

QUESTIONNAIRE FOR SOUTH-SOUTH COOPERATION

This questionnaire is intended to solicit information about the progress made since 2008 and focuses in particular on the outputs and outcomes of trade-related co-operation programmes.

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COUNTRY: INDIA

MINISTRY / AGENGY: Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry

TRADE RELATED COOPERATION POLICY

1. DID YOUR TRADE RELATED COOPERATION POLICIES CHANGE SINCE 2008?

YES

NO

1.1 If YES, what were the driving forces behind these changes?

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
The economic crisis	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changed development priorities in partner countries strategies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Changed priorities in strategies from regional bodies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change of national leadership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Change in development priorities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
New approaches, procedures and instruments	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More opportunities for triangular co-operation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify:

1.2 If YES, please elaborate on what these changes are:

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
New themes:					
• Greater focus on results	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Climate change and green growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Gender equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The geographic focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The regional dimension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Phasing out of the trade related cooperation policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<i>Please specify:</i>					

2. LOOKING AHEAD TO 2013, IS YOUR GOVERNMENT PLANNING A REVISION OF ITS APPROACH TO TRADE RELATED COOPERATION?

YES NO

2.1 If YES, please rate the changes your government is planning:

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT	NOT SURE
New themes:					
• Greater focus on results	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Climate change and green growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
• Gender equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The geographic focus	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The regional dimension	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Phasing out of the trade related cooperation policy	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify: Intensify Aid for Trade assistance.

RESOURCES

3. HAS DEMAND FROM PARTNER COUNTRIES FOR YOUR TRADE RELATED COOPERATION CHANGED SINCE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED INCREASED LITTLE/NO CHANGE DECLINED NOT SURE

3.1 If the demand increased, please describe from which countries and for the type of trade related support requested:

Demand has increased from African countries / LDCs on technical assistance and capacity building as well as under DFQF

4. HAS THE DEMAND FOR REGIONAL TRADE RELATED COOPERATION PROGRAMMES CHANGED SINCE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED INCREASED LITTLE/NO CHANGE DECLINED NOT SURE

4.1 If the demand increased, please describe the regions and type of trade-related support requested:

1. DFQF Programme: India is one of the first developing countries to implement DFQF for LDCs through DFTP Scheme, announced in April 2008 on the occasion of 1st India-Africa Forum Summit. The Scheme provides for a Duty Free List (85% of the total tariff lines at 6-digit HS) and a Positive List (9% tariff lines with limited tariff concessions ranging from 10% to 100%). The duty reduction process is envisaged in 5 equal cuts over 5 year of implementation period.

2. African LDCs: India has selected four LDCs, namely Zambia, Lesotho, Malawi and Ethiopia for focused training and other assistance. Based on the Diagnostic Trade Integration Study (DTIS) reports of these countries, prepared by the EIF, India intends to proceed for need assessment and project formulation in coordination with the governments of the selected countries. Whereas the Republic of Zambia has intimated their specific requirements for technical assistance and capacity building, similar responses from the remaining countries are awaited.

3. Support for C-4 countries: An Indian delegation visited the Cotton (C-4) countries of Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali as well as Nigeria and Uganda from May 2010 in order to

- assess their requirements in the areas of capacity building, technology transfer, research and development in cotton sector;
- share the expertise developed in Indian R & D;
- formulate an effective co-operation programme and to explore business and investment opportunities in these countries.

Following the visit, India is developing a Technical Assistance Program (TAP for these countries in cotton sector.

4. India has recently joined Regional Technical Group on Aid for Trade for Asia Pacific region.

5. HAS THE VOLUME OF YOUR TRADE RELATED COOPERATION PROGRAMMES CHANGED SINCE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED <input type="checkbox"/>	INCREASED <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	LITTLE/NO CHANGE <input type="checkbox"/>	DECLINED <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT SURE <input type="checkbox"/>
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5.1 If the volume increased, please describe the regions and type of the additional trade related cooperation provided:

As mentioned in 4.1.

In addition, India has regularly conducted special courses under ITEC (Indian Technical & Economic Cooperation) Programme for developing countries, LDCs on trade issues, including for countries which are at various stages of accession to the WTO. For example, one such course for CIS countries, Laos and Yemen was conducted in March 2009. A special course on 'Capacity Building Programme for Policy Makers and Negotiators' for senior and middle level government officials of Ministries of Trade and Commerce was organized in Nov 2010. A special course on 'Training Programme to familiarize on the pitfalls and rewards of WTO' for 13 WTO acceding countries is being organized in March 2011. A two week training programme for developing countries and LDCs on trade related matters is also scheduled in March 2011.

6. DO YOU HAVE INDICATIVE FORWARD LOOKING COOPERATION PLANS?

YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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6.1. If YES, do these plans contain a specific share devoted to trade related cooperation?

YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>
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6.2 If YES, please specify:

The Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme is the most important means of channelizing India's technical assistance to 159 partner countries. Main component of ITEC comprises civilian training programme for capacity building covering very wide range of subjects. Every year, around 5500 participants attend 238 courses in 46 select institutions, which are centres of excellence in their respective fields.

India conducts ITEC training courses for capacity building inter- alia on Organizational Entrepreneurship, Entrepreneurship and Small Business Promotion, Business Development Service Providers for Micro Enterprise and Micro Finance, Industrial and Infrastructure Project Preparation and Appraisal & Business Research Methods, Small Business Planning and Promotion, Business Advisors' Training, Intellectual Property Rights and Implications for SMEs etc., which are relevant to and have a bearing on trade.

India's bilateral South-South cooperation efforts are supplemented and complemented by regional cooperation efforts, notably in the SAARC/SAFTA framework, and also increasingly in proactive engagement in various regional and multi-regional cooperation groupings and fora.

India supports innovative measures for technical cooperation / assistance such as "triangular cooperation" arrangements under which Indian institutions provide training to candidates from developing countries with fund being made available by developed / donor countries / institutions.

In addition, India deposes experts in various fields to ITEC/partner countries. India also facilitates visits of nationals of developing countries.

As a part of India's continued commitment to South-South cooperation, India intends to further deepen and diversify cooperation activities in the coming years. The ITEC programme for capacity building continues to expand in reach / scope, numbers, activities, budgetary allocations etc. India plans not only to continue upgrade the Programme / Courses for technical assistance/ cooperation (including introducing new and innovative approaches like triangular cooperation), but also to intensify South-South cooperation.

DELIVERY

7. HAS THERE BEEN PROGRESS IN STRENGTHENING DIALOGUE MECHANISMS BETWEEN YOU AND PARTNER COUNTRIES?

SIGNIFICANTLY MODERATELY HARDLY NO NOT SURE

7.1 If YES, please describe and exemplify: Please see reply to 4.1

7.2 Is the local private sector in partner countries involved in these dialogues?

ALWAYS SOMETIMES RARELY/NEVER NOT SURE

7.3 Please elaborate on your experiences with the private sector in south-south cooperation:

Interactions are regularly held with industry and trade associations as and when the need arises.

To increase visibility of India's DFTP (Duty Free Tariff Preference) Scheme, trade organizations like FICCI and CII were associated for its wide publicity in all trade shows in India and abroad.

8. HAS MONITORING OF YOUR TRADE RELATED COOPERATION PROGRAMMES IMPROVED SINCE 2008?

SIGNIFICANTLY <input type="checkbox"/>	MOOERATELY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	HARDLY <input type="checkbox"/>	NO <input type="checkbox"/>	NOT SURE <input type="checkbox"/>
8.1 If there have been improvements, do you:				
	ALWAYS	SOMETIMES	RARELY OR NEVER	NOT SURE
Use own monitoring arrangements	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Involve partner countries	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Use joint monitoring arrangements	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8.2 Please elaborate on your experiences with monitoring:				
<i>Feedback on ITEC training courses from stakeholders / participants attending such courses in India, the concerned Institutions, Indian Mission abroad, ITEC alumni group etc. has led to further improve / upgrade courses.</i>				

IS TRADE-RELATED COOPERATION WORKING?

9. WITHIN YOUR TRADE RELATED COOPERATION ACTIVITIES, DO YOU DEFINE WHAT CONSTITUTES SUCCESS, EITHER AT THE LEVEL OF THE POLICY ITSELF OR AT THE LEVEL OF THE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES?

YES

NO

NOT SURE

9.1 If YES, how do you define success of your trade related cooperation?

	MOST IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Enhanced understanding of the role of trade in economic development	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased profile of trade in development strategies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
More activities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased exports	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased trade	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Increased economic growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduced poverty	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater environmental sustainability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Greater gender equality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please define:

9.2 Please illustrate with examples of both successful and unsuccessful trade related cooperation activities:

Please see reply to 4.1

Some LDCs have demanded larger product coverage in India's DFTP Scheme, but trade data shows that LDCs are not even exporting the products that are presently covered by the scheme. DFTP Scheme is kept under review based on feedback received from LDCs and studies to determine if coverage needs to expand, and Rules of Origin need to be modified etc.

10. HOW DEPENDENT IS THE SUCCESS OF YOUR TRADE-RELATED COOPERATION PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS ON COMPLEMENTARY POLICIES IN PARTNER COUNTRIES?

VERY IMPORTANT PARTLY IMPORTANT NOT IMPORTANT NOT SURE

10.1 if important, how do you rate the importance of the following complementary policies in partner countries for the success of your trade related cooperation activities?

	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Fiscal policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Monetary policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Labour market policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Competition policies	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Regulatory environment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Governance	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

11. HAS YOUR GOVERNMENT UNDERTAKEN AN EVALUATION OF ITS TRADE RELATED COOPERATION PROGRAMMES OR PROJECTS?

YES NO NOT SURE

11.1 If NO, is your government planning an evaluation of its trade related cooperation programmes and projects?

YES NO NOT SURE

11.2 If YES, for when is the evaluation planned ?

2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015

12. PLEASE INDICATE THE MAIN CHALLENGES YOUR GOVERNMENT FACED IN EVALUATING ITS TRADE RELATED COOPERATION PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS

	VERY IMPORTANT	IMPORTANT	LESS IMPORTANT	NOT IMPORTANT
Difficulties in setting quantifiable objectives	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulties in establishing a baseline	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Difficulty in obtaining in-country data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Absence of suitable indicators	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Budgetary constraints	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ability of in-country staff to collect and report data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ability of partners to collect and report data	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Others	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please specify:

13. HOW DOES YOUR GOVERNMENT ASSESS THE USEFULNESS OF MONITORING THE AID-FOR-TRADE INITIATIVE AT THE GLOBAL LEVEL?			
POSITIVE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	NEUTRAL <input type="checkbox"/>	NEGATIVE <input type="checkbox"/>	DON'T KNOW <input type="checkbox"/>
13.1 What do you see as the Initiative's major challenges or areas for improvements? <i>Major challenge: Identify of appropriate Projects.</i>			