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Q1: Country or customs territory

INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION

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Q3: Do you have an Aid-for-Trade Strategy?

Yes

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Q4: If no, please indicate if your development policy includes trade priorities.

Respondent skipped this question

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Q5: Below are listed the most common priority areas grouped according to broad Aid-for-Trade categories. If yes, please rank the top 5 priorities areas among the items listed.(1 being the most important)

Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	2
Trade facilitation	1
International competitiveness	5
Export diversification	4

Additional information : please specify further the priorities that you selected above as well as the main problems/obstacles encountered in furthering them and provide a weblink to the relevant strategy.

Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation, Trade Facilitation, Network infrastructure, International competitiveness, Connecting to value chains studies on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade. Connecting to value chains plus Trade Facilitation: CEFACT. Connecting to value chains plus International competitiveness: Steering committee.

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Q6: Has your Aid-for-Trade strategy changed since 2014? No

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Q7: If yes, what are the top 3 drivers of these changes? (Please choose no more than 3 options) *Respondent skipped this question*

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Q8: How has your Aid-for-Trade spending changed since 2014?

More than 10% increase,
 Additional information on changes to your Aid-for-Trade spending since 2014.
 UNECE is helping: Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan integrate agro-industries into international supply chains ; Serbia and UNIMK Kosovo to improve the export competitiveness of the meat industry ; Kenya analyze food waste caused by export-oriented production; and, Brazil to strengthen market surveillance and inspection systems for fresh produce. Moreover, Western Balkans, Central Asia, South Asia and South East Asia have requested UNECE assistance in improving the planning, management and regulation of cross border agricultural food supply chains. The period since 2014 has seen increased demand for UNECE Studies on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade (UNECE has received requests from Albania, Kyrgyzstan, and the Republic of Moldova) and for training in the area of regulatory cooperation

Q9: How do you expect your Aid-for-Trade spending to change in the next 5 years?

More than 10% increase,
 Additional information on how you expect your Aid-for-Trade spending to change in the next 5 years.
 More demand and intensification of activities listed under Question 6.

Q10: Looking ahead, what changes do you expect to your Aid-for-Trade strategy in the next 5 years?

Alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals ,
 More focus on climate change and green growth ,
 More focus on poverty reduction ,
 More focus on private sector development,
 More focus on regional integration

Q11: Are you engaging with the private sector in the design, delivery and monitoring of your Aid-for-Trade programmes?

Yes

Q12: If yes, how are you engaging with the private sector:

Project or programme identification,
 Project or programme implementation,
 Project or programme evaluation,
 Private sector associations in partner countries,
 Individual companies,
 Additional information on how you are engaging with the private sector in the design, delivery and monitoring of your Aid-for-Trade programmes. Private sector representatives form part of the advisory committees/working groups that are established at the early stages of the assessment studies on regulatory and procedural barriers to trade to act as the UNECE counterpart. The views of private sector are also solicited through actor oriented questionnaires targeting traders, transport operators and representatives of business associations.

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Q13: In your view, can Aid for Trade make a contribution to the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda ?

Yes

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Q14: If yes, please specify which Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) you think that Aid for Trade may help to achieve? Sustainable Development Goals:

- 1. No poverty ,
- 8. Decent work and economic growth ,
- 9. Industry, innovation and infrastructure ,
- 12. Responsible consumption and production ,
- 17. Partnership for the goals,

Additional information on how Aid-for-Trade can contribute to the achievement of the SDGs. The above relates to work undertaken under UNECE trade sub-programme.

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Q15: Are you integrating women's economic empowerment into your Aid-for-Trade programmes?

Yes,

Additional information on how women's economic empowerment is being integrated into your Aid-for-Trade programmes? (e.g. indicating how these programmes are attempting to impact women and marginalized groups)

The Facilitation Methodology informing the studies on regulatory procedural barriers to trade has been extended to allow for capturing the interplay between for NTBS and female owned enterprises, farmers ability to achieve sustainable livelihoods. Priority is also given to ensuring women's participation in WP.3, WP.6, and CEFACT events and Standards Setting work.

Q16: Have you undertaken an evaluation of your Aid-for-Trade support?

No,

Additional information on the evaluation of your Aid-for-Trade support. (Please include information on the review's finding and/or a weblink to the evaluation document)

Evaluation is undertaken on a project basis. The next round of evaluation is scheduled for 2017-2018

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Q17: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your Aid-for-Trade programming? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Yes, Aid-for-Trade strategy with a broader conception of trade facilitation (e.g. trade and transport facilitation)

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Additional information on how trade facilitation is reflected as a priority in your Aid-for-Trade programming.

Discussions under the Steering Committee are informed by the Studies and work undertaken by WP.7, WP.6 and CEFACT. All of which approach Trade Facilitation from a Broad Perspective that addresses behind and the border Trade Facilitation dynamics.

Q18: Are you providing Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Yes, direct national programming/project support,

Additional information on Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement.

Studies are used by Member States to guide activities associated with meeting their commitments under the agreement. Some Member States also use the Studies to inform their Categorization. CEFACT recommendations are used by Member States to implement their commitments.

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Q19: If yes, how are you programming Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation support?(You may tick more than 1 box)

As part of on-going programmes offering national support for Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation

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As part of on-going programmes offering regional support for Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation

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Additional information on how you are programming Trade Facilitation Agreement implementation support.

The majority of the areas covered under the agreement have been out the core of UNECE trade sub-progeamme, since its inception in 28 March 1947.

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Q20: In which regions are you providing Aid-for-Trade support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?(You may tick more than one box)

North Africa and the Middle East ,

Eastern Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States

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Q21: For implementation of which disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement are you providing Aid-for-Trade support?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Art 1: Publication and Availability of Information ,

Art 5: Other measures to Enhance Impartiality, Non discrimination and Transparency

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Art 7: Release and Clearance of Goods ,

Art 8: Border Agency Cooperation ,

Art 10: Formalities Connected with Importation, Exportation and Transit

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Art 12: Customs Cooperation

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Q22: What difficulties, if any, are you facing in programming and providing support to partner countries or regional economic communities to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Accessing the necessary expertise ,

Problems accessing external funds ,

Problems to quantify TFA implementation needs

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Q23: Are you working with the private sector to support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement? Yes

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Q24: If yes, how are you engaging with the private sector:(You may tick more than 1 box) Project or programme identification,
Project or programme implementation

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Q25: Does e-commerce (or other digital strategy) feature among the priorities in your national development policy? Yes

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Q26: If yes, please indicate which of the following is included: (You may tick more than 1 box) E-government,
Additional information to elaborate on how e-commerce (or other digital strategy) features in your national development strategy.
UNECE is actively involved helping countries to implement UN/CEFACT Recommendations on Single Window and data harmonization.

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Q27: Do you have any special policy initiatives that cover the area of e-commerce (or other digital strategy)? Yes,
Additional information on any special policy initiatives that cover the area of e-commerce (or other digital strategy) and add a weblink to the special policy initiative.
See answer provided under Question 24.

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Q28: Does e-commerce feature in your in-country dialogues with partner countries? Yes

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Q29: If yes, please indicate which of the following is included: (You may tick more than 1 box)

Information and Communication Technology (ICT) development

,

E-government,

Additional information on how e-commerce features in your in-country dialogues.

See answer provided under Question 26.

Q30: If yes, please indicate how demand from partner countries for e-commerce support has grown in the past 5 years:

Significant growth in demand for support

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Q31: Does e-commerce feature in your dialogues with regional partners e.g. regional economic communities or transport corridors?

Yes

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Q32: If yes, please indicate which of the following : (You may tick more than 1 box)

Broadband development,

Additional information on how e-commerce features in your dialogues with regional partners e.g. regional economic corridors or transport corridors.

See answers provided under Question 24.

Q33: If yes, please indicate how demand from regional partners for e-commerce support has grown in the past 5 years:

No growth in demand for support

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Q34: What types of support are you offering for e-commerce development?(You may tick more than 1 box)

E-commerce regulatory policy support,

E-commerce training for business associations,

Support for E-government strategies,

Support for regulatory frameworks for E-government,

Additional information on the types of support you are offering for e-commerce development.

See answer provided in Question 24.

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Q35: Are you working with the private sector to support growth in e-commerce in partner countries and regions?

Yes

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Q36: Based on your experience of e-commerce support programmes, please indicate the main issues that firms and consumers in your partner countries face in accessing and using internet services?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Access to labour with necessary technical skills ,
Business outsourcing services ,
Cost of broadband subscription ,
Credit card payments, Cybercrime laws,
Data protection, E-signatures,
Problems registering as vendors on online e-commerce platforms
,
Slow internet connection speeds,
No experience of e-commerce support programmes

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Q37: What are the most common trade issues that you encounter in your e-commerce support programmes? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Absence of E-certification capacity or non-acceptance of E-certification
,

Absence of, or difficulties in, using electronic single window for customs or border clearance
,

Banking restrictions on foreign exchange transfer ,

Determination of import taxes ,

High costs of small parcel shipment ,

High shipping costs ,

Issuance and acceptance of conformity assessment certificates
,

Issuance and acceptance of export certificates ,

Issuance and acceptance of sanitary and phytosanitary certificates
,

Lack of transparency in customs and other border procedures
,

Non-acceptance of certification of rules of origin ,

Problems with determination and payment of customs duties or other duties
,

Problems with on-line payment systems ,

Warehousing, storage and packaging difficulties

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Q38: Do you anticipate a growth in future demand from partner countries and regional partners in the area of e-commerce?

Yes

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Q39: If yes, please elaborate:

Fastest growing area of demand at a thematic level ,

Additional information on how you anticipate growth in future demand from partner countries and regional partners in the area of e-commerce.
Single Window facilities.

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Q40: In your view, can growth in e-commerce in partner countries and regions make a contribution to women's economic empowerment? Unsure

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Q41: Does your development policy or Aid-for-Trade strategy include trade-related infrastructure development priorities? Yes

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Q42: Do you have any special policy initiatives that cover the area of infrastructure or trade-related infrastructure specifically? Yes

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Q43: Does trade-related infrastructure feature in your in-country dialogues with partner countries? Yes

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Q44: If yes, please indicate which of the following : (You may tick more than 1 box) TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE,
COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE,
Additional information on how trade-related infrastructure features in your in-country dialogues with partner countries.
The above areas are covered under the studies on Regulatory Procedural Barriers to Trade.

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Q45: Does trade-related infrastructure feature in your dialogues with regional partners (e.g. regional economic communities or transport corridors)? Yes

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Q46: If yes, please indicate which of the following services trade sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy :(You may tick more than 1 box)

TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE,
COMMUNICATION INFRASTRUCTURE

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Q47: Do your programmes link trade-related infrastructure to the development of related services sectors?

Yes

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Q48: If yes, please specify which services sectors feature as priority sectors in your national development strategy. (You may tick more than 1 box)

Veterinary services,
COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g., services related to installation of computer hardware, data processing and database services)
,
RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES,
Market research and public opinion polling services ,
Technical testing and analysis services ,
Services incidental to manufacturing services ,
FINANCIAL SERVICES,
TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

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Q49: Which service sectors do you expect will support implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement and will help realize associated economic benefits in partner countries? (You may tick more than 1 box)

- Legal services,
- Accounting, auditing and book keeping services,
- Veterinary services,
- COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g., services related to installation of computer hardware, data processing and database services)
- ,
- RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES,
- OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES,
- CONSTRUCTION AND RELATED ENGINEERING SERVICES
- ,
- DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and retail trade services)
- ,
- EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,
- FINANCIAL SERVICES,
- TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

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Q50: Do your development programmes link growth in services capacity and services trade to growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing exports? Yes

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Q51: If yes, please specify which services sectors are identified for growth in industrial capacity and manufacturing. (You may tick more than 1 box)

Legal services,
 COMPUTER AND RELATED SERVICES (e.g., services related to installation of computer hardware, data processing and database services)
 ,
 RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES,
 OTHER BUSINESS SERVICES,
 DISTRIBUTION SERVICES (including wholesale and retail trade services)
 ,
 EDUCATIONAL SERVICES,
 FINANCIAL SERVICES,
 TRANSPORT SERVICES (passenger and freight transportation)

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Q52: What are the main issues constraining growth in national services capacity and trade in your partner countries? Issues constraining growth : (You may tick more than 1 box)

Absence of national services policy framework ,
 Access to finance,
 Competition from suppliers in informal sector,
 Costs of services offered,
 Education and vocational training,
 Foreign ownership restrictions,
 Funding constraints of national professional bodies ,
 Low levels of domestic investment ,
 Low levels of foreign direct investment ,
 National monopolies,
 Poor information and communication technology network infrastructure
 ,
 Poor transport infrastructure (maritime, inland waterway, air, rail, road)
 ,
 Qualification requirements, Regulatory restrictions

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Q53: Does your Aid-for-Trade programming include actions to improve the investment climate in partner countries?

Yes

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Q54: If yes, please specify how: (You may tick more than 1 box)

By providing assistance to update investment policy, regulations and/or strategy

,

By training officials,

Additional information on actions to improve investment climate in partner countries.

Public Private Partnerships

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Q55: What Aid-for-Trade actions have you taken to support national or regional initiatives to improve the investment climate in partner countries during the past 5 years? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Focusing on investment policy implementation and enforcement

,

Other (please specify),

Additional information on Aid-for-Trade actions to support national or regional initiatives to improve investment climate reforms in partner countries in the past 5 years.

Public Private Partnership

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Q56: Are you providing specific assistance and capacity building to help LDCs utilize services waiver opportunities?

No

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Q57: If yes, what kind of support are you providing? (You may tick more than 1 box)

Respondent skipped this question

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Q58: In your view, can the development of services trade contribute to women's economic empowerment?

Yes

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Q59: If yes, please specify in which services sectors?
Services sectors:(You may tick more than 1 box)

BUSINESS SERVICES AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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COMMUNICATION SERVICES,

EDUCATION SERVICES, FINANCIAL SERVICES,

HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES

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Q60: CONSULTATION Please list other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply.

Not relevant. The respondent is a UN agency (UNECE).
