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Q1: COUNTRY	SAO TOME & PRINCIPE
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Q4: Do you have Aid-for-Trade priorities?	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
WTO accession	5
Network infrastructure (power, water, telecommunications)	3
Transport infrastructure (airport, roads, rail, port)	1
Regional integration	4

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)

Other (please specify)
In the Diagnostic Study on Integration of Trade (DTIS) - Version updated in 2014, there is a matrix of actions that prioritizes trade facilitation

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:

Respondent skipped this question

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 ?

Other (please specify)
Commercial Long Term Strategy (2015-2025) ; EDIC ; National Poverty Reduction Strategy II (ENRP II); Study on the insularity and costs of insularity Sao Tome and Principe

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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?

Other (please specify)
DTIS and Commercial Strategy long-term (2015-2025) ; Study on the insularity and costs of insularity Sao Tome and Principe

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),
Transport infrastructure, Other,
(please specify) rural road structures "the periphery"

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)	Transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism), Low levels of skills in service sectors
Q31: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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)	Other, (please specify) Portugal, Belgium, Netherlands, France , Central Africa
Q33: Indicate your home region.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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)	Tariffs, fees and other charges, Transport infrastructure
Q35: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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)	Poor network infrastructure (ICT, telecoms), Poor transport infrastructure (e.g. for tourism), Recognition of professional qualifications
Q37: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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Q38: How have your trade costs evolved over the past 5 years ?	Between 0-10% reduction
Q39: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q42: Do you validate the results? (You may tick more than 1 box)	Yes, dialogue with private sector
Q43: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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)	Joint public-private sector initiatives, Other (please specify) Single window for businesses; single window for external trade
Q46: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
Q47: In which areas have national actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than one box)	Tariffs, fees and other charges, Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms), Reforms of national regulatory frameworks for services

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

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Q49: Please specify (You may tick more than 1 box) Regional economic community

Q50: In which areas have regional actions been undertaken or are on-going? (You may tick more than 1 box) Tariffs, fees and other charges,
Network infrastructure (ICT, power, telecoms),
Reforms of national regulatory frameworks for services

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 identified as an issue for regional partners

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?	No capacity to estimate
Q59: Additional information.	
Sao Tome and Principe is not yet a WTO member	

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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)	Central Africa, No capacity to estimate, Other (please specify) Portugal, Belgium, France , the Netherlands and Central African countries
Q61: Additional information.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>

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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?	No

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Q64: Please specify the organization(s) involved in and year(s) of each needs assessment.	<i>Respondent skipped this question</i>
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Q65: Do you plan to request a new Trade Facilitation Needs Assessment or an update of an existing assessment?	Unsure
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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 develop national implementation plans,
To support scheduling of commitments,
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,
Accessing the necessary expertise,
Problems in formulating requests,
Problems to quantify TFA implementation needs,
Integrating TFA implementation into on-going 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)

The Agreement as a whole

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,
Alignment of projects with private sector priorities
,
Alignment of donor support with national priorities
,
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)

Updated customs legislation,
Greater transparency,
Updated customs working practices,
Tariff reform

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)

Entry into new value chain, Fall in poverty

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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, Tariff reforms,
Improving skills levels in service sectors

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,
Diversification in export markets,
Diversification in export products,
Foreign direct investment,
Domestic private sector investment

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,
Better dialogue with the private sector

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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)

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
,
Catalyst for Aid-for-Trade flows ,
Catalyst for foreign direct investment,
Contribution to inclusive, sustainable growth

Q90: Additional information.

Respondent skipped this question

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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?

In Increasing funding to the island countries and small vulnerable economies.

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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