



Aid for Trade

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Aid for Trade

Launched at the Hong Kong Ministerial Conference in 2005.

Appropriate mechanisms to secure additional financial resources.

A focus rather than a new concept.





Aid for Trade : the mandate



Mandate from the 6th WTO Ministerial Conference.

“Aid for Trade should aim to help developing countries, particularly LDCs, to build the supply-side capacity and trade-related infrastructure that they need to assist them to implement and benefit from WTO Agreements and more broadly to expand their trade”.



Aid for Trade - Task force recommendations (2006)



The 4 main recommendations of the task force:

- Strengthening the demand side
- Strengthening donor response
- Strengthening the bridge between demand and response
- Strengthening monitoring and evaluation

More, predictable, sustainable and efficient financing.



Aid-for-Trade - Approach



Mainstreaming trade into domestic and regional development frameworks

Mainstreaming trade into donor policies

Support for regional trade integration

Strengthening approaches encouraging private sector involvement

Monitoring and evaluation (more efficient and better M&E)

Not a new fund, part of existing ODA



Aid for Trade - Scope

Aid for Trade falls under four broad categories:



- **Trade policies and regulations**

To formulate, implement and participate in negotiations and regional trade agreements (most recently and trade facilitation.) Create/update trade policies.



- **Economic infrastructure**

Investing in infrastructure - roads, ports, telecommunications, energy networks - necessary to link products to world markets.

- **Building productive capacity**

Strengthening economic sectors - improving test laboratories, banking and financial services; agriculture; tourism.



- **Trade-related adjustment.**

Help with transition costs of liberalization. For instance, contributions to government budget to help implement accompanying measures that allow them to take advantage of trade liberalization; implementation of reforms and trade adjustments.





The Role of the WTO

- Raising awareness, analysis and debate.
- Advocacy.
- Committee on Trade and Development – Aid for Trade.
- Implementation of Aid for Trade Work Programme
- Conduct the Monitoring and Evaluation exercise with the OECD
- Host the Global Review of Aid for Trade.

The responsibility for implementation rests with Member countries and development organizations.



Role of the WTO - Implementation

- WTO Aid for Trade Unit
- Trade-related technical assistance
- Standards and Trade Development Facility (STDF)
- Enhanced Integrated Framework (EIF)



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