trade liberalization. Fund macroeconomic policy advice under its surveillance operations, particularly for developing and least developed members and those receiving or contemplating Fund financial support, aims to establish economic conditions favorable to trade development (among other objectives), and in that sense aid-for-trade is embedded in the Fund’s ongoing policy dialogue with its members. For further explanation, please see our 2007 response.

Q1.2 If your Aid for Trade Strategy has evolved since 2007, please describe the changes and/or new focuses.

Please describe and exemplify.

The Fund's aid-for-trade activities and approach are essentially unchanged.

Q1.3 Have you articulated a set of best practices in the design and/or delivery of Aid for Trade?

<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure/Not applicable
------------------------------	--	--

If yes, what form does this best practice guidance take?

Please describe and exemplify.

2 HOW MUCH AID FOR TRADE DO YOU PROVIDE?

For CRS Reporting Donors

Q2.1 Does the attached CRS profile accurately reflect the volume of your Aid for Trade?

Yes

No

If no, please provide further details of your Aid for Trade activities for 2006 and 2007.

Please add any data that are missing in their appropriate CRS categories, including those activities that should be considered as Aid for Trade under the category of "Other Trade-related Needs" and describe, if applicable, the method used to identify trade-related activities in the relevant CRS categories. Please also provide any activities that may fall under the new category of "Trade-related Adjustment" for 2006.

Please see the attached table.

For non-CRS Reporting Donors

**Q2.1 How much Aid for Trade did you provide in each of 2006 and 2007?
Please also indicate the volume as percentage share of your total ODA.**

Please use the WTO Task Force definition and include estimates of the value of in-kind Aid for Trade such as technical cooperation programmes.

For All Donor Agencies

Q2.2 Do you have indicative forward spending plans that include estimates on Aid for Trade?

Yes

No

Not sure/Not applicable

If yes, please provide details of your indicative forward Aid for Trade spending plan.

Please delineate the plan per Aid for Trade category.

For Donors who had made Aid for Trade pledges

Q2.3 Please describe how you are meeting your pledges? And how much progress in delivering your final pledges do you expect to have made in 2008 and 2009?

Please provide details and evidence in accordance with your accountability mechanism.

The Fund responds to member's balance of payments needs and problems as they arise. It does not make pledges or reserve special funds.

For Multilateral Donors

Q2.4 Please describe how funding for your Aid for Trade activities is evolving
 [e.g. share of activities funded from your agency's core (regular budget) vs. non-core (earmarked) resources, including multi-donor funds; likely trends in these categories].

Please describe.

Aid-for-trade activities are primarily funded from our regular budget and in response to a member's balance of payments needs or problems, and in the case of technical assistance from additional funding arrangements with a small number of donor members. Completion of the Doha Round might generate increased demand for Fund resources through the Trade Integration Mechanism, but aid for trade activities would continue to account for a small part of overall Fund activity and we expect that such an increase in demand could be met comfortably. There could also possibly be increased demand for tax and/or customs administration TA; whether such an increase could be met from current funding is unclear at this point.

Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to the volume of your Aid for Trade.

3 IMPLEMENTATION: HOW ARE YOU DELIVERING AID FOR TRADE?

Mainstreaming and Ownership

Q3.1 What measures have you undertaken to mainstream Aid for Trade in your overall assistance strategy?

Please describe and exemplify.

Fund financial operations respond to balance of payments needs or problems in our member countries; these needs or problems may be related to trade liberalization or other trade-related shocks. The Fund also stands ready to help countries to identify and address trade-related vulnerabilities and to design policies to maximize the benefits from trade reforms.

Technical assistance is provided at the specific request of Fund member countries. Generally, members seek the Fund's advice on the development of tax and customs reform strategies related to their national development plans, or on particular areas of tax and customs administration that are of concern to the authorities. Technical assistance delivered by the Fund's short-term experts is generally directed to helping the authorities to implement strategically important elements of their reform plans. In addition, similar technical assistance is delivered by a network of regional centers (RTACs) established to work closely with countries on tax and customs reforms (and on other issues) on both a national and, where appropriate, regional basis.

Q3.2 In how many of the partner countries you support, are Aid for Trade concerns an important part of your policy dialogue with them (based on your best estimate)?

- | | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> less than 25% | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25% to 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> 50% to 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> above 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|

Q3.3 How many of your country assistance strategies contain trade or Aid for Trade elements (based on your best estimate)?

- | | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> less than 25% | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 25% to 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> 50% to 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> above 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|

Q3.4 Has demand for Aid for Trade increased from partner countries since 2005?

- | | | | | |
|--|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Significantly increased | <input type="checkbox"/> Increased | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Little / no change | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable |
|--|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|--|

If increased, from which countries / regions, and for which Aid for Trade categories / sectors?

Please describe and exemplify.

If increased, what steps have you taken to strengthen your capacity to respond to increasing demand for Aid for Trade from partner countries? Tick the box of all that apply:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Increased aid resources
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strengthened in-house trade expertise
<input type="checkbox"/>	Improved training, tool-kits and/or guidelines for Aid for Trade programming
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increased awareness among policy-makers and practitioners at the HQ and the field
<input type="checkbox"/>	Strengthened political commitment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Increased coordination among donors (e.g. joint assessment, joint delivery, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Please feel free to add other steps you have taken</i>

Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to mainstreaming and ownership.

Fund staff encourage low-income countries to integrate trade and trade-related policies into their Poverty Reduction Strategies (PRSs) and to explore the potential benefits to growth and poverty reduction from trade liberalization--particularly when undertaken on a non-discriminatory (MFN) basis through unilateral reforms or as a result of multilateral negotiations. Staff would assist the authorities in assessing and dealing with the economy-wide impact of such reforms, including with respect to revenue effects and, where appropriate, would discuss issues of timing and sequencing of trade reforms from this perspective. The Fund would encourage the incorporation in PRSs of recommendations from the Integrated Framework country-specific Diagnostic Trade Integration Studies that fall in areas relevant to the Fund's work.

Working with Others: Harmonisation and Alignment

Q3.5 In how many of the partner countries you support, have you contributed to the following joint donor initiatives?

	< 10%	10-30%	> 30%
Joint needs assessment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Aid for Trade strategy formulation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Aid for Trade programme	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pool funding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint monitoring and evaluation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Delegated cooperation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q3.6 Do you have a specific approach to South-South and/or trilateral cooperation in Aid for Trade?

Yes No Not sure/Not applicable

If yes, what are its key elements or particular focuses?

Please describe and exemplify.

Q3.7 How much of your Aid for Trade is aligned with your partners' country systems (based on your best estimate)?

less than 25% 25% to 50% 50% to 75% above 75% Not sure / Not applicable

Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to harmonisation and alignment.

Fund financial arrangements, including those that respond to trade-related balance of payments needs and problems, are aligned with national development strategies and budgets to the extent possible given the contents of the strategies and plans. A member country's Fund-supported program may include additional measures needed to achieve the goals of the program.

4 MONITORING RESULTS, EVALUATION AND MUTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY

Q4.1 Does your Strategy include specific monitoring and evaluation guidelines for Aid for Trade programmes?

Specific to Aid for Trade Generic guidelines

If you do have specific guidelines, please provide the details of your Aid for Trade M&E framework. How often do you review progress towards your strategy objectives? Who do you report to?

Please describe and exemplify.

The Fund does not have specific aid-for-trade M&E guidelines. There are in-house standard evaluation techniques designed to evaluate projects and programs based on the type and nature of the projects and programs.

Q4.2 Do you regularly monitor the potential trade impact of your aid projects / programmes?

Yes No Not sure/Not applicable

If yes, please describe how.

Please describe and exemplify.

The potential trade impact of Fund financing and the programs it supports are an important consideration in determining how well the program is addressing the member country's balance of payments situation. It is monitored regularly by staff and on the occasion of program reviews by the IMF Executive Board. In addition, the Fund evaluates programs and policy advice on an ongoing basis through policy papers and reviews prepared by Fund staff for the IMF Executive Board. The Fund's Independent Evaluation Office also provides evaluations to the Executive Board and an IEO evaluation of the Fund's approach to international trade issues is currently underway. Finally, the Fund arranges for high-level external reviews of important issues or policies on an ad hoc basis, as was done in the recent case of the report of the External Review Committee on Bank-Fund Collaboration (the Malan Report). However, as noted above, the Fund does not finance specific aid-for-trade projects, and no evaluations specifically focused on aid-for-trade are planned.

Q4.3 Do you have plans to improve the evaluation of your Aid for Trade programmes?

Please describe and exemplify.

There are no specific plans to revise the existing evaluation techniques mentioned above. Please also see our response to Question 19 of the 2007 Questionnaire.

Q4.4 Have you carried out or do you plan to carry out an impact assessment of your Aid for Trade programmes?

Yes: please indicate when: No Not sure/Not applicable

Q4.5 Do you involve partner country stakeholders in developing measurable objectives/indicators to assess the quality of your Aid for Trade programmes?

Yes No Not sure/Not applicable

If yes, please describe the indicators used.

Please describe and exemplify.

Q4.6 Have you undertaken joint evaluations of your Aid for Trade with your partner country stakeholders?

Yes No Not sure/Not applicable

If yes, please describe when and the results of the evaluation.

Please describe and exemplify.

Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to monitoring, evaluation and mutual accountability.

Fund financial programs and policy advice on macro economic frameworks are discussed with the World Bank, other multilateral financial institutions, bilateral donors, and others to ensure consistency between the macro economic framework that underpins the national budget (and the Fund-supported program) and the plans of creditors and donors. Coordination issues may arise in the context of the Fund's provision of technical assistance and capacity building, but the Fund does not lend for specific projects and questions of coordination on analyses or funding of specific projects do not generally arise.

5 REGIONAL DIMENSION

Q5.1 How important is the regional dimension in your Aid for Trade strategy?

- | | | | | |
|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Essential element | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Important element | <input type="checkbox"/> Minor element | <input type="checkbox"/> Not present | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable |
|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|

If essential or important, please describe how your Aid for Trade strategy addresses regional challenges.

Please describe and exemplify.

The Fund does not generally face the regional aid-for-trade challenges encountered by agencies that finance development projects. It is, however, actively engaged in fostering dialogue at the regional level, such as the high-level policy dialogue with the Caribbean countries on the implications of preference erosion, discussion on regional integration in the Maghreb, on trade policy in Central Asian Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) countries, and on the implications of Central American countries establishing a customs union. With regard to TA, important objectives of the Fund-administered regional technical assistance centers located in Africa (3), the Caribbean (1), Middle East (1), and the Pacific (1) (additional centers are being established in Africa (2), Central America (1) and Central Asia (1) are to identify and implement regional solutions to common problems, and encourage intra-regional coordination and the adoption of common practices and standards.

Q5.2 Which of the following factors are important for determining whether or not to support particular regions or regional programmes? Please list in the order of importance.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Relevance to ongoing regional trade agreements / negotiations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional proximity / support to neighbouring regional economic integration processes
<input type="checkbox"/>	Cultural, linguistic or historical ties with the region
<input type="checkbox"/>	Existence of a viable counterpart at regional level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for assistance from a regional body
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Availability of a clearly defined regional development strategy
<input type="checkbox"/>	Geographical concentration of donor activities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<i>Other, please describe</i> Commonality of issues.

Q5.3 By how much has the volume of your regional Aid for Trade increased since 2005?

- | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Declined | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> By less than 5% | <input type="checkbox"/> By 5 to 15% | <input type="checkbox"/> By 15 to 30% | <input type="checkbox"/> More than 30% |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|--|

Q5.4 In which assistance categories are you particularly active at regional level?

	Frequently	Occasionally	Rarely	Not sure / Not applicable
Training (trade negotiations/WTO rules)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Trade facilitation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Development of cross-border infrastructure	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Capacity building of regional organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Other, please describe and exemplify

Q5.5 What are the most important challenges in implementing regional Aid for Trade?

Please list in the order of importance.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of (or weak) articulated demands for regional Aid for Trade
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of coherence between national and regional priorities
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of credible lending authorities at regional level
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of effective coordination at regional level
<input type="checkbox"/>	Difficulties of monitoring and evaluating results at regional level
<input type="checkbox"/>	Lack of credible mutual accountability mechanisms at regional level
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Other, please describe and exemplify</i>

Q5.6 Has the demand for regional Aid for Trade increased since 2005?

<input type="checkbox"/> Significantly increased	<input type="checkbox"/> Increased	<input type="checkbox"/> Little / no change	<input type="checkbox"/> Declined	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable
--	------------------------------------	---	-----------------------------------	---

If yes, in which regions and for which activities has it increased the most?

Please describe and exemplify.

Please feel free to provide any other relevant information in relation to regional Aid for Trade.

Aid-for-Trade Flows: CRS Proxies						
ODA: USD thousands, 2006 constant prices						
Country:	IMF	Commitments			Disbursements	
CRS purpose codes		2002-05 average	2006	2007	2006	2007
TRADE POLICY AND REGULATIONS and TRADE-RELATED ADJUSTMENT						
33110	Trade Policy and administrative management	--	--	--	--	--
33120	Trade facilitation	3 970	1 997	2 660	1 997	2 660
33130	Regional trade agreements (RTAs)	--	--	--	--	--
33140	Multilateral trade negotiations	--	--	--	--	--
33150	TRADE-RELATED ADJUSTMENT	50 260	17 946	0	52 323	0
33181	Trade education/training	--	--	--	--	--
	sub-total	54 230	19 943	2 660	54 320	2 660
ECONOMIC INFRASTRUCTURE						
21010 to 21081	Transport and storage	--	--	--	--	--
22010 to 22040	Communications	--	--	--	--	--
23010 to 23082	Energy supply and generation	--	--	--	--	--
	sub-total	0	0	0	0	0
BUILDING PRODUCTIVE CAPACITY <i>(Includes Trade Development activities (1))</i>						
25010	Business and other services	--	--	--	--	--
24010 to 24081	Banking and financial services	--	--	--	--	--
31110 to 31195	Agriculture	--	--	--	--	--
31210 to 31291	Forestry	--	--	--	--	--
31310 to 31391	Fishing	--	--	--	--	--
32110 to 32182	Industry	--	--	--	--	--
32210 to 32268	Mineral resources and mining	--	--	--	--	--
33210	Tourism	--	--	--	--	--
	sub-total	0	0	0	0	0
not applicable	Focus on Trade Development (1):			0		
	Principal objective			0		
	Significant objective			0		
	sub-total			0		
OTHER TRADE RELATED NEEDS (2) <i>(USD thousands or national currency)</i>						
not applicable	<i>These data will form part of donors' reporting to the WTO under the three-tier monitoring system.</i>					
TOTAL AID-for-TRADE						
TOTAL SECTOR ALLOCABLE ODA						

Source: IMF

1. Trade development activities are identified in the CRS via the Trade Development policy marker. The amounts shown represent Productive Capacity building activities marked as contributing principally or significantly to trade development. Note however that some CRS reporting donors may not use the Trade Development policy marker and that the amounts presented under this category cannot be added up when reporting on the global flows.

2. The data covered under this category are not separately identifiable as AFT within the CRS. If so desired, your government is invited to complete the columns for 2007 data (commitments and disbursements) and to provide the relevant CRS sectors.