

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 and 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)

Trade Policy and Regulations	Trade Policy Analysis, Negotiation and Implementation	Economic Infrastructure	1 Network infrastructure (power, water, telecom)
	WTO Accession costs		Other transport
	Trade Facilitation		Cross-border Infrastructure
Building Productive Capacity	2 Competitiveness	Other	Adjustment costs
	Value Chains		3 Regional Integration
	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: Network Infrastructure Yes Being formulated No

If Yes or Being formulated, please describe There are sector specific strategic plans, with indicators and timelines. Main activities are also reflected in the Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy (EDPRS 2008-2012)

Priority 2: Competitiveness Yes Being formulated No

If Yes or Being formulated, please describe We have sector specific competitiveness strategies, for example, the Rwanda Industrial Master Plan, sector specific plans for horticulture, tea, coffee, among others. Main activities are also reflected in the Economic Development and Poverty Reduction Strategy (EDPRS 2008-2012)

Priority 3: Regional Integration 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:

The Government of Rwanda and its Development Partners have put in place a number of inter-linked forums for dialogue on aid coordination at different levels. These include:

1. Development Partners Coordination Group - this is the highest level coordination structure in Rwanda and it meets every two months. It also holds an annual two day retreat. It serves as a forum for dialogue in the coordination of development aid to Rwanda. It also fosters alignment and harmonization of Development Partner's Programs, projects and budget support with the priorities of the Government of Rwanda.

2. Budget Support Harmonization Group - this is a technical working group operating in the context of a Partnership Framework for Harmonization and Alignment of Budget Support. It discusses broad issues (of which trade is among the topics) relevant to the efficient and effective functioning of budget support programmes. Meetings are scheduled on a quarterly basis.

3. Private Sector Cluster - this is a technical working forum through which the Trade Ministry and stakeholders meet to discuss the implementation of the strategic plan and development

programmes in the field of private sector development. The Private sector cluster meets once a month and focuses on 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

2 HOW IS YOUR TRADE STRATEGY FINANCED?

Q2.1 Does the attached CRS¹ 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

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.]*

¹ 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).

We have:

1. The Private sector cluster which aims to coordinate donor activities in the field of private sector development. It is co- chaired by the Ministry and a donor agency (currently USAID) and consists of various donors, Private Sector Federation, and relevant Ministries and institutions. The Private Sector cluster usually meets once a month.

2. The National Development and Trade Policy Forum (NDTPF) which is a cross cutting committee consisting of stakeholders from various Ministries and public institutions, the private sector Federation, civil society and academia. The NDTPF's main function is to determine the optimal development and trade negotiations position for Rwanda. Another key function of the NDTPF is to ensure the mainstreaming of trade issues into the Economic Development and Poverty Reductions Strategy (EDPRS) and sectoral strategies. The NDTPF also doubles up as the National Steering Committee for the Integrated Framework (IF) which oversees the implementation of IF activities in Rwanda. Though the committee should be meeting once a month It does not have regular meetings.

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 checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Implementation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joint Monitoring and Evaluation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Own monitoring and evaluation arrangements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Own monitoring but joint/donor evaluation	<input checked="" 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.]

The Central Public Investments and External Finance Bureau (under the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning) monitors and evaluates donor supported projects through the use of a common template that is filled out by relevant institutions. Meetings are also held with relevant ministries and donors to assess progress.

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?

Through the Joint Budget Support Reviews (JBSR) and Common Performance Assessment Framework (CPAF) - which function as forums to discuss budget allocations and executions and sector performance.

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 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 checked="" 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

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 Transport Infrastructure

Area 2 Trade Facilitation

Area 3 Building productive capacities

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.]

- 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.

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:

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.]*

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.]*

Capacity building

- End of Section 4 -

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

-- Thank you --