

# PARTNER COUNTRY QUESTIONNAIRE ON AID FOR TRADE

- We advise you to read the Explanatory Notes starting on page 10 before answering the questionnaire.
- When completed, this form should be returned by 20 February 2009 via e-mail to [aft.monitoring@oecd.org](mailto:aft.monitoring@oecd.org) and [aft.monitoring@wto.org](mailto:aft.monitoring@wto.org).
- The questionnaire can be downloaded from the OECD website at <http://www.oecd.org/dac/trade/aft> or from the WTO Members' website at <http://members.wto.org/members/>.
- All the boxes in this form are expandable.

## 1 IS YOUR TRADE STRATEGY MAINSTREAMED?

### Q1.1 Does your country have a national development plan or strategy?

Yes

No

If YES, does this development plan include trade as a lever for growth and poverty reduction? (*please tick the most accurate description below*)

- Trade is a key priority and the plan includes well developed trade-related priorities and implementation actions (*please attach*).
- Trade is mentioned but the plan does not include operational objectives and action plans.
- No.
- Other, please describe:

If your Government does NOT have an articulated national development plan or strategy, or if trade is not strongly present in it, are there other separate strategies/plans addressing trade-related objectives? (*feel free to tick more than one box*)

- Government priority areas are not systematically subject to a documented strategy.
- In the annual government budget.
- In various sectoral strategies (e.g. one per relevant ministry, or per sector). Please describe and attach:

- In one single trade development/competitiveness strategy document encompassing all trade-related priorities across different government departments (*please attach*).
- Other, please describe:

***For Least-Developed Countries participating in the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF), former Integrated Framework (IF):***

**Do the Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS) and Action Matrix reflect your Government trade strategy? (please tick the most accurate description below)**

- The DTIS and accompanying action matrix reflect well my country's trade-related needs and my Government's priorities.
- The DTIS and accompanying action matrix partly reflect my Government's analysis of trade needs and priority areas.
- The DTIS and accompanying action matrix are not (or are no longer) a good indication of my country's trade-related needs and priorities.
- The DTIS and accompanying action matrix are not currently a good indication of my country's trade-related needs/priorities, but they are in the process of being updated.
- Other, please describe:

**Q1.2 What are your Government's priority areas of intervention to improve your country's capacity to benefit from trade expansion and integration into the world economy?**  
*(Below are listed the most common areas grouped according to broad aid category – please rank the top 3 priority areas among the 12 listed)*

<b>Trade Policy and Regulations</b>	Trade Policy Analysis, Negotiation and Implementation	<b>Economic Infrastructure</b>	<b>1</b> Network infrastructure (power, water, telecom)
	WTO Accession costs		Other transport
	Trade Facilitation		Cross-border Infrastructure
<b>Building Productive Capacity</b>	<b>2</b> Competitiveness	<b>Other</b>	Adjustment costs
	Value Chains		Regional Integration
	<b>3</b> Export Diversification		Other, please describe:

**Q1.3 Does your Government have an operational strategy (with action plans, timelines and budgets) for its priority areas?**

Priority 1:  Yes  Being formulated  No

*If Yes or Being formulated, please describe*

Priority 2:  Yes  Being formulated  No

*[If Yes or Being formulated, please describe*

Priority 3:  Yes  Being formulated  No

*If Yes or Being formulated, please describe*

**Q1.4 Are the financing needs of these trade-related priorities included in your national dialogue with donors?**

Yes  No  Not sure

**If YES, which structures do you use to discuss the financing needs of your trade-related priorities with your donors? (feel free to tick more than one box)**

PRSP/CAS  Bilateral dialogues  Regional-wide dialogues  Other, please describe:

**Please describe the type of dialogue or alternative method, its level, its frequency, and its specificity to trade matters:**

**If NO, do you have plans to include trade-related priorities in your dialogue with donors in the next two to three years?**

Yes  No  Not sure

- End of Section 1 -

**Please feel free to provide additional information about your trade strategy**

With respect to Q 1.2. "Economic Infrastructure" as a whole is the Government of Guyana's #1 Priority for trade expansion and integration into the world economy.

## 2 HOW IS YOUR TRADE STRATEGY FINANCED?

**Q2.1 Does the attached CRS<sup>1</sup> profile accurately quantify the Aid for Trade you received in 2006 and 2007?**

Yes       No       Not sure/ NA

**If NO, please provide details of the Aid for Trade you received in 2006 and 2007.**

*[Please describe with figures, and include any activities that may fall under 'other trade-related needs']*

- End of Section 2 -

**Please feel free to provide any additional information on aid-for-trade flows**

"Aid For Trade" (AFT) as a new concept presents much difficulty for us to respond in a precise manner. Our treatment of aid inflows has not been mainstreamed in a manner that would allow us to account for what is now being required under the AFT description. Most of our responses in this Questionnaire is based on or extrapolated from a general aid basis. We believe that the AFT arrangements should be harmonized/synchronized with the Paris Declaration context to avoid unnecessary duplications and additional burdens (capacity constraints) on small developing countries in terms of accounting, monitoring and evaluations.

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<sup>1</sup> The CRS profile summarises the commitments and disbursements reported by donors to the OECD Creditor Reporting System on the aid categories most closely associated with Aid for Trade as defined by the WTO Task Force, specifically support for trade policy and regulations, trade development, trade-related infrastructure, building productive capacity and trade-related adjustment (available from 2008 only).

### 3 HOW DO YOU IMPLEMENT YOUR TRADE STRATEGY?

#### Ownership

**Q3.1 Who is responsible for overseeing and coordinating the implementation of your trade strategies including activities funded by ODA?**

- A national committee is responsible for coordination and implementation.
- The Trade Department has a coordinating role but implementation is overseen by each relevant department separately.
- The national aid agency has the main coordinating role but implementation is overseen by each relevant department separately.
- There is no central coordination department. Each relevant department is separately responsible for implementation.
- Other, please describe:

**If you have (or are in the process of establishing) a national committee, please describe its main functions, its membership (e.g. ministries, private sector), frequency of its meetings and to whom the committee reports. [Please describe and exemplify below.]**

**Q3.2 Do you engage in dialogue with the private sector and other key domestic stakeholders about the formulation and implementation of your trade strategy?**

- Nearly always
- Regularly
- Rarely
- Not sure/ NA

**If you do, please describe your main stakeholders and the focus and frequency of your dialogue. [Please describe and exemplify below.]**

***For Least-Developed Countries participating in the Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF):***

**Q3.3 Is your EIF focal point and committee responsible for overseeing and coordinating all your trade agenda?**

- Yes
- No
- Not sure/ NA

If no, please describe the different arrangements:

**Working with external partners: harmonisation and alignment**

**Q3.4 In your Aid for Trade programs, how often do donors co-ordinate and align through:**

	Regularly	Sometimes	Rarely or Never	Not Sure
Joint needs assessments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Co-financing	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sector-wide approaches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Monitoring and Evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other, please describe:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Monitoring and evaluation**

**Q3.5 Do you monitor or evaluate your donor supported trade-related programmes?**

Nearly always       Regularly       Rarely or Never       Not Sure

**If you monitor and evaluate your donor supported trade-related programmes, do you use:**

	Regularly	Sometimes	Rarely or Never	Not Sure
Donors' monitoring and evaluation results	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint monitoring and evaluation arrangements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Own monitoring and evaluation arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Own monitoring but joint/donor evaluation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If you use nearly always or frequently your own monitoring and/or evaluation arrangements, can you please provide examples of your methodology and results? [Please describe and exemplify below.]**

### Mutual Accountability

**Q3.6 Have you established mechanisms/procedures to discuss with the relevant donors the outcome and impact of your trade-related programmes?**

Yes  No  Not sure/ NA

**If yes, please can you describe and exemplify them?**

The Ministry of Finance conducts monthly portfolio review meetings with its development partners to review ALL aspects of programme implementation.

### Priorities for improvement

**Q3.7 What are your government's priorities to improve the implementation and effectiveness of the aid for trade it receives? Please rank the top three in order of importance.**

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| Greater say in the design of aid for trade interventions:                | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Stronger donor focus on capacity development:                            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Better predictability of aid for trade funding:                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| More extensive use of Budget Support (or Trade Sectoral Wide Approaches) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| More regular joint-donor implementation actions                          | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| More harmonised reporting requirements                                   | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| More frequent joint donor-partner implementation efforts                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| More systematic use of joint donor-partner monitoring and evaluation     | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Other, please describe:  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |

**Please, describe in detail the improvements needed in your top priority area**

With dwindling aid resources, there is the need to provide greater focus on the "Budget Support" means of delivery and implementation in order to achieve greater effectiveness of the aid for trade.

## Sharing Knowledge

**Q3.8** Please identify and rank three areas of interventions (see Question 1.2 for a list of examples) where aid for trade has been most effective at raising trade capacity in your country.  
*(Please explain your choice)*

Area 1 Economic Infrastructure: Farm - to - market roads, airports, fish-port complexes etc).

Area 2 Trade Facilitation: Strengthening of the revenue administration - internal revenue and customs administration etc.

Area 3 Trade Policy Analysis, Negotiation and Implementation:

**Q3.9** Are there any particular examples of your aid-for-trade processes, programmes or projects that have obtained good results that you think could contribute to the development of good practices?  
*[If so, please describe them below and attach any relevant documents.]*

1. Establishment of the Guyana Revenue Authority.

2. Establishment of the National Procurement and Tender Administration Board. A new Procurement Act and implementing regulations cover procurement at the national, ministerial, government agency and regional levels. Containing as it does mandatory open tendering and various provisions for transparency and accountability in procurement processes, the new Act represents a considerable improvement over the previous legislation.

- End of Section 3 -

**Please feel free to provide additional information on the implementation of your donor supported trade-related programmes and projects, i.e. aid for trade.**

Concerning Q 3.1, the Ministry of Trade has core responsibility/main coordinating role Guyana's external trade negotiations - preparation/negotiation/implementation, while the Ministry of Finance has the main coordinating responsibility for (ODA) Aid inflows (including Aid for trade-related activities).

## 4 ADDRESSING TRADE CAPACITY CONSTRAINTS AT THE REGIONAL LEVEL

**Q4.1** Do your trade strategies specifically address regional trade capacity challenges?

Yes

No

Not sure/ NA



**If YES, please describe them:**

Guyana, a member of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM), is also a mainland country in South America. As such, in the context of its economic infrastructure, Guyana has had to pursue trade strategies and physical integration projects that would enable it to expand trade and economic cooperation with its South American neighbours with which it shares borders, and at the same time fosters inter-regional trade and investments linkages.

**Q4.2 Do you participate in regional dialogues, programmes or activities aimed at promoting regional integration?**

Yes       No       Not sure/ NA

**If YES, can you tell us in how many of these you participate in and describe the most important ones to you? [Please describe below.]**

Guyana as a member of CARICOM is an active participant in the regional integration dialogue, including importantly the programmes of the Caricom Single Market and Economy (CSME). For example, Guyana with a strong agricultural base has Lead responsibility within CARICOM for Regional Agricultural Development.

**Q4.3 Do you know if these regional dialogues, programs, and/or institutions receive aid for trade?**

Yes, they do       No, they don't       I don't know/ NA

**If YES, are you an active participant in the regional dialogues, programs and/or institutions?**

Yes       No       Not sure/ NA

**Q4.4 Do you participate in or benefit from aid-for-trade programmes implemented at the regional level?**

Yes       No       Not sure/ NA

**If YES, please describe the main benefits. [Please describe and quantify whenever possible.]**

Technical cooperation; Trade Education/Training; Trade Negotiations etc.

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**Please feel free to provide any additional information concerning the regional dimension of your trade strategies:**

-- Thank you --