

# **Aid for Trade**

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# Outline



- What is Aid for Trade;
- When was it launched; what does it seek to do, who are the main protagonists;
- Analysis of Aid for Trade flows, who is getting how much; and for what;
- The 4<sup>th</sup> Global Review
- Looking ahead – Bali Ministerial

# THE AID FOR TRADE INITIATIVE



**“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”**

**(Hong Kong Ministerial Declaration para.57)**

# Why the initiative was launched

- To bring new political focus to on-going efforts to help DC's, particularly LDCs, integrate into the multilateral trading system
- To help these countries overcome structural constraints which hamper their ability to engage in trade
- To help build supply side capacities in these countries so that they can benefit from the market access opportunities that the Doha Round may create for them
- While Aid for Trade is not part of the DDA, it is an important complement to the Round.

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- To monitor global aid for trade flows and to ensure that these are additional funds, and not funds diverted from other developmental projects/areas
- Increase donor coordination and ensure that aid becomes even more demand driven
- To increase ownership in the beneficiary countries and get them to prioritise and express their needs
- To put a spotlight on what the international organisations and the donors are doing in terms of best practices, and then ensure that these are replicated.

# AFT - What it is



- Aid for Trade is part of the existing official development assistance (ODA)
- The objective is to help developing countries, in particular LDCs, to build capacity to benefit from trade liberalization
- Assistance to address internal barriers, including supply side constraints
- In addition aims to promote monitoring, aid effectiveness and accountability

# AFT - What it is not

- It is not a new global development fund; nor is it a substitute for multilateral trade liberalization or a quid-pro for concluding the DDA
- It is not meant to lead to any reduction of ODA to non-trade areas
- It is not intended to multilateralize what is essentially a bilateral process
- It is also not intended to replace the EIF for the LDCs, which will continue to be the concrete implementation arm of AFT

# What is WTO's Role

- Encouraging donors to make **more and better Aid for Trade** available to development partners
- Promoting **mainstreaming** of trade into national and regional economic planning frameworks;
- Promoting the **regional dimension** of Aid for Trade;
- Highlighting effective **implementation** of Aid-for-Trade strategies and programmes,.

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