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Q2: Does your regional development or corridor development strategy include trade priorities ? (i.e. Aid-for-Trade priorities)

Yes

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Q3: If yes, please indicate your regional/corridor Aid-for-Trade priorities :Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. Please rank the top 5 priority areas among the 14 listed.(1 being the most important)

Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation 5

Trade facilitation 4

International competitiveness 2

Regional integration 1

Services development 3

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Q4: Have your region's or corridor's Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2014?

No

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Q5: If yes, what are the top 3 drivers of these changes? (Please choose no more than 3 options)	Respondent skipped this question	
Q6: Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?	Respondent skipped this question	
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Q7: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda?	Yes	
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Q8: If yes, please specify which Sustainable	1. No poverty, 2. Zero hunger, 5. Gender equality,	
Development Goals (SDGs) you think that Aid for Trade may help to achieve?Sustainable Development Goals:	8. Decent work and economic growth,	
	10. Reduce inequalities	
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Q9: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?	Yes	
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Q10: Have you participated in any evaluation process that has been undertaken on the Aid-for-Trade support that you receive?	Respondent skipped this question	
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Q11: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your regional or corridor development policy? (You many tick more than 1 box)	Yes, with a broader conception of trade facilitation (e.g. trade and transport facilitation)	
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Q12: If yes, in which policy document(s) can trade facilitation be found as a priority?(You may tick more than 1 box).

Regional development strategy,

Additional information on how trade facilitation can be find as a priority in your policy document(s). Please include a weblink.

Trade Facilitation elements are captured in the CARICOM Harmonised Customs Legislation and Regulations. CARICOM is presently developing a Regional policy on Trade Facilitation in response to the WTO Trade Facilitation Agreement.

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Q13: If no or unsure, do you expect to include trade facilitation as a priority in future regional or corridor planning document(s) ?(You may tick more than one box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q14: If yes, in which regional planning document, do you expect to include trade facilitation as a priority in future regional or corridor planning document(s)(You may tick more than one box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q15: Are you seeking Aid-for-Trade support to implement disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement at regional or corridor level?

Yes

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Q16: If yes, please specify which measures you are looking to implement at regional or corridor level.(You may tick more that 1 box)

Art 1: Publication and Availability of Information,

Art 6: Disciplines on Fees and Charges Imposed on or in Connection with Importation and Exportation and Penalties

,

Art 7: Release and Clearance of Goods,

Art 8: Border Agency Cooperation,

Art 10: Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit

,

Art 11: Freedom of Transit,

Art 12: Customs Cooperation,

Additional information on which measures you are looking to implement at regional or corridor level, particularly with respect to specific measures within TFA articles (e.g. single window, authorized operator, etc.).

(a) The transparency provisions (specifically, the TFA provisions on publication; information available through internet; enquiry points; and publication aspects of TFA provisions on establishment and publication of average release times, general disciplines on fees and charges for customs processing imposed on or in connection with importation and exportation, and freedom of transit); (b) Risk management; (c) Post-clearance audit; (d) Single Window; and (e) Test procedures.

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Q17: Are you engaged in a dialogue with development partners on regional or corridor actions to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement or to undertake broader trade facilitation actions (e.g. trade and transport facilitation)?

Yes, Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation

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Q18: If yes, please specify with which development partner(s) you are discussing Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation.

Spain, EU Institutions, World Bank Group,
World Customs Organization

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Q19: If no, what difficulties, if any, are you facing in securing Aid-for-Trade support to help implement regional or actions to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q20: Is there an Aid-for-Trade facilitation project or programme that you wish to showcase as an example of best practice?

No

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Q21: Do your have (a) regional or corridor strategy(ies) for e-commerce or other digital-related regional or corridor strategy(ies)?

Yes

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Q22: If yes, please indicate which of the following: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development

E-government.

Please provide a weblink to the relevant regional or corridor e-commerce or other digital-related strategy(ies).

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Q23: If yes, does this regional or corridor strategy include measures to help micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) establish online presence?

No

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Q24: If no, do you plan to develop or update your regional or corridor development strategy to include e-commerce priorities?

Respondent skipped this question

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Q25: Do you have any mechanism(s) to coordinate your regional or corridor e-commerce (or other digital) strategy?

Regional coordination mechanism of ministries responsible for Information Communication Technology

Q26: Does your regional strategy for e-commerce cover issues related to trade in services and/or goods through e-commerce?

No

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Q27: If yes, please indicate which issues are covered in your regional or corridor strategy:(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q28: For EXPORTS, what challenges do micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) in your region face in relation to cross border e-commerce transactions? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this auestion

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Q29: For IMPORTS, what challenges do micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) in your region or corridor face in relation to cross border e-commerce transactions? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Warehousing, storage and packaging difficulties,

Problems with on-line payment systems,

Difficulties accessing third party payment services,

Costs of delivery for small parcel trade,

Banking restrictions on foreign exchange transfer

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Q30: Please estimate the percentage of goods and services imported and exported by the region through e-commerce/digital channels and the growth of imports and exports through e-commerce/digital channels over the past 3 years.

Percentage of goods exported through e commerce No data available

Percentage of services exported through e commerce No data available

Percentage of goods traded expedited shipments

No capacity to estimate

Growth of imports through e commerce channels in the No capacity to estimate

past 3 years

Growth of export through e commerce channels in the past

3 years

Growth of expedited shipments

No capacity to estimate

No capacity to estimate

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Q31: For EXPORTS, what challenges does the on-line purchase of merchandise goods through e-commerce present for customs and other border management authorities in your region? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Unsure

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Q32: For IMPORTS, what challenges does the on-line purchase of merchandise goods through e-commerce present for customs and other border management authorities in your region or corridor? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Dealing with returned goods,

Difficulties applying Sanitary and Phytosanitary measures

,

Difficulties in applying customs risk management techniques

,

Additional information on what import challenges the on-line purchase of merchandise goods through e-commerce present for customs and other border management authorities in your region or corridor. Commercial fraud due to under valuation of imported goods.

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Q33: Please indicate the main issues that enterprises and consumers in your region or corridor have in accessing internet services.(You may tick more than 1 box)

Access to labour with necessary technical skills,

Access to international payment gateways,

Consumer rights, Cost of broadband subscription,

Cost of mobile phone subscription,

Credit card payments, Cybercrime laws,

Data protection, E-signatures,

Intellectual property registration and policies addressing IP infringement

,

Postal systems,

Private data protection (including safe harbouring of data)

,

Slow internet connection speeds

Q34: Can electronic payments be made across borders within your region or corridor?

Yes

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Q35: If yes, please indicate how electronic payments can be made across borders within your region or corridor. (You may tick more than 1 box)	E-banking payments can be made across borders within the region or corridor, Mobile money payments can be made across borders within the region or corridor, E-government transactions payments can be made across borders within the region or corridor,
	Credit or debit card transactions can be made across borders within the region or corridor
Q36: Please estimate the percentage of transactions paid electronically in your region (through e-banking, mobile money or e-government):	0-10%
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Q37: If no, please outline what is holding back ebanking, mobile money and e-government transactions. (You may tick more than 1 box)	Respondent skipped this question
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Q38: Can consumers use mobile phones for remittances and fund transfers across borders in your region or corridor?	No
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Q39: Are Information and Communication Technology programmes available to support students, workers and Micro Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs)?	Yes, Additional information on Information and Communication Technology programmes available to support students, workers and Micro-Small and Medium Sized Enterprises (MSMEs). Most articulated in national programmes.
Q40: Is there an Aid-for-E-commerce project or programme that you wish to showcase as an example of best practice?	Unsure
Q41: Do you anticipate a need for future assistance in order to help your region or corridor meet its ecommerce strategic objectives?	Yes

Q42: If yes, please indicate who you would like to work with to provide this support : (You may tick more than 1 box)

Bilateral donors, Multilateral and regional donors,

South-South partners,

Corporate foundations/corporate social responsibility schemes

,

Private sector,

Additional information on who you would like to work with to provide future assistance to meet your e-commerce strategic objectives.

Civil society groups.

Q43: In your view, can growth in e-commerce make a contribution to women's economic empowerment?

Yes

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Q44: Does your regional or corridor development strategy include trade-related infrastructure development priorities?

Unsure

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Q45: If yes, please indicate which trade-related infrastructure sectors feature as priority sectors in your regional or corridor development strategy.(You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q46: Does your regional or corridor development strategy link trade-related infrastructure to the development of related services sectors?

Unsure

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Q47: If yes, please indicate which services trade sectors feature as priority sectors in your regional or corridor development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q48: Does your regional development strategy (or other regional economic policy documents) link growth in services capacity and trade to growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing exports?

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Q49: If yes, please specify which services sectors are identified for growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing. (You may tick more than 1 box)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, Legal services,

Architectural services, Engineering services,

Medical and dental services,

Veterinary services,

COMMUNICATION SERVICES, Postal services,

Telecommunication services,

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES.

Primary education services,

Secondary education services,

Higher education services,

FINANCIAL SERVICES,

Insurance and insurance-related services,

Banking and other financial services (excluding insurance)

,

HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES,

Hospital services, Other human health services,

Tele medicine, Social services,

TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES,

Hotels and restaurants (including catering),

Travel agencies and tour operators services,

Tourist guides services,

RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audio visual services)

,

Additional information about services sectors identified as important for growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing.

CARICOM is currently finalising a Regional Strategic Plan for Financial Services, ICT, Health and Wellness, Professional Education, Sporting and Tourism Services. These are to be linked to each other and with the Agriculture and Manufacturing Sector

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Q50: Which services sectors are growing fastest in your region or corridor?(You may tick more than 1 box)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES,

Courier and express delivery services,

Telecommunication services,

CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES

,

HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES,

RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audio visual services)

Q51: What are the main issues constraining growth in regional or corridor services trade? Issues constraining growth: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Funding constraints of national professional bodies,

Limited access to export markets,

Low levels of domestic investment,

Poor information and communication technology network infrastructure

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Q52: Which services sectors do you expect will support implementation the Trade Facilitation Agreement and will help realize associated economic benefits of TFA implementation? (You may tick more than 1 box)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, Legal services,

COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g., services related to installation of computer hardware, data processing and database services)

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES,

COMMUNICATION SERVICES, Postal services,

Courier and express delivery services,

Telecommunication services,

Higher education services,

Adult education services, FINANCIAL SERVICES,

TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

Maritime transport services

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Q53: Are development partners providing support for the development of regional services capacity and trade as part of their trade-related infrastructure support?

Yes

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Q54: If yes, is there a project or programme that you wish to highlight as an example of best practice?

Yes.

If yes, please provide further details and a link to the project website or other documentation: EU-CARIFORUM Services Project under the 10th EDF

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Q55: Does your regional or corridor development strategy include actions to improve the investment climate?

Yes

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Q56: If yes, please specify how: (You may tick more than 1 box)

By establishing a regional investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency

By reducing risk for investors,

By reforming an existing regional investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency

By training officials,

By updating regional investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

Additional information about actions to improve the investment climate foreseen in your regional or corridor development strategy.

The region has a Caribbean Investment Promotion Agency (CAIPA)

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Q57: What actions have you taken to improve the investment climate in the past 5 years? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Embedding investment policy in overall regional development strategy

:

Establishing a regional investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency

Facilitating entry and operations of foreign investors,

Focusing on investment policy implementation and enforcement

,

Focusing on public governance and institutions,

Reforming an existing investment authority, investment promotion agency (IPA) and/or investment development agency

Reviewing tax policy,

Signing a regional investment treaty(ies) or other investment agreements

,

Signing investment agreements focused on investment promotion and facilitation

;

Signing investment agreements focusing on investor/investment treatment and protection

Training officials,

Updating regional investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

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Q58: Are development partners supporting regional or corridor investment climate reforms?

Yes

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Q59: If yes, is there a project or programme that you wish to highlight as an example of best practice?

Yes.

Additional information and a weblink to the project website or other documentation.

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Q60: Does the regional or corridor development strategy seek to attract investment in particular service sectors?

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Q61: If yes, please identify the sectors for which the regional or corridor development strategy seeks to attract investment.(You may tick more than 1 box)

TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audio visual services)

TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES,
HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES,
FINANCIAL SERVICES,
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,

COMMUNICATION SERVICES, PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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Q62: Can the development of services capacity and trade contribute to women's economic empowerment?

Yes

Yes

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Q63: If yes, please specify which service sectors in your region or corridor may have particular impact on women's economic empowerment? Services sectors: (You may tick more than 1 box)

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES, Legal services,

Accounting, auditing and bookeeping services,

Architectural services, Engineering services,

Medical and dental services.

Veterinary services,

COMMUNICATION SERVICES.

Telecommunication services,

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,

FINANCIAL SERVICES,

HEALTH RELATED AND SOCIAL SERVICES,

TOURISM AND TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES,

RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL AND SPORTING SERVICES (other than audio visual services)

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Q64: In your view, can services trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda?

Yes

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Q65: If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you think that growth in services trade may help. Sustainable Development Goals: (You may tick more than 1 box)

- 1. No poverty, 2. Zero hunger,
- 3. Good health and well-being, 4. Quality education,
- 5. Gender equality, 7. Affordable and clean energy,
- 8. Decent work and economic growth,
- 9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure,
- 10. Reduce inequalities,
- 11. Sustainable cities and communities,
- 12. Responsible consumption and production,
- 13. Climate action, 17. Partnership for the goals

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Q66: CONSULTATION (Other departments or organisations consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply):

External Economic and Trade Relations; Information and Communication Technology for Development; Customs and Trade Policy; Services Programme.