

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 Norwegian Aid for Trade Action Plan was launched in November 2007 and covers the triennium 2008-2010. The plan has a pro-poor focus, and gives priority to Africa and the LDCs. Based on Norway's overall development policy three broad themes will receive particular attention. This include; 1) Good governance and corruption eradication; 2) Regional trade; and 3) Women and trade. In line with recommendation of the 2005 WTO Task Force on Aid for Trade, the increase in Norway's Aid for Trade will mainly take place through multilateral organisations, with particular emphasis on the Enhanced Integrated Framework.

Norway is making a considerable contribution to all three Aid for trade categories. Substantial multilateral and bilateral support is provided to build productive capacity and infra-structure, particularly in the energy sector. Although this support contributes to strengthen the trade capacity of our partner countries, it has to a limited extent been defined as trade-related. An example is the Norwegian Investment Fund for Developing Countries which provides substantial resources for private sector development. The Aid for Trade

Action Plan has contributed to increase the focus on trade policy development and regulations. The Action Plan is available on the website: www.regjeringen.no/upload/UD/Vedlegg/Utvikling/aidfortrade_e.pdf

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 Action Plan was launched in 2007 and is now in the implementation phase. Priority areas of cooperation are discussed with partner countries and institutions on a regular basis within the framework of the action plan and needs identified by partners.

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

Yes

No

Not sure/Not applicable

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

Please describe and exemplify.

Implementation of the Action Plan is based on the guidelines and principles laid down in the Paris Declaration and on procedures and practices of Norwegian development cooperation in general. A project manual is used particularly for bilateral cooperation, that ensures implementation of best practices.

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.

With reference to our explanation under Q1.1, we are still working to better capture the trade-related elements of our support for infrastructure development and productive capacity building.

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.

Trade Policy and Regulations: approx. NOK 120 million per year for 2009 and 2010. For Economic Infrastructure and Productive Capacity, figures are less certain, but one can expect levels to stay at same level or increase slightly.

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.
Norway is meeting its pledges to approximately 100 per cent.

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.

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.

Development of the Aid for Trade Action Plan was an important mainstreaming process, raising awareness and bringing together various sections of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norad and other relevant institutions. An Aid for Trade working group was established to continuously review the implementation of the Action Plan.

Interventions have also been made in the regular budget and planning process of the Ministry to raise awareness and interest, particularly in Norwegian Embassies in LDC countries, and to contribute to a consistent and coherent follow up of the Aid for Trade activities. However, as mentioned in Q1., the core Aid for Trade support will be provided through multilateral channels.

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)?

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|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> less than 25% | <input type="checkbox"/> 25% to 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> 50% to 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> above 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable |
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Q3.3 How many of your country assistance strategies contain trade or Aid for Trade elements (based on your best estimate)?

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|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> less than 25% | <input type="checkbox"/> 25% to 50% | <input type="checkbox"/> 50% to 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> above 75% | <input type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable |
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Q3.4 Has demand for Aid for Trade increased from partner countries since 2005?

<input type="checkbox"/> Significantly increased	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increased	<input type="checkbox"/> Little / no change	<input type="checkbox"/> Declined	<input type="checkbox"/> Not sure / Not applicable
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If increased, from which countries / regions, and for which Aid for Trade categories / sectors?

Please describe and exemplify.

Africa, and particularly in standards and trade facilitation.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Increased awareness among policy-makers and practitioners at the HQ and the field
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Strengthened political commitment
<input checked="" 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.

Mainstreaming and ownership is basic principles in the Norwegian Development cooperation, but as the core Aid for Trade support is channeled through multilateral institutions, Aid for Trade has not been an important part of the bilateral policy dialogue and the bilateral country assistance strategies. This is a reflection of our commitments to the Paris Declaration (complementarity and division of labour) and a response to recommendations of the WTO Task Force (multilateral focus).

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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" 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.

East and South Africa and South-East Asia and South-Asia

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.

The answers under Q3.5 and Q3.7 reflect our emphasis on delivery through multilateral institutions.

Regional Trade is a priority in the Action Plan and considered South- South cooperation (ref Q3.6).

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 specific Guidelines for monitoring and evaluating implementation of the Action Plan is outlined in Chapter 5. Monitoring and Evaluation. However, the guidelines is based on the international monitoring and reporting system, and the regular system for monitoring and evaluating Norwegian development cooperation . A comprehensive assessment of the implementation of the Action Plan will be done after three years (2010) and will contribute to considerations of possible adjustments of the priorities.

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.

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

Please describe and exemplify.

NORAD plans to do an evaluation in 2009 of NORAD funded programmes for private sector and trade, in which Aid for Trade support will be included.

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.

Will vary depending on type of projects and programmes.

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.

Ref. multilateral focus.

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

5 REGIONAL DIMENSION

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

Essential element Important element Minor element Not present Not sure / Not applicable

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

Please describe and exemplify.

Regional trade is one of three priority areas in the Norwegian Aid for Trade Action Plan. Particular attention is given to Africa and to strengthen the capacity of the regional institutions such as the regional economic

communities. Support is so far concentrated on development and implementation of regional diagnostic studies and trade facilitation.

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 checked="" 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Existence of a viable counterpart at regional level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Request for assistance from a regional body
<input type="checkbox"/>	Availability of a clearly defined regional development strategy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Geographical concentration of donor activities
<input type="checkbox"/>	<i>Other, please describe</i>

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

<input type="checkbox"/> Declined	<input type="checkbox"/> By less than 5%	<input type="checkbox"/> By 5 to 15%	<input type="checkbox"/> By 15 to 30%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> More than 30%
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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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Capacity building of regional organisations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lack of (or weak) articulated demands for regional Aid for Trade
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lack of coherence between national and regional priorities
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lack of credible lending authorities at regional level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lack of effective coordination at regional level
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Difficulties of monitoring and evaluating results at regional level
<input checked="" 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?

Significantly increased

Increased

Little / no change

Declined

Not sure / Not applicable

If yes, in which regions and for which activities has it increased the most?*Please describe and exemplify.*

East and Southern Africa. Standards and trade facilitation.

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