

# PARTNER COUNTRY QUESTIONNAIRE ON AID FOR TRADE

## WHAT IS YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE STRATEGY?

1. What priority is accorded to trade development in your country's economic growth/national development/poverty reduction strategy?
2. Do you have a government-wide trade development strategy and if so what are its main priorities? What time period does it cover?
3. Does your trade development strategy specify aid-for-trade needs?
4. What are the main trade development challenges and opportunities you face which require collaboration with other countries in your region? Are these addressed in your trade development strategy?

## HOW MUCH AID-FOR-TRADE DO YOU RECEIVE?

5. Have you costed your trade development strategy? What percentage of your trade development financial requirements do you expect to be funded by ODA?
6. Which activities do you consider are supporting your trade development strategy? Accordingly, how much aid-for-trade have you received by category for the period 2002-2005, and in particular in 2005?<sup>1</sup>
7. Describe any key trade development priorities that are constrained by lack of donors' funding?

## HOW DO YOU IMPLEMENT YOUR AID-FOR-TRADE STRATEGY?

### MAINSTREAMING

8. Describe the internal governmental coordination process to prepare your trade development strategy.

### OWNERSHIP

*Refers to partner countries exercising effective leadership over their development policies and strategies and co-ordinating development efforts.*

9. What needs assessment tools do you use to formulate your trade development strategies (do you use diagnostic studies, e.g. such as those prepared under the Integrated Framework?)
10. How do you involve key stakeholders (including the private sector and civil society) in the identification of your trade development challenges and opportunities?

<sup>1</sup> Without any prejudice to your answer to this question, and to facilitate responses, we provide in the annex the information we hold on DAC donors' commitments to your country for the following aid categories: Trade Policy and Regulations, Economic Infrastructure, Productive Capacity Building.

## ALIGNMENT

*Refers to donors basing their overall support on partner countries' national development strategies, institutions and procedures.*

11. Are external partners using your policy planning and budgeting framework as a basis for their aid-for-trade support?
12. How well do aid-for-trade flows reflect your government's trade development priorities and what aid management information system do you use?

## HARMONISATION

*Refers to donors' actions being more harmonized, transparent and collectively effective.*

13. How do you encourage external partners to coordinate their trade related analyses and programming? Where, if at all, are the main co-ordination gaps?

## MANAGEMENT FOR RESULTS

*Refers to both donors and partner countries managing resources and improving decision making for results.*

14. How do you measure the success of or your trade development and aid-for-trade strategies?
15. Do you cooperate with donors and other stakeholders in joint monitoring and evaluation of aid-for-trade programmes?

## DO YOU PARTICIPATE IN MUTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY ARRANGEMENTS?

*Mutual accountability refers to donors and developing countries providing timely, transparent and comprehensive information in order to jointly assess development results.*

16. The WTO Task Force recommended establishing "A National Aid-for-Trade Committee, where necessary, to ensure trade mainstreaming in national development strategies, determine country needs, set priorities, assist in matching 'demand' and 'response', and help in evaluation."<sup>2</sup> Has such a Committee, or an equivalent body, been established in your country?
17. Describe the process and key actors (such as donors, private sector-representatives, etc.) involved in reviewing progress toward fulfillment of your aid-for-trade and trade development commitments?

<sup>2</sup> World Trade Organisation, Recommendations of the Task Force on Aid for Trade, WT/AFT/1, 27 July 2006, p.6.

**Responses should be sent before 28 September 2007 to the following address:**

*WTO-OECD.Questionnaire@oecdshare.oecd.org  
Please also send any queries to this mailbox.*