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<b>Q1: COUNTRY</b>	SAMOA
<b>Q2: ABOUT YOU</b>	
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<b>Q3: CONSULTATION (Other ministries/agencies consulted in preparing this questionnaire reply) :</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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)

Trade policy analysis, negotiations and implementation	2
Network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications)	1
Export diversification	4
Connecting to value chains	5
Adjustment costs	3

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**Q6: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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

No

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**Q8: What are the top 3 drivers of these changes? (Please choose no more than 3 options)**

*Respondent skipped this question*

**Q9: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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

*Respondent skipped this question*

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

*Respondent skipped this question*

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

*Respondent skipped this question*

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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 development strategy,  
National trade strategy,  
Regional trade agreement,  
Regional development strategy

**Q14: Additional information.**

Trade Facilitation is key component of national and regional policy documents. The Strategy for the Development of Samoa 2012-2016; the Trade Commerce and Manufacturing Sector Plan 2012-2016; The Pacific Aid for Trade Strategy 2014-2017 and also provision are provided for under the PICTA Agreement which Samoa is a party to.

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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 trade strategy,  
Regional trade agreement

**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

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

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

**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 trade strategy,  
Sector specific strategies (e.g. agriculture, etc.),  
Other (please specify) DTIS

**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)** Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),  
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),  
Non-recognition of professional qualifications,  
Restrictions on movement of natural persons

**Q31: Additional information.** *Respondent skipped this question*

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<b>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)</b>	Central America, Central Asia, South Asia, Pacific Islands, Other
<b>Q33: Indicate your home region.</b>	Pacific Islands

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<b>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)</b>	Border procedures (trade facilitation), Non-Tariff Measures (including standards), Transport infrastructure
<b>Q35: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
<b>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)</b>	Recognition of professional qualifications, Restrictions on movement of natural persons
<b>Q37: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q38: How have your trade costs evolved over the past 5 years ?</b>	More than 10% increase
<b>Q39: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q40: Does your Government use any of the following sources to address the issue of trade costs? (You may choose more than 1 option)</b>	Research with private sector, Research by government, Research by donor funded project, World Bank Doing Business Index, World Customs Organizations Time Release Study
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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,  
Yes, dialogue with government,  
Yes, dialogue with national academic institution

Q43: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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

Yes

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

National government initiatives,  
Joint public-private sector initiatives

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)

Border procedures (trade facilitation),  
Non-Tariff Measures (including standards),  
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),  
Transport infrastructure,  
Access to trade finance,  
Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism),  
Negotiations with trading partners on access for service suppliers

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

Yes

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<b>Q49: Please specify (You may tick more than 1 box)</b>	Regional economic community, Free trade agreements, Initiatives supported by development partners
<b>Q50: In which areas have regional actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than 1 box)</b>	Border procedures (trade facilitation), Tariffs, fees and other charges, Non-Tariff Measures (including standards), Negotiations with trading partners on access for service suppliers
<b>Q51: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q52: Is external support aligned with your national and regional needs to reduce trade costs ?</b>	Yes
<b>Q53: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q54: How is external support aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box)</b>	External support is aligned with national priorities to reduce trade costs , Improved dialogue with the private sector has resulted in this being prioritized
<b>Q55: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q56: Why is external support not aligned with your needs?(You may tick more than 1 box)</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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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?

Unsure

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)

Unsure

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 2014

International Trade Centre 2013

Other 2014

(please specify)  
Oceanis Customs Agency



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<b>Q65: Do you plan to request a new Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment or an update of an existing assessment?</b>	No
<b>Q66: Please specify why.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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<b>Q67: Where might you need support to implement the Trade Facilitation Agreement, when adopted? (You may tick more than 1 box)</b>	To develop national implementation plans, To support implementation of specific TFA provisions
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<b>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)</b>	Lack of information on funding opportunities , Accessing the necessary expertise, Accessing regional programmes
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<b>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)</b>	The Agreement as a whole
<b>Q70: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

PAGE 43: G.1) IMPACT: REDUCING TRADE COSTS AND INCLUSIVE, SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

<b>Q71: What have been the key factors in achieving successful reductions in trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)</b>	Alignment of projects with private sector priorities
<b>Q72: Additional information.</b>	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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

Updated customs legislation,  
Greater transparency,  
New network infrastructure (e.g. ICT, power),  
New trade finance schemes,  
Creation of trade facilitation committees

**Q74: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q75: What outcomes have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)**

Reduction in border clearance times

**Q76: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**Q77: What impacts have been achieved by actions taken to reduce trade costs? (Please choose no more than 5 options)**

Diversification in export markets,  
Diversification in export products,  
Higher revenues for exporters

**Q78: Additional information.**

*Respondent skipped this question*

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**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)**

Customs reform,  
Support for compliance with Non-Tariff Measures  
,  
Improving access to trade finance

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Q80: Additional information.

*Respondent skipped this question*

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Q81: What contribution can reducing trade costs make to the target of inclusive, sustainable growth? (Please choose no more than 7 options)

Increase in exports,  
Entry into new value chains,  
Moving up value chains,  
Diversification in export markets,  
Diversification in export products

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?

No change

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

*Respondent skipped this question*

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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

,  
More attention to trade issues in development ,

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

**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

,  
Contribution to inclusive, sustainable growth

**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 to improving the business and regulatory environment

,  
Ensuring continued attention to trade issues in 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*