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<b>Q1: COUNTRY</b>	COMOROS
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<b>Q4: Do you have Aid-for-Trade priorities?</b>	Yes
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**Q5: Please indicate your 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 12 listed .(1 being the most important)

WTO accession	1
Trade facilitation	3
Network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications)	4
Competitiveness	2
Adjustment costs	5

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**Q6: Additional information.**

Regional integration / adjustment of transport infrastructure costs

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**Q7: Have your Aid-for-Trade priorities changed since 2012?** Yes

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**Q8: What are the top 3 drivers of these changes? (Please choose no more than 3 options)** New development priorities,  
Regional integration, Competitiveness objectives

**Q9: Additional information.** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q10: Have these changes been reflected in your national development strategy?** Yes

**Q11: Have these changes been reflected in your dialogue with development partners?** Yes

**Q12: Is trade facilitation reflected as a priority in your national or regional development policy?** Yes

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**Q13: In which existing policy document(s) can trade facilitation be found as a priority? (You may tick more than one box)** National trade strategy,  
National sectoral strategy(ies),  
Regional trade agreement,  
Other (please specify) EDIC update in 2015

**Q14: Additional information.** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q15: Is trade facilitation included in new draft policy documents currently being updated and formulated?** Yes

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**Q16: Please indicate in which new draft policy documents, currently being updated or formulated, trade facilitation is included:** National sectoral strategy(ies),  
National infrastructure development strategy,  
Regional development strategy

**Q17: Additional information.** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q18: How important are trade costs for the competitiveness of your exports?** Very important

**Q19: Additional information.** *Respondent skipped this question*

**Q20: Do your national policies address the issue of trade costs for exports?** Yes

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**Q21: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for exports ?** National development strategy,  
National trade strategy,  
Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)

**Q22: Additional information.** *Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q23: How important are trade costs for access to imports?** Very important

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Q24: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q25: Do national policies address the issue of trade costs for imports? Yes

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Q26: Which document(s) address(es) the issue of trade costs for imports?

National development strategy,  
National trade strategy,  
Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.)

Q27: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q28: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of merchandise goods? (You may choose more than 1 option)

Border procedures (trade facilitation),  
Tariffs, fees and other charges,  
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),  
Transport infrastructure,  
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),  
Access to trade finance

Q29: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q30: What are the most important sources of trade costs for the export of services? (You may choose more than 1 option)**

Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),  
Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),  
Poor regulatory environment for services,  
Low levels of skills in service sectors

**Q31: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q32: In which regional markets to which you export merchandise goods and services do you face the highest trade costs? (Please select no more than 5 regions)**

North America, Western Europe, East Asia,  
South Asia, East Africa

**Q33: Indicate your home region.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q34: FOR MERCHANDISE GOODS: For the markets which you have identified as the highest cost, why are trade costs high? (You may choose more than 1 option)**

Border procedures (trade facilitation),  
Tariffs, fees and other charges,  
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),  
Transport infrastructure,  
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),  
Access to trade finance

**Q35: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q36: FOR SERVICES: For the markets which you have identified as the highest costs, why are trade costs high? (You may choose more than 1 options)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q37: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q38: How have your trade costs evolved over the past 5 years ?**

Between 0-10% reduction

**Q39: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q40: Does your Government use any of the following sources to address the issue of trade costs? (You may choose more than 1 option)**

Research with private sector,  
World Bank Doing Business Index,  
World Bank Logistic Performance Index,  
World Customs Organizations Time Release Study

**Q41: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q42: Do you validate the results? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Yes, dialogue with private sector

**Q43: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q44: Is your government taking national action to reduce trade costs?**

No

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**Q45: What national action is your government is taking?(You may tick more than 1 box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q46: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q47: In which areas have national actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than one box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q48: Is your government engaged in regional actions to reduce trade costs?**

No

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**Q49: Please specify (You may tick more than 1 box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q50: In which areas have regional actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q51: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q52: Is external support aligned with your national and regional needs to reduce trade costs ?**

No

**Q53: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q54: How is external support aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q55: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q56: Why is external support not aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box)**

Trade costs have not been included in the dialogue with donors

Trade costs have not been identified as an issue in the national development strategy

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Q57: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q58: What impact would implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have on the evolution of your trade costs?

Between 0-10% increase

Q59: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q60: In which regions would the implementation of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, have the biggest impact on the trade costs you face ? (Please choose no more than 5 options)

North America, Western Europe,  
Developed Asia, East Asia, South Asia,  
North Africa and the Middle East, East Africa,  
Southern Africa

Q61: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q62: Do you plan to seek Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted ?

Yes, after TFA adoption

Q63: Have you undertaken a Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment?

Yes

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Q64: Please specify the organization(s) involved in and year(s) of each needs assessment.

WTO

2009

UNCTAD

2014

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**Q65: Do you plan to request a new Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment or an update of an existing assessment?**

No

**Q66: Please specify why.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q67: Where might you need support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

To prepare category A, B, C notifications,  
To develop national implementation plans,  
To support scheduling of commitments,  
To support national ratification,  
To support implementation of specific TFA provisions  
,  
To align support with on-going national reform programmes

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**Q68: What difficulties do you face, or do you expect to face, in securing Aid-for-Trade support to help implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted ? (You may tick more than 1 box)**

Lack of information on funding opportunities ,  
Problems accessing external funds,  
National coordination and demonstration of political will for TFA reform  
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Integrating TFA implementation into on-going programmes  
,  
Accessing regional programmes ,  
Accessing global programmes

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**Q69: Which disciplines of the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted, will prove the hardest to implement and where Aid-for-Trade support should be focused?(You may tick more than 1 box)**

Publication and availability of information,  
Comment before entry into force ,  
Advance rulings, Appeal and review procedures,  
Border agency cooperation, Freedom of transit,  
Establishment and/or continued operation of national committee

**Q70: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q71: What have been the key factors in achieving successful reductions in trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)**

Private sector engagement and commitment,  
Funding from development partners,  
Alignment of donor support with national priorities  
,  
Sustained engagement of development partners,  
Sustained political engagement and commitment by national authorities

**Q72: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q73: What outputs have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)**

Greater transparency,  
New or updated transport infrastructure (roads, bridges, etc.)  
,  
New trade finance schemes,  
Creation of electronic single windows ,  
Creation of dialogue with private sector

**Q74: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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<b>Q75: What outcomes have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)</b>	Reduction in border clearance times, Increase in customs revenue, Reduction in informal payments, Increase in import volumes
<b>Q76: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q77: What impacts have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)</b>	Higher revenues for importers, Consumer welfare effects
<b>Q78: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q79: Which types of actions have achieved the most positive results in reducing trade costs for goods and services? (Please choose no more than 7 options)</b>	Customs reform, Tariff reforms, Upgrading transport infrastructure, Tariffs on product inputs (e.g. on computers for ICT services)
<b>Q80: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q81: What contribution can reducing trade costs make to the target of inclusive, sustainable growth? (Please choose no more than 7 options)</b>	Entry into new value chains, Diversification in export markets, Domestic private sector investment, Increase in imports, Consumer welfare effects
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Q82: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q83: Has the alignment of Aid-for-Trade support to your national needs and priorities changed since the launch of the Aid-for-Trade Initiative in 2005?

Improved

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Q84: If it has improved, please specify why.(You may tick more than one box)

Better dialogue with donors

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Q85: Why has the alignment declined?(You may tick more than 1 box)

*Respondent skipped this question*

Q86: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q87: What impact has the Aid-for-Trade Initiative had since it was launched in 2005?(You may tick more than 1 box)

Increase in resources available for trade development

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More attention to trade issues in development,

More priority given by national authorities to trade issues in national development planning

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More priority given by donors to trade issues in national development planning

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More priority given by private sector to trade issues

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More priority given by NGOs to trade issues

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Q88: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q89: What potential future contribution could the Enhanced Integrated Framework for LDCs make to the post-2015 development agenda? (Please choose no more than 5 options)**

Mainstreaming of trade issues in national policy ,  
Engaging the private sector in national trade and development policy planning  
,  
Coherence in trade and development policy,  
Catalyst for Aid-for-Trade flows ,  
Financing of catalytic actions

Q90: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q91: What potential future contribution could the Aid-for-Trade Initiative make to the post-2015 development agenda? (Please choose a maximum of 5 options)**

Contribution of financing for development,  
Contribution to improving the business and regulatory environment  
,  
Ensuring continued attention to trade issues in development  
,  
Engaging the private sector in development issues  
,  
Making a contribution to economic growth and poverty eradication through inclusive, sustainable development

Q92: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q93: How in your view could the Aid-for-Trade Initiative be improved?**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q94: Additional information on "Reducing trade costs and inclusive, sustainable growth". If there is anything you would like to add on the topic of "Reducing trade costs for inclusive, sustainable growth", which you feel has not been covered in this questionnaire, please use this box.**

*Respondent skipped this question*